



Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power

Statement of Community Consultation

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

This document, known as a Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC"), sets out how Uniper UK Limited ("Uniper") plans to consult with the local community on its proposals for the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project. Feedback from this consultation will inform the submission to be made applying for development consent. It includes:

- A description of the consenting process we must follow;
- An outline of our proposals;
- How we have developed our approach to consultation;
- How we will be consulting the local community;
- How we will publicise the consultation;
- The consultation arrangements;
- What we will do with feedback from the consultation; and
- Next steps and further information.

1.2 Why are we publishing this document?

Uniper is preparing a Development Consent Order ("DCO") application under the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act") for a Combined Cycle Gas Turbine ("CCGT") Power Station fitted with a Carbon Capture Plant on land at, and in the vicinity of, the existing Connah's Quay Power Station in Flintshire, North Wales.

The proposed CCGT power station will require natural gas, carbon dioxide (CO₂), electricity and water connections, and will be designed to operate with a post-combustion carbon capture and compression plant installed such that the plant can be operated as a dispatchable, low-carbon power station ('Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power', referred to herein as 'CQLCP' or 'the Proposed Development').

As a major infrastructure development, CQLCP is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ("NSIP") in accordance with the Act. Uniper will therefore seek to obtain development consent for the CQLCP project by submitting a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate under the Act.

As part of the DCO pre-application process, we are required to publish a statement to explain how we will consult with the local community – known as a SoCC. The consultation is an opportunity for stakeholders and members of the local community to provide feedback on our proposals before we submit our DCO application.

This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 of the Act¹ and Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 'EIA Regulations 2017')², and with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government (Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024))³,

¹ Planning Act 2008. <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/47>.

² [The Infrastructure Planning \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) Regulations 2017 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/12/section/12)

³ Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (Published 30 April 2024). <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>

as well as the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Two (The role of local authorities in the development consent process)⁴ and Advice Note Three (EIA notification and consultation)⁵.

Section 47 of the Act states that 'the applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land'. The applicant must then carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement, which is this document – the SoCC.

2. The planning process

2.1 Nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs)

Section 14 of the Act defines the types of development that constitute an NSIP, and that therefore must be consented by way of a DCO, in accordance with Section 31 of the Act.

The Proposed Development falls within the definition of an NSIP under Sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and 15(3A) of the Act as it is for the construction of an onshore generating station in Wales, that does not generate electricity from wind, and which has a capacity of more than 350 megawatts (MW).

DCO applications are required to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), who will administer the DCO application on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ("SoS"). Uniper therefore intends to submit a DCO application to PINS who will appoint an Examining Authority made up of one or more planning inspectors to examine the application and make recommendations to the SoS pursuant to the Act. The SoS will subsequently determine whether or not development consent should be granted for the Proposed Development.

Before submission of the DCO application, Uniper intends to consult with statutory consultees to the application, local and national politicians, and the general public. To ensure local people are consulted on our proposals, we will agree a programme of public consultation with PINS and the local planning authorities – Flintshire County Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council. This consultation programme will provide an opportunity for people in local communities and our stakeholders to ask questions and provide feedback on our proposals, and where possible, will help to inform the DCO application.

In developing the SoCC, Uniper consulted with and had regard to comments from the following Section 43 local planning authorities:

- Flintshire County Council
- Cheshire West and Chester Council

⁴ Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects – Advice Note Two: The role of local authorities in the development consent process (Published 1 February 2015). <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-advice-note-two-the-role-of-local-authorities-in-the-development-consent-process>.

⁵ Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects – Advice Note Three: EIA notification and consultation (Published 9 May 2024). <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-advice-note-three-eia-notification-and-consultation>.

The following neighbouring local planning authorities will receive the SoCC for their reference:

- Denbighshire County Council
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Wirral Council
- Liverpool City Council

More information about the DCO process can be found here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8.0.pdf>

3. About Uniper

3.1 The applicant

Uniper is an international energy company with activities in more than 40 countries and roughly 7,000 employees worldwide. In the UK, Uniper owns and operates a flexible generation portfolio of seven power stations, a fast-cycle gas storage facility and two high pressure gas pipelines, from Theddlethorpe to Killingholme and from Blyborough to Cottam.

Uniper is committed to investing more than €8 billion (~£6.9 billion) in growth and transformation projects between 2023 and 2030. This includes developing new renewables projects, investing in clean gases such as hydrogen, and new low or zero carbon power plants and by progressively transforming Uniper's existing fleet into Europe's leading source of zero-carbon power. Uniper intends to be completely carbon-neutral by 2040 and aims for its installed power generating capacity to be more than 80% zero-carbon by 2030.

4. Project overview

4.1 The proposed development

Uniper is proposing to develop a new CCGT power station with carbon capture technology, known as the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project (CQLCP). The Proposed Development, if consented and developed, would be able to flexibly and reliably generate low carbon power to meet the growing need for electricity, when it is required.

CQLCP is at an early stage of development, and proposals for the project may be subject to change, but it is currently expected to consist of:

- a new CCGT power station, expected capacity to be around 1.1 gigawatt (GW) and up to a maximum of 1.38GW¹;
- integrated carbon capture technology to enable carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from the CCGT to be collected; and
- a connection to nearby CO₂ transport and storage infrastructure as part of the HyNet industrial cluster, which would enable the captured CO₂ to be transported to permanent offshore storage facilities in repurposed depleted offshore gas fields.

¹ The project is at an early stage and final capacity will be determined following completion of Front End Engineering Design (FEED) which is due to commence later in 2024. Uniper is working towards a development consisting of two phases, each of 550MW but this could be up to a maximum of two x 690MW, providing a maximum of 1.38GW of low carbon power in total.

At this stage in the design of the Proposed Development, the final technology selection for the CCGT and Carbon Capture Plant cannot be made, as it will be determined by various technical, economic considerations, and vendor selection, and may be subject to influence by future UK Government policy. The design of the Proposed Development, therefore, incorporates a necessary degree of flexibility in the choice of technology, to allow for the future selection of the preferred technology in the light of prevailing policy and market conditions once a DCO is granted.

4.2 Order limits

The indicative Order Limits for the Proposed Development are within the administrative boundaries of Flintshire County Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council. Figure 1 below shows the indicative Order Limits for the project.



Figure 1 – indicative Order Limits

4.3 Environmental impact assessment

As part of the planning process, we will assess the potential for likely significant effects on the environment and people in line with current standards and regulations. We'll undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), under the , to identify potential environmental impacts associated with the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Development, how these have influenced design development and our approach to mitigating or avoiding likely significant effects.

We will report on the outcomes of this process in our full Environmental Statement (ES), which we will submit as part of our DCO application. The EIA will be based on the PINS 'Scoping Opinion' for the scheme which is available to view at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/connahs-quay-low-carbon-power-project/?ipcsection=docs>

A Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') – which contains preliminary environmental information on the effects of the project – will be consulted upon as part of the Statutory Consultation.

The PEIR and a Non-Technical Summary will be available to view on the project consultation website and at in-person events during the Statutory Consultation. For more information about the materials that will be available during consultation, see Table 1 in section 6.4 below.

5. Consultation and engagement approach

5.1 Principles of engagement and consultation

In line with the requirements set out in the Act, along with the Guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government (Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the Pre-Application Process Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024)), as well as the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note Two (The role of local authorities in the development consent process) and Advice Note Three (EIA notification and consultation).

Uniper will be carrying out meaningful, statutory pre-application consultation and engagement with the local community in the vicinity of the Proposed Development, as well as landowners, businesses, parish councils, elected representatives, and wider stakeholders, where appropriate. In order to ensure we consider all the potential impacts, Uniper will go beyond the minimum requirements in the Act to ensure we seek the views of communities and wider stakeholders.

We intend to undertake our engagement in line with principles provided by the Cabinet Office (2018),⁶ which recommend that consultation:

- should be clear and concise
- should have a purpose
- should be informative
- is only part of a process of engagement
- should last for a proportionate amount of time
- should be targeted
- should take account of the groups being consulted
- should be agreed before publication
- should facilitate scrutiny.

5.2 Consultation objectives

The programme of consultation and engagement has four core objectives:

1. to share and explain how our proposals have been updated since Non-Statutory Consultation with a wide range of stakeholders and the public, whilst still at an early stage of the process;
2. to gain insight through listening to the views of local communities and other stakeholders about our Proposed Development, whilst still at an early stage;
3. to identify potential impacts of the Proposed Development and take stakeholder and community input into account in developing potential mitigation and enhancement strategies; and
4. to provide a robust evidence base for the DCO application, enabling us to demonstrate how we have had regard to community and stakeholder feedback and how it has influenced our considerations where possible.

⁶ Consultation Principles 2018 (Published 19 March 2018).

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/691383/Consultation_Principles_1_.pdf.

5.3 Consultation approach

Uniper wants to ensure that we listen to and consulting with the people that live in the immediate area, as well as gathering views from a wider group of stakeholders.

Uniper is committed to engaging and consulting with all our stakeholders and local communities at an early stage of the project, so that there is an opportunity for them to provide feedback at a formative stage, ahead of more detailed design work being carried out. This commitment includes providing project information in accessible formats to help make sure we engage with as wide a range of stakeholders as possible.

In order to maximise the opportunity for a wide range of stakeholders to participate in our programme of consultation and engagement, and to increase the range of local views able to influence our considerations, Uniper has committed to undertake a multi-phase programme.

An initial Non-Statutory Consultation took place from Monday 26 February 2024 to Monday 25 March 2024. For more information on our Non-Statutory Consultation, see section 5.4 below. During this consultation period, we received feedback and insights from various stakeholders, including community members, the local authority and environmental organisations. We have used the feedback, suggestions and insights received so far to inform the next stage of the consultation process – the Statutory Consultation.

Our Statutory Consultation is anticipated to take place during Summer/Autumn 2024. A consultation period which meets or exceeds the statutory minimum period required by the Act will be facilitated. The launch of the consultation, along with the precise dates on which events will be held, will be advertised at the relevant time, and the local authorities will be informed in advance.

Uniper will be implementing a digital/in-person hybrid approach to consultation. Members of the public and other stakeholders will be able to view the proposals online, and feedback can be provided through a dedicated consultation website. Uniper will also be utilising non-digital methods to provide alternative means for stakeholders and the general public to engage with the consultation and offer their comments.

Uniper will publicise the consultation in accordance with the Act and the EIA Regulations 2017 and ensure that all relevant information is accessible and readily available to members of the public. This includes:

- making copies of all consultation documents available – including copies of the PEIR (and non-technical summary), consultation brochure providing a non-technical overview of the project, and feedback questionnaire – both online and available in printed copy;
- setting up two public information points containing hard copies of the consultation brochure, feedback form and the Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR;
- holding three in-person consultation events; and
- holding two public webinar consultation events and two dedicated stakeholder webinars.

Ahead of conducting Statutory Consultation, this SoCC has been prepared and the relevant local authorities have been consulted. Uniper has engaged with officers at Flintshire County Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council to discuss the project's approach to consultation. This enabled officers to provide feedback on our approach, which is outlined in this SoCC.

5.4 Early engagement

In February 2024, Uniper officially publicly launched the Proposed Development and undertook a programme of initial public Non-Statutory Consultation to provide members of the local community and key stakeholders an opportunity to learn more about the proposals and give their initial feedback at a formative stage.

During this stage of engagement, an informal 'Approach to Consultation' document was provided to officers at Flintshire County Council prior to Non-Statutory Consultation. This document provided a brief description of the objectives of the programme and the phases of activity, along with more detailed information about the initial Non-Statutory phase of consultation. Feedback received from the local authority not only informed the approach we took to early engagement, but has also been used to aid in the preparation of this SoCC to ensure consistency of approach.

The public launch and Non-Statutory Consultation phase of the Proposed Development included:

- **Launch of a project consultation website** – including messaging and information about the Proposed Development and upcoming engagement activities. The website also includes contact details for people to get in touch with the project team, which can be found here: <https://uniperuk.consulting/cqlcp/>.
- **A Consultation Newsletter** – delivered to 20,821 addresses in the Primary Consultation Zone ('PCZ') informing local residents of the Proposed Development and how they could get involved in the upcoming consultation. More information on the PCZ can be found in section 5.5 below.
- **Public engagement** – three in-person public consultation events, four online webinars, two drop-in sessions at the existing site and distribution of key materials to two information points located in Flint and Connah's Quay. In total, there were 81 attendees at the in-person and virtual events.
- **Media release** – shared with regional and trade publications to disseminate information about the Proposed Development among a wider audience beyond the PCZ. The media release included information about the Proposed Development, next steps for engagement, and contact information for people to get in touch (also hosted on the project consultation website).
- **Digital advert** – adverts with information regarding the consultation and with links to the project consultation website were published through the North Wales Chronicle as well as Deeside.com. These adverts were published a week before the launch of Non-Statutory Consultation and ran for the duration of the consultation.
- **Print advertising** – adverts with information regarding the consultation were also published in local print media publications The Leader and the Wirral Globe. These ran for one week prior to start of consultation.
- **Briefings with key stakeholders** – notably the constituency MP, local Members of the Welsh Senedd, officers at Flintshire County Council, host town councils, Natural Resources Wales and the Deeside Naturalists' Society. These briefings provided background information on the project and the consultation approach ahead of consultation launch.

Objectives for early engagement were:

- establishing a dialogue between the project team and key stakeholders ahead of the Statutory Consultation;
- receiving early feedback on high-level information shared on the Proposed Development to feed into the consultation planning and proposals; and
- gaining an understanding of any potential local issues ahead of Statutory Consultation.

Having taken onboard this initial information and stakeholder feedback, Uniper has been able to prepare a progressed concept design for the Proposed Development. This includes the proposed maximum dimensions (height, width and length) of key buildings and items of plant and the amount of land that may be required for laydown and construction activities, with greater detail on potential impacts and how any adverse effects could potentially be mitigated. Feedback received during the Non-Statutory Consultation has both informed Uniper's proposals and the approach to Statutory Consultation.

5.5 The consultation zone

To help facilitate and guide the engagement with the local community, a PCZ has been established, which comprises the homes and businesses surrounding the proposed site for the Proposed Development.

The PCZ has been developed to be proportionate to the size and potential impact of the Proposed Development and is based on the assessment of the indicative Order Limits and local authority boundaries, which we believe is proportionate for the Proposed Development. In developing the zone, we have considered:

- existing natural and human geographic boundaries, such as main roads, railway lines and country borders;
- capturing entire communities, rather than excluding small numbers of properties; and
- where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport and equipment areas.

The PCZ:

- extends to approximately 5km from the indicative Order Limits;
- incorporates both the core settlements of Flint and Connah's Quay;
- follows existing landmarks and roads, thereby avoiding intersecting residential streets, or established communities;
- cuts off to the north at the England-Wales border;
- includes residents and businesses along the A548 to the Port of Mostyn who may be impacted by transportation of abnormal loads during construction; and
- includes residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of Ellesmere Port who may be impacted by transportation of abnormal loads during construction.

We identified 20,821 addresses in total within the PCZ at the Non-Statutory Consultation stage. This consultation zone has been reviewed again ahead of the Statutory Consultation to ensure that it still effectively reflects the size of the Proposed Development and the needs of the local community.

Since our Non-Statutory Consultation, we have extended the PCZ to incorporate the updated indicative Order Limits shown in Figure 1. As a result, our new PCZ comprises 25,401 addresses, and reflects the potential impacts of abnormal load transport to the site during the construction phase.

All homes and businesses within the PCZ will directly receive a newsletter in the post at the start of the Statutory Consultation period.

Figure 2 below shows the PCZ for the Statutory Consultation:

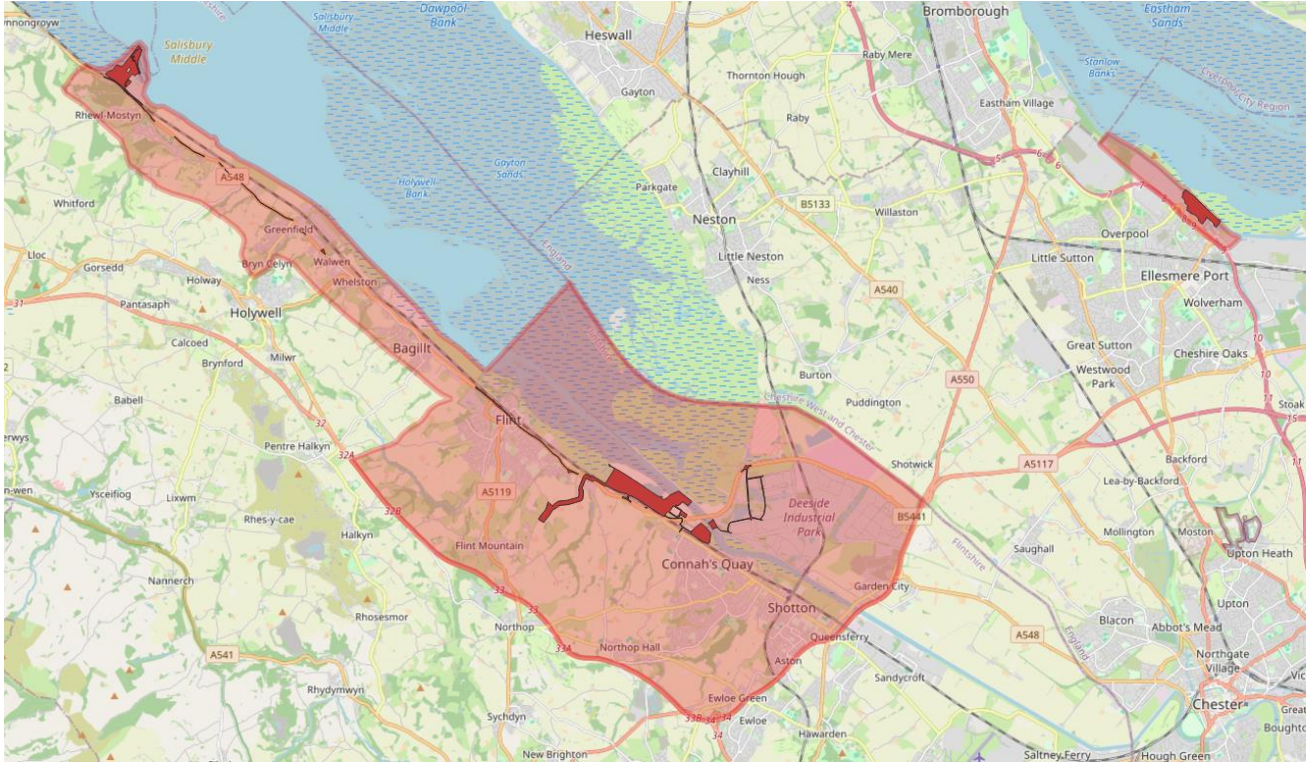


Figure 2 - the Primary Consultation Zone

We recognise that people who live and work beyond the PCZ may have an interest in our proposals and may wish to participate in the Statutory Consultation. As a result, for our Statutory Consultation we have also developed a Secondary Consultation Zone (SCZ) to ensure all individuals, communities, and organisations in the wider north west region are able to participate in the consultation. Within the SCZ we will raise awareness using a number of methods, such as advertising and a press release sent out to the local media, and engagement with parish and town councils. See Section 6.5 – Promoting the consultation – for further details.

6. Statutory consultation

6.1 Consultation timings

The Statutory Consultation is anticipated to take place during Summer/Autumn 2024. A consultation period which meets or exceeds the statutory minimum period required by the Act will be facilitated. The launch of the consultation, along with the precise dates on which events will be held, will be advertised at the relevant time, and the local authority will be informed in advance.

Held in accordance with the Act and its associated Regulations, this consultation provides an opportunity for Uniper to present the proposals for the Proposed Development to enable consultees to formally provide their views on the project. More details on what we will be consulting on and how we propose to consult are set out below.

Should we carry out any further stages of limited, focused consultation prior to submission of the DCO application, we will use some, but not necessarily all, of these means of consultation. We will work with the relevant local authorities to assist us in deciding the most appropriate activities for any further stages of consultation.

6.2 What are we consulting on?

Uniper will be seeking feedback on all aspects of the Proposed Development. This will involve inviting comments on topics including, but not limited to:

- how the Proposed Development can be accommodated in the area;
- the changes to the project Order Limits following the publication of the Scoping Report;
- the potential mitigation measures for any identified environmental effects of the Proposed Development at this preliminary stage, set out in our PEIR;
- other plans, maps, and documents to accompany the PEIR;
- the proposals for construction, operation, and decommissioning of the site set out in the PEIR, including options, where these are presented; and
- any local issues or sensitivities that we should be aware of.

The primary aim of this Statutory Consultation is to ensure that the community, landowners, stakeholders, and technical consultees have a formal opportunity to understand, comment on and influence aspects of our proposals before we submit our DCO application.

6.3 Who are we consulting?

Anyone who is interested in the proposals is welcome to take part. Uniper welcomes all views and will have regard to the relevant responses that are received during the Statutory Consultation before the DCO application is submitted.

Under Section 47 of the Act, Uniper has a duty to consult people living in the vicinity of the proposals. In consultation with host local authorities, we have developed the PCZ, as shown in Figure 2.

In addition to the PCZ, Uniper will consult the following groups:

- local authorities falling within section 43 of the Act;
- local residents and businesses within the vicinity of the Proposed Development;
- landowners with interest in the Proposed Development (those falling within section 44 of the Act);
- town councils;
- community groups;
- environmental groups in the vicinity of the Proposed Development;
- schools and colleges within the vicinity of the Proposed Development;
- seldom-heard or hard-to-reach groups;
- other statutory consultees (as set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009);
- non-statutory consultees; and
- members of parliament and local government.

A list of seldom-heard and hard-to-reach groups, and non-statutory stakeholder groups, is included in Appendix A.

6.4 How are we consulting?

During Statutory Consultation, we will use a range of methods to ensure the consultation is inclusive and accessible for all stakeholder audiences. In addition to making information available online, we will host a series of webinars which will include a presentation regarding the proposals and provide an opportunity

to ask questions, to also help inform consultation responses and improve understanding of the Proposed Development.

Alongside the digital/in-person hybrid approach to consultation, non-digital methods will also be used to provide alternative means for consultees to engage and give feedback. In-person consultation events are also planned to be held within the vicinity of the site during Statutory Consultation.

Table 1 details the documents that will be made available as part of the consultation.

Table 1: Statutory consultation documents

Document	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	<p>A Consultation Newsletter provides a high-level overview of the Proposed Development, the consultation events, and how people can get involved. The newsletter indicates where the relevant project information can be found and publicises the consultation events, including locations, dates, and times. This will be sent to all homes and businesses within the PCZ and will be available on the consultation website, at events, information points and on request by post.</p>
Consultation Brochure	<p>The Consultation Brochure will include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a summary of the proposals we are consulting on • details of how people can take part in the consultation • information on the potential benefits and impacts of the project • how we propose to mitigate potential environmental effects • how stakeholder feedback will be considered and the timeline for the proposals <p>Hard copies of the Consultation Brochure will be available at our consultation events, at information points, and on request by post, free of charge.</p>
Feedback Form	<p>A Feedback Form will be prepared to allow people to provide feedback on the proposals. The questionnaire can be completed online, or downloaded if required and sent in to the consultation via Freepost.</p> <p>Paper copies of the Feedback Form will be available at consultation events, the public information points, and via post on request.</p>
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and Non-Technical Summary	<p>The PEIR will contain a description of the Proposed Development, a preliminary assessment of the potential environmental effects, and the initial strategies being considered to mitigate any likely significant adverse effects. The PEIR will be based on information available at that time, but the assessments will continue to be developed taking account of any design evolution that has taken place, as well as feedback received during consultation and reported within the Environmental Statement submitted with the DCO application.</p> <p>A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR will also be available for download from the project consultation website.</p>

	Paper copies of the PEIR and the Non-Technical Summary will be available at our consultation events for reference.
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	The SoCC document will be made available online as part of the consultation and is available in paper format at our consultation events and information points for reference.

All Statutory Consultation documents will be available online, on the project consultation website, and in hard copy at information points and in-person events. All materials listed above (with the exception of the SoCC and PEIR) will be available in Welsh on the project consultation website. This includes the PEIR Non-Technical Summary, which will be available in Welsh. Documents can be made available in alternative formats, such as braille, speaking text, or alternative language, upon request.

6.5 Promoting the consultation

We will use a variety of methods to make people in the PCZ and SCZ aware of the Proposed Development and advertise the consultation. These methods are outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Engagement methods

Method	Detail
Consultation Newsletter	All residents, local businesses, and communities within the PCZ will be notified of the start of Statutory Consultation through a consultation newsletter. The newsletter will also be issued by email to wider consultees, including community groups and hard-to-reach groups.
Press Release	A local media press release would provide wider notification to local stakeholders of the consultation events, reaching stakeholders outside the consultation mailing zone. The press release would be circulated with local media outlets and trade titles.
Emails	Emails will be sent to stakeholders informing them of the Statutory Consultation, upcoming events, how to request further information, and how to feed back. This will allow stakeholders to engage with the consultation and to share the consultation information among their networks, such as with local constituents or group members.
Project Consultation Website	The project consultation website will be updated on the launch of the Statutory Consultation. This update will include details of consultation events, consultation materials, and information on how to feed back on the project proposals. A more detailed set of project information will also be included, with uploads of the technical documents listed in Table 1. This will allow stakeholders to engage fully with the consultation, either in person or online. A Welsh version of the project consultation website will also be available.
Statutory Notices and Adverts	Statutory notices to publicise the consultation and the SoCC will be published in local and national news publications in advance of the consultation launching. We will run adverts in the local media prior to commencement of the consultation period. The adverts will be designed in a clear, accessible format, clearly communicating what the consultation is about, when it is running and how to take part.

	We will also contact local community councils and invite them to share the advert through their own social channels.
Information Points	Hard copies of the consultation newsletter, consultation brochure and the feedback form will be available to take home from a number of information points within the SCZ. A copy of the SoCC and Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR will also be available to inspect at local locations.
Site Notices	Notices placed in publicly accessible locations within the indicative Order Limits to notify of the consultation.
Online and In-Person Consultation Events	We will hold three in-person and two online consultation events for anyone with an interest in the Project to attend, learn about our proposals and provide their feedback. In-person events will be held at venues within the PCZ and publicised alongside online events, in the Consultation Newsletter, poster, advert and press release. Interested parties can register to attend online events via the project website, or by contacting the project team directly.
Stakeholder Briefings & Previews	Briefings with key political stakeholders will be offered prior to the public consultation events, to provide an opportunity for feedback and input. Briefings will be conducted both in-person at dedicated consultation exhibition sessions, and remotely using webinars. The briefings will target key affected stakeholders, including Flintshire County Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council, the host Member(s) of the UK Parliament and the Senedd, host ward councillors, portfolio holders and host community councils.

As part of our outreach and publication of the consultation, we will place consultation advertisements in several local publications. We will also send a press release to a number of local media outlets for publication.

6.6 How the public will be able to participate and respond

The public will be able to participate in, and respond to, the consultation through:

- three community drop-in events, hosted in an exhibition format at locations across the PCZ;
- two public online webinars, enabling people to join events virtually;
- a dedicated consultation website;
- information points at community venues to host copies of consultation materials and signposting to feedback mechanisms; and
- a project contact centre, including dedicated email address, phone number and freepost.

These are described further below.

6.7 Community drop-in events

We will hold in-person public consultation events in the local area, providing consultees with an opportunity to meet the team, learn more about the proposals and ask any questions they may have. As the main site spans across the electoral boundary of Alyn and Deeside, we will hold consultation events within this constituency. Key project information will be provided on large consultation boards and members of our project team will be on hand to discuss the project, answer questions and receive feedback.

6.8 Community and stakeholder webinars

We will offer online stakeholder briefings at the beginning of Statutory Consultation for stakeholders to find out more about the project, ask questions and provide feedback. We will also hold online public consultation events, giving people the option of attending in person or virtually to suit them. These events will give people the opportunity to find out more about the proposals and ask questions of the project team. The stakeholder events will be by invite only, the public webinars will be open to any interested individuals or groups and is anticipated to be hosted on Livestorm.

Details of how to register for online events will be provided in the following prior to and throughout the consultation:

- Consultation Website
- Consultation Brochure
- Consultation Newsletter
- Consultation Launch Letter
- Adverts
- Poster

6.9 Project contact channels

In addition to the methods described above, people will be able to find out about the consultation, ask questions and request documents through the project freephone number and email address, which has remained the same from the Non-Statutory Consultation. People will also be able to submit feedback to the project email address and freepost address.

Contact channels for the project are as follows:

Telephone: 0800 012 9156

Email: info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk

Post: FREEPOST CQLCP (no stamp required).

6.10 Wider engagement

Ongoing engagement will be undertaken ahead of the launch of the consultation with relevant stakeholders, including Natural Resources Wales, local authorities, MPs, MSs, and with local interest groups, residents, and landowners who get in touch.

All relevant local and parish councils, elected members for Flintshire County Council and other relevant local authorities, and MPs, will be contacted at the launch of the consultation and will be kept informed about the proposals. They will also be encouraged to share information about the consultation with members of their constituencies or local communities.

6.11 Hard-to-reach groups

It is important to ensure that consultation is inclusive and enables participation from a wide range of audiences, including those who are seldom heard in public. Hard-to-reach groups are defined as being inaccessible to most traditional and conventional methods of consultation. To ensure that hard-to-reach groups are encouraged to get involved in the consultation, the materials will be prepared to be accessible and clear.

Hard-to-reach groups include:

- the elderly
- people with visual impairments
- people with hearing impairments
- people with limited mobility
- geographically isolated individuals or communities

We will seek to engage with hard-to-reach and seldom-heard groups by:

- holding webinars at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends, to enable participation from people with different time commitments;
- making provision for people who do not have access to the internet through the consultation programme. This will include sending a community newsletter to every address in the PCZ and making key materials such as the consultation brochure and feedback form available at information points;
- choosing accessible venues for public information points and in-person events;
- providing materials in alternative formats such as Braille on request;
- contacting local community and voluntary organisations including parish councils and schools with project information and encouraging them to promote the consultation through their own existing communication channels; and
- providing a variety of communication channels including a Freephone number, email address and Freepost address for those seeking information.

We will liaise with local organisations representing hard-to-reach and seldom-heard groups to ensure accessibility to the consultation and that materials can be made available in the appropriate formats.

Organisations representing hard-to-reach and local interest groups that we will contact include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Flintshire County Council
- Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
- Connah's Quay Salvation Army
- Deeside Citizens Advice Bureau
- Deeside Community Trust

A full list of hard-to-reach and local interest groups that we will contact are listed in Appendix A.

7. Responding to consultation

Feedback to the consultation should be submitted in writing or online during the consultation period. Consultation responses can be submitted in the following ways:

Online – by completing the online feedback questionnaire, which can be accessed via the project website: <https://uniperuk.consulting/cqlcp/have-your-say/>

At an in-person consultation event – attendees at consultation events will be able to complete an online feedback form on tablets provided. Alternatively, a paper copy of a feedback form can be provided to be filled in and handed to a member of the project team or posted back to us via Freepost.



At an information point – hard copies of the feedback form will be available at information points.

Via a request at the community contact centre – requests for paper copies of the feedback form can be made via the following community contact centre channels:

Telephone: 0800 012 9156

Email: info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk

Post: FREEPOST CQLCP (no stamp required).

Submitting comments via email – Anyone can share their views by submitting their comments via email to info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk or in writing to the Freepost address.

8. How we will record feedback and respond to it

All feedback received during the consultation period will be processed into a secure database and then read and analysed. Thematically similar comments will be identified and grouped together into 'issues'. All comments per issue will then be summarised as 'issue statements' and considered by the Uniper project team. The team will consider all issues statements as part of the ongoing design process and assess how potential impacts of the Proposed Development can be avoided, managed or mitigated and how this mitigation should be secured through requirements (similar to planning conditions) in the draft DCO that is submitted, while taking onboard suggestions where possible and appropriate.

A Consultation Report will be produced as part of our DCO application, which will be submitted to the SoS for DESNZ. This document will set out how the feedback from the consultation has shaped and influenced the final proposals. All feedback submitted during the Statutory Consultation will be responded to within the Consultation Report and included within the document with all personal details redacted. We will take reasonable care to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the [Planning Inspectorate's Privacy Policy](#).

9. Further information

For further information, please contact us by:

- Visiting the project consultation website <https://uniperuk.consulting/cqlcp/>
- Calling 0800 012 9156 (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday)
- Emailing info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk
- Writing to the project team at FREEPOST CQLCP (no stamp required)

Appendix A: Non-statutory consultee groups

Community groups	
Coleg Cambria	Connah's Quay Swimming Club
M-Sparc	Connah's Quay Tigers Football Club
Ramblers Cymru	Sports at Coleg Cambria Deeside Campus
Angling Cymru	Connah's Quay High School
Flintshire Countryside Service (Wepre Park Visitor Centre)	
Industry groups and business landowners	
Major Projects Association	UK Research and Innovation
NIPA	Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC)
Renewable UK	Bangor University
The Carbon Capture Storage Association	Heidelberg Materials
The Civil Engineering Contractors Association	Prospect
Ambition North Wales	Net Zero North West
Decarbonised gas alliance	West Cheshire & North Wales Chamber of Commerce
Energy UK	Confederation of British Industry Wales
Progressive Energy	Deeside Business Forum
The Renewable Energy Association	Deeside Decarbonisation Forum
MACE	South Wales Industrial Cluster
HyNet	UK CCS Research Centre
Mersey Dee Alliance	Advanced Manufacturing Research Council
North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council	CECA
Net Zero Industry Wales	
Hard-to-reach groups	
Connah's Quay Salvation Army	Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
Deeside Citizens Advice Bureau	Deeside Community Trust / Ty Calon
Age Connects North East Wales	
Environmental groups	
Friends of the Earth Cymru	National Farmers Union (NFU)
Wales Environment Link	Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT)
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	Wildlife Trust
Dee Estuary Conservation Group (DECG)	Friends of Wepre Park
Deeside Naturalists' Society (DNS)	