Transboundary Environmental Public Consultation
Planning Application for proposed Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Plant, Anglesey, North Wales, United Kingdom

In accordance with the provisions of the 1991 United Nations Convention on environmental impact in a transboundary context (the Espoo Convention) and the EU Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (the EIA Directive), the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government has received notice from the UK’s Planning Inspectorate (PINS) in relation to the development consent application (planning application) by Horizon Nuclear Power for the proposed Wylfa Newydd Nuclear Power Plant, in Anglesey, North Wales, United Kingdom. The proposed development principally comprises a proposed new nuclear electricity generating station on the north coast of Anglesey, North Wales with a projected electrical output of approximately 3.1 gigawatts. The proposed development would also include permanent and temporary works in the marine environment; off-site power station facilities, including a control centre, laboratory and emergency equipment garage; and associated off-site development comprising a worker accommodation campus, temporary park and ride facility, construction logistics centre and highway improvements.

The proposed development is subject to an environmental impact assessment procedure and the UK’s PINS has identified that the proposed development has potential transboundary effects on the environment in Ireland. Accordingly, the UK’s PINS has invited Ireland to undertake a transboundary consultation in respect of environmental information relating to the proposed development. The UK’s PINS is currently examining the development consent application for the proposed development. The UK’s PINS will submit a report on the application, including a recommendation to grant or refuse development consent, to the UK’s Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will make the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent.

A member of the public may make a written submission or observations in relation to the potential transboundary environmental effects of the project, by sending them to his or her local planning authority, to be received by close of business on Friday 25 January 2019 at the latest. Submissions or observations should not be made to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Contact details for each planning authority are set out in the public consultation notice, which is available to view in the public consultation section of the website of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government at www.housing.gov.ie, together with the correspondence from the UK’s PINS, digital copies of extracts from the applicant’s Environmental Statement; associated documents and links provided by the UK’s PINS to the full Environmental Statement and all other documentation relating to the development consent application for the proposed development.

The public consultation notice is also available to view in the office of the Planning Section of each planning authority nationwide during office hours together with a printed copy of the correspondence from the UK’s PINS inviting Ireland to undertake a transboundary consultation under the Espoo Convention and the EIA Directive; extracts from the applicant’s Environmental Statement and associated documents that appear to be most relevant for the
purpose of the consultation. A copy of these documents is available for inspection, or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, during office hours at the office of each planning authority nationwide.

All documentation related to the development consent application for the proposed development, including additional or amending documentation accepted at the discretion of the UK’s PINS, is also available to view on the website of the UK’s PINs, including any additional information accepted by the UK’s PINS at:


In the interests of transparency, it should be noted that, following consultation with the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, each planning authority will forward to the UK’s PINS all submissions or observations it receives through this public consultation, and may also forward a summary of the submissions or observations. Submissions or observations received, or a summary of same, may be published on the website of the planning authority concerned or on a website of the UK’s PINS. The DHPLG will not publish any submissions or observations or summary of same.