



Hirwaun Power Limited

The Hirwaun Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order

Notice under Section 56 Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 9 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice of acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order to construct, operate and maintain the Hirwaun Power Project, Hirwaun Industrial Estate, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taf, South Wales

Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010059

The DCO Application for the Project

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change has accepted an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") made by Hirwaun Power Limited ("HPL") of 33 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0PW under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application"). The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) on Friday 21st March 2014 and accepted for examination on Tuesday 15th April 2014. The reference number applied by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to the Application is EN010059.
2. The Application seeks consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new gas fired thermal generating station of up to 299MW and integral electrical and gas connections on land at the Hirwaun Industrial Estate, near Aberdare, South Wales in the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf (the "Project").
3. The Project comprises the following elements which form the nationally significant infrastructure project and are all integral to one another:
 - a. The Power Generation Plant - a simple cycle gas turbine gas fired 'peaking' power generating plant. To generate up to 299 MWe, between 1 and 5 gas turbine generators would be used, each with its own emission flue stack between 30m and 35m in height. The Power Generation Plant would include the gas turbine generators; a banking compound; a gas receiving installation; a black start generator; water tanks; and support buildings, structures and equipment.
 - b. The Electrical Connection - a new underground electrical cable connection to export electricity from the Power Generation Plant into the National Electricity Transmission System at the Rhigos Substation. This would be composed of a cable, laid within the roadway and/or pavement of Main Avenue and Fourteenth Avenue from the Power Generation Plant to the Rhigos Substation.
 - c. The Gas Connection - a new underground gas pipeline connection to bring natural gas to the Power Generation Plant from the existing high pressure gas network National Transmission System. The Gas Connection would include an Above Ground Installation comprising of a Pipeline Inspection Gauge ("PIG") Trap Facility alongside a Minimum Offtake Connection, and an approximately 849 metre gas pipeline laid to the gas receiving installation within the Power Generation Plant.
4. The DCO will, if granted, authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project and would, amongst other things, make provision for the following:
 - a. Tree and hedge removal along the routes of the Electrical Connection and the Gas Connection.
 - b. Replacement and compensatory planting, landscaping and ecological mitigation.
 - c. The temporary stopping up of public footpaths during the construction works described above.
 - d. Creation of three new permanent accesses from the highway network for the Project, modification of existing accesses and creation of other temporary accesses along with temporary lane closures and streetworks.
 - e. The permanent and temporary compulsory acquisition of land and rights in land for the Project.
 - f. Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the Project.
 - g. The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project.
 - h. Such ancillary, incidental and consequential works (including demolition), provisions, permits consents, waivers or releases as are necessary and/or convenient for the successful construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.
5. Due to its nature and size the Project is classified as EIA development under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. The Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.
6. A copy of the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps (including the draft Development Consent Order and the Environmental Statement) are available until Thursday 29th May 2014 for inspection free of charge at the following libraries (opening times vary):

Hirwaun Library High Street Hirwaun CF44 9SW (01685) 811144	Open: Mon & Thur 9.30am-1pm & 2-5pm; Tue & Fri 9.30am-1pm & 2-6pm; Wed & Sat 9.30am-1pm; Closed Sundays and bank holidays.
Aberdare Library Green Street Aberdare CF44 7AG (01685) 880050	Open: weekdays 9am-6pm; Saturdays 9am-1pm; Closed Sundays and bank holidays.
Merthyr Tydfil Central Library High Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AF (01685) 353480	Open weekdays: 8:30am to 6pm; Saturdays 8:30am to 2pm; Closed Sundays and bank holidays.

7. The documents will also be available until Thursday 29th May 2014 for inspection free of charge at the main office of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Planning Department at Sardis House, Sardis Road, Pontypridd, CF37 1DU.
8. The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps are also available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/hirwaun-power-station/>
9. A reasonable copying charge may apply, up to a maximum of £1000 for the full suite of documents and £20 for an electronic copy on CD-ROM. Copies of individual documents are also available on request. The documents can be obtained by contacting the Applicant via the following details: **Freepost RTEY-JYYB-ERSR Hirwaun Power Limited, 49 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD, or info@hirwaunpower.co.uk**

Making representations about the Project

10. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be acquired and completed online by following the relevant link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/hirwaun-power-station/>.
11. If you would like to request a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should then be sent to: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference number for the Application (EN010059) should be quoted in any correspondence.
12. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.3: How to register and become an interested party in an application (April 2012) provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes>.
13. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 5:00pm on Thursday 29th May 2014. Representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate.