

# Cyngor Cymuned Mostyn Mostyn Community Council



**Note:** The following meeting will be a hybrid meeting. If members of the public or press wish to attend remotely, they should use the following link or email the clerk: [clerk@mostyn-council.wales](mailto:clerk@mostyn-council.wales) for further guidance.

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**Dear Councillor / Annwyl Gynghorydd,**

You are summoned to a hybrid meeting of Mostyn Community Council to be held at Mostyn Community Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 6.00 pm. The meeting will consider the items below:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Collette Lowry'.

Mrs Collette Lowry – Clerk / Clerc

## **Agenda 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 / 16ed Mehefin 2025**

\*Declaration of acceptance for Chair 2025-26 to be signed in the presence of the Clerk – as approved at Annual Meeting May 2025.

1. a) **To record attendance:**  
b) **Apologies for absence:**
2. **Chairman's Remarks:**
3. **Declarations of interest:**  
To receive any declarations made by Members in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.
4. **Public Speaking:**  
Becky Gittins MP, Hannah Blythyn MS, and Flintshire County Council Planning Officer to discuss local matters with members.
5. **Minutes & Meetings:**
  - a) To approve the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 full council meeting.
  - b) To receive any matters arising from those minutes.

**6. Clerk's Updates, Requests and Communications:**  
**Clerks report –**

- Reminder for members to request any One Voice Wales training (list circulated)

**Email Communications:**

03/06/2025	One Voice Wales	TRAINING DATES - MAY - JUNE 2025
09/06/2025	Gwella	Fit, Fed & Read Timetable
09/06/2025	Planning Aid Wales	Latest news from Planning Aid Wales
11/06/2025	One Voice Wales	TRAINING DATES - JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2025
11/06/2025	Flintshire County Council	Summer Playscheme update.

\*Members are welcome to raise an agenda item regarding any topics emailed throughout the month.

**7. Planning Matters:**

**a) Applications:**

Planning Application Number	Proposal	Address
FUL/000271/25	CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE UNIT	A N ANDREWS COACHES, HALENDY GARAGE, Mostyn, Holywell, CH8 9HW

\* Report accurate at time of dissemination – additional applications may be presented at the meeting and duly recorded within the minutes.

\* Viewing of the applications on the Flintshire County Council website is recommended.  
<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/flintshire>

**b) Decisions:**

None

**c) Updates:**

None

**8. Accounts & Finances:**

**To approve the May 2025 accounts paid:**

Payments made May 2025						
Invoice date	Supplier	Item	Amount inc VAT		Minute reference	Slip ref:
02/05/2025	CLlr Mike Lewis Jones	April FC meeting refreshments	£2.11	BACS	24/41	11
28/03/2025	Flintshire County Council	Financial Assistance donation - play provision	£500.00	BACS	21/41	12
30/04/2025	Earl Haig Poppy Appeal	VE Day wreath	£24.00	CHEQUE	21/179	13
06/05/2025	Ecotricity	Streetlighting March-April 25	£599.25	DD	25/14	14
27/04/2025	Milan Ltd	Annual accounting portal fees	£108.00	BACS	25/14	15
19/04/2025	Zurich Municipal	Insurance 25-26	£485.39	BACS	23-37	16
14/04/2025	Audit Wales	External audit fees 20/21	£285.00	BACS		17
21/05/2025	HSBC	Monthly Bank Charges	£5.00	DR	25/14	18
25/05/2025	Multiple	Staffing costs	£1,117.50	BACS	25/14	19,20
31/03/2025	ICO	General Data Protection fee 25-26	£47.00	DD	25/14	9
14/05/2025	Gwella	Fit, Fed & Read donation, 25-26	£1,000.00	BACS	24/135	21
26/05/2025	Ionos Cloud Ltd	Monthly hosting fee	£7.20	DD	25/14	22
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,180.45</b>			

Carried over from April

\*Payments may have been made using email authorisation/pre-authorisation (Financial Regulations 6.6)

#### To review June 2025 accounts for payment:

To authorise June 2025						
Invoice date	Supplier	Item	Amount inc VAT		Minute reference	Slip ref:
09/06/2025	Multiple	25-26 Members Allowances	£832.00	BACS	25/18	23-26
21/06/2025	HSBC	Monthly bank charges	£5.40	DR	25/14	27
25/05/2025	Multiple	Staffing costs	£1,117.50	BACS	25/14	28-29
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,954.90</b>			

\*Report accurate at time of dissemination – additional payments may be presented at the meeting and duly recorded within the minutes.

#### May 2025 Income:

Date	Description	Supplier / customer	Total
02/05/2025	Refund of duplicate payment	One Voice Wales	374.00
09/05/2025	VAT refund	HMRC	939.85
			<b>1,313.85</b>

#### Other Financial Matters:

Time sensitive financial assistance request – Transition Holywell and District application for funding to hold workshop and craft stalls on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June at Mostyn Clocktower.

#### 9. Police matters:

Members to report matters arising.

#### 10. Lighting & Streetscene:

Members to report additional matters arising.

#### 11. Environmental Matters:

Councillor Ray Knight to report on any matters arising.

**12. Councillor Co-option:**

Members to consider the 2 applications provided (confidential), and resolve by a vote, to co-opt 1 member for the Mostyn ward.

**13. Internal Audit Report 2024-25:**

Members to note Annual Return Internal Audit report. Chair to sign before submission to Audit Wales.

The report concluded 1 matter for attention and the action since taken by the Clerk.

MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN

	ISSUE	RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW UP
1	The Council did not carry out an annual risk assessment in 2024/25.	<i>The risk assessment should be carried out annually and approved by Council.</i>	Noted for future years and added to the regular review list for each recurring annual meeting.

**14. One Voice Wales Area Meeting Representative Request:**

Attendance and participation at Area Committee meetings is an essential part of the councils appointed representative's role, and it is fundamental to the success of the sector that all member councils are directly involved through regular attendance and participation at the Area Committee meetings. The meetings are designed to share, inform and support representatives. Each committee also elects two representatives to sit on the National Executive Committee (NEC) which is the policy making and overseeing body of One Voice Wales.

Voting rights at Area Committee meetings is limited to one vote per member council but to support attendance at the area meetings, each Community and Town Council can nominate two Member representatives.

**Members to consider/nominate.**

**15. Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales:**

Welsh Government is currently consulting on proposals to improve the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales. Proposals include:

- changing the law to create a fairer, transparent and more effective enforcement process for unpaid Council Tax
- providing guidance to help councils collect Council Tax debt more fairly and sustainably

There are consultation questions and responses are invited by 23 July 2025.

A copy of the consultation documents and the response form can be found at:

[https://www.gov.wales/improving-administration-and-enforcement-council-tax-wales?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=#respond-block](https://www.gov.wales/improving-administration-and-enforcement-council-tax-wales?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=#respond-block)

One Voice Wales will be preparing a response to this consultation. Responses are required by Wednesday 9 July 2025.

**Members to consider a collective response.**

**16. Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power Project:**

A further amended consultation has recently been published (attached). However, the community council had been omitted from the communications.

To ensure the Council has the opportunity to provide feedback, the consultation deadline has been extended to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.

**17. Community Review:**

The Council has a duty under s22 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 ("the Act") to report every ten years on a community review having regard to the Local and Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (LDBCW) timetable for conducting the reviews of principal areas' electoral arrangements required by section 29 (1) of the Act.

A review of community boundaries under section 25 should ensure that communities continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government. For example, over time communities may expand with new housing developments. This can lead to boundaries becoming anomalous, for example if new housing is built across boundaries resulting in confusion over which community a housing estate falls into. A community review offers an opportunity to the principal council to put in place strong, clearly defined boundaries tied to ground features, and to remove any anomalous boundaries that exist.

A review of electoral arrangements carried out under Section 31 is a process whereby Flintshire County Council can consider the following:

- the number of members of the council for the community,
- its division into wards (if appropriate) for the purposes of the election of councillors,
- the number and boundaries of any wards,
- the name of any ward.

The Community Review must reflect the identities and interests of communities and should take into account the impact of community governance arrangements on cohesion and the size, population and boundaries of a local community.

To identify which type of review should be carried out. Please complete the attached questionnaire and return in the first instance.

**18. County Councillors reports:**

To receive County Councillor updates on any relevant County issues not otherwise covered on the agenda.

**19. Community Councillors reports:**

To receive Community Councillor updates from members.

**20. Close of meeting:**

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# Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

## Accounting statement 2024-25 for:

Name of body:

MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2024 (£)	31 March 2025 (£)	
<b>Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments</b>			
1. Balances brought forward	33,237	26,989	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	34,000	37,000	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	3,110	2,900	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	11,318	12,152	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	32,040	19,792	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	26,989	34,945	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).
<b>Statement of balances</b>			
8. (+) Debtors	NIL	NIL	<b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	26,989	34,945	<b>All accounts:</b> The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held at 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	NIL	NIL	<b>Income and expenditure accounts only:</b> Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	26,989	34,945	<b>Total balances should equal line 7 above:</b> Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	34,189	34,390	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as at 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	NIL	NIL	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

## Annual Governance Statement

We acknowledge as the members of the Council, our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, that:

	Agreed?		'YES' means that the Council:	Toolkit
	Yes	No*		
1. In consultation with the community, we have developed a vision and purpose for the Council and used this vision to inform the Council's plans, budget and activities.		✓	Has consulted with the community and focussed its activities to meet the community's needs	A, C
2. We have adopted a Code of Conduct for members and officers and implemented an appropriate training plan for members to ensure all councillors understand their role and responsibilities.	✓		Ensures that councillors understand and are equipped to deliver their roles and responsibilities.	B
3. We have ensured that we electronically publish the information the Council is required to publish by law, on its website at [insert name of website]. <i>https://morgyn-council.wales</i>	✓		Is transparent about its activities and provides the public with all information required by law	A, C, D, E
4. We have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the Council complies with relevant laws and regulations when exercising its functions, including employment of staff and payment of allowances to members.	✓		Has only done things that it has the legal power to do and has conformed to codes of practice and standards in the way it does so	
5. We have adopted standing orders, financial regulations and terms of reference and ensure that these are followed when conducting business including functions delegated to committees.	✓		Has adopted rules and procedures to govern how the Council conducts its business including procurement of goods and services.	B, E
6. We have put in place arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective financial management including the setting and monitoring of the Council's budget</li> <li>Maintenance and security of accurate and up to date accounting and other financial records</li> <li>Identifying potential liabilities, commitments, events and transactions that may have a financial impact on the Council.</li> </ul>	✓		Calculated its budget requirement in accordance with the law and properly monitors its financial position throughout the year	D
7. We have maintained an adequate system of internal control and management of risk, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption including clearly documented procedures for authorising and making payments</li> <li>assessment and management of risks facing the Council</li> <li>an adequate and effective system of internal audit and reviewed the effectiveness of these arrangements.</li> </ul>	✓		Made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge including arranging for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether these meet the needs of the body.	D, E
8. We have taken appropriate action on all matters raised in previous reports from internal and external audit.	✓		Considered and taken appropriate action to address weaknesses /issues brought to its attention by internal and external auditors.	D, E
9. We have provided proper opportunity for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.	✓		Has given all persons interested the opportunity to inspect the body's accounts as set out in the notice of audit issued by the Auditor General.	E
10. General power of Competence – The Council has resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence set out in Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021		✓	Meets the eligibility criteria to exercise the general Power of Competence	E

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

## Additional disclosure notes

Include here any additional disclosures the Council considers necessary to aid the reader's understanding of the accounting statement and/or the annual governance statement

The following information is provided to assist the reader to understand the accounting statement and/or the Annual Governance Statement	
1. Expenditure under S137 Local Government Act 1972	<p>Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits the Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Section 137(3) also permits the Council to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2024-25 was £10.81 per elector.</p> <p>In 2024-25, the Council made payments totalling £ <u>3,500</u> under section 137. These payments are included within 'Other payments' in the Accounting Statement.</p>
2.	<p>AGS - ① - We have not developed a formal plan but the Council holds regular Community drop in days and monitor social media to assess the community's needs.</p> <p>AGS ⑩ - GPOC - not eligible - no Cila held</p>

## Trust Funds

Trust funds – The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing trust fund(s)/assets. We exclude transactions related to these trusts from the Accounting Statement. In our capacity as trustee, we have discharged our responsibility in relation to the accountability for the fund(s) including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	Has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.
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## Council approval and certification

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements and the annual governance statement in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the Act) and the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.

<b>Certification by the RFO</b> I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return present fairly the financial position of the Council, and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2025.	<b>Approval by the Council</b> I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council under minute reference:
	Minute ref:
RFO signature:	Chair signature:
Name:	Name:
Date:	Date:

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers



## Annual internal audit report to:

Name of body:

MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Council's internal audit, acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, has included carrying out a selective assessment of compliance with relevant procedures and controls expected to be in operation during the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

The internal audit has been carried out in accordance with the Council's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the following control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the Council.

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
1. Appropriate books of account have been properly kept throughout the year.	✓				
2. Financial regulations have been met, payments were supported by invoices, expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
3. The body assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.		✓			SEE ISSUE 1 IN INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT
4. The annual precept/levy/resource demand requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process, progress against the budget was regularly monitored, and reserves were appropriate.	✓				
5. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked, and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓				
6. Petty cash payments were properly supported by receipts, expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.			✓		NO PETTY CASH.
7. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with contracts/ minuted approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓				
8. Asset and investment registers were complete, accurate, and properly maintained.	✓				

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
9. Periodic and year-end bank account reconciliations were properly carried out.	✓				
10. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments/income and expenditure), agreed with the cashbook, were supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records, and where appropriate, debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓				
11. Trust funds (including charitable trusts). The Council has met its responsibilities as a trustee.			✓		

For any risk areas identified by the Council (list any other risk areas below or on separate sheets if needed) adequate controls existed:

	Agreed?				Outline of work undertaken as part of the internal audit (NB not required if detailed internal audit report presented to body)
	Yes	No*	N/A	Not covered**	
12.					
13.					
14.					

\* If the response is 'no', please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

\*\* If the response is 'not covered', please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned, or if coverage is not required, internal audit must explain why not.

[My detailed findings and recommendations which I draw to the attention of the Council are included in my detailed report to the Council dated 05/06/2025.] \* Delete if no report prepared.

### Internal audit confirmation

I/we confirm that as the Council's internal auditor, I/we have not been involved in a management or administrative role within the body (including preparation of the accounts) or as a member of the body during the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26. I also confirm that there are no conflicts of interest surrounding my appointment.

Name of person who carried out the internal audit:	JDM BUSINESS SERVICES LTD
Signature of person who carried out the internal audit:	JDM Business Services Ltd
Date:	05/06/2025

\* Please include an explanation for any 'No' answers

## INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024/2025 MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The internal audit is carried out by the following testing of the internal controls specified on the Annual Return for local councils in Wales:

- Checking that books of account have been properly kept throughout the year
- Checking a sample of payments to ensure that the Council's financial regulations have been met, payments are supported by invoices, expenditure is approved, and VAT is correctly accounted for
- Reviewing the Council's risk assessment and ensuring that adequate arrangements are in place to manage all identified risks
- Verifying that the annual precept request is the result of a proper budgetary process; that budget progress has been regularly monitored and that the council's reserves are appropriate
- Checking income records to ensure that the correct price has been charged, income has been received, recorded and promptly banked and VAT is correctly accounted for
- Reviewing petty cash records to ensure payments are supported by receipts, expenditure is approved and VAT is correctly accounted for
- Checking that salaries to employees have been paid in accordance with Council approvals and that PAYE and NI requirements have been properly applied
- Checking the accuracy of the asset and investments registers
- Testing the accuracy and timeliness of periodic and year-end bank account reconciliation(s)
- Year-end testing on the accuracy and completeness of the financial statements
- Where the Council is sole trustee of a charity, checking that the Council has procedures in place to meet its responsibilities as a sole trustee

### Conclusion

On the basis of the internal audit work carried out, which was limited to the tests indicated above, in our view the council's system of internal controls is in place, adequate for the purpose intended and effective, subject to the issues reported in the action plan overleaf. As part of the internal audit work for the next financial year we will follow up all recommendations included in the action plan.

**JDH Business Services Limited 05/06/2025**

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024/2025  
MOSTYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ACTION PLAN

	ISSUE	RECOMMENDATION	FOLLOW UP
1	The Council did not carry out an annual risk assessment in 2024/25.	<i>The risk assessment should be carried out annually and approved by Council.</i>	<b>Noted for future years and added to the regular review list for each recurring annual meeting.</b>
<b>Follow up of 2023/24 internal audit recommendations</b>			
1	The asset register doesn't record the date of disposal or addition of assets. We do note, however, that amendments to the asset register in year are recorded in the register.	<i>The information in the asset register could be improved by recording the date of additions and disposals of assets.</i>	<b>Implemented</b>



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## **Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project: Targeted Consultation**

22 May 2025

Dear Consultee,

### **Non-statutory targeted consultation on proposed design update for Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power project**

As you may be aware, Uniper UK Limited is exploring the potential development of a new gas-fired power station with carbon capture technology at its Connah's Quay site in Flintshire, the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power (CQLCP) project. If consented and developed the new power station would be capable of providing up to a likely maximum of 1.38 GW of low carbon power, to help meet the growing need for electricity, whenever it is required.

From Tuesday 8 October to Tuesday 19 November 2024 we held our Statutory Consultation, inviting local communities, local authorities, landowners, environmental organisations and technical stakeholders to share their views on our proposals. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who participated in the consultation.

We're currently undergoing Front End Engineering Design studies for the project. Based on the findings of our ongoing technical and environmental assessments, we have identified a need for a change to the original design that we consulted on during the Statutory Consultation. Whilst this proposed change would not result in the CQLCP project being fundamentally different from what was previously consulted on, we would like to give you the opportunity to see what's different. We wanted to consult you about this proposed change before we submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year.

We sincerely apologise that the Council was not originally notified about our targeted consultation, which is specifically focused on a proposed design change and is being carried out from Thursday 8 May to Friday 6 June 2025.

To ensure the Council has the opportunity to provide feedback, we are extending the consultation deadline for the Council to **Monday 23 June 2025**. We would welcome your feedback.

### **The proposed change**

The Proposed Development would comprise up to two Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) with Carbon Capture Plant (CCP) units and supporting infrastructure.



Both the CCGT and CCP components of the proposed new power station will feature an emission stack (four emission stacks in total). An emission stack is used to vent waste gases produced during combustion safely into the atmosphere. Following the completion of technical assessments supporting the Environmental Impact Assessment, Uniper has identified a requirement to increase the stack heights for the proposed CQLCP project.

There are two potential scenarios for operating the proposed new power station. The normal operating mode will be with the carbon capture technology operational whereby waste gases would pass through two absorber emission stacks, which are part of the proposed CCP.

However, the design needs to accommodate potential abnormal scenarios where the CCGT may need to temporarily operate without the CCP such as during an emergency shut down or if the CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage infrastructure is not available. This is expected to only be in exceptional circumstances and the transport and storage availability is expected to be at least 95%. In this operational scenario, emissions would instead be emitted through two dedicated stacks above the Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG), which is part of the CCGT.

The modelling we have undertaken has therefore considered the potential atmospheric emissions associated with both operational scenarios to determine a suitable height for the stacks, that would minimise any potential negative effects.

As a result of these assessments, the maximum height parameters presented at the Statutory Consultation for the absorber emission and HRSG emission stacks need to be increased and these are now proposed at 150m above ground level. For the absorber emission stacks, this is an increase of 30m from the 120m emission stack heights presented at our Statutory Consultation. For the HRSG emission stacks, this is an increase of 65m from an initial 85m. The increase in the height of the stacks would help to mitigate the human health and ecological effects of the CQLCP project. In determining the new proposed maximum height parameters, Uniper has also considered the potential landscape and visual impacts as well as impacts on the setting of designated heritage assets such as listed buildings and scheduled monuments.

Uniper considers that the proposed increase to the emission stack heights is a necessary and appropriate revision to the project's design to mitigate the environmental effects of the project as far as possible, in all operating scenarios.

We have produced a Supporting Information Report for this targeted consultation which describes our updated design and any corresponding changes to proposed mitigation measures. You can find this during the consultation period on our consultation website here: [www.uniperuk.com/consulting/cqlcp/project-consultation-documents-3/](http://www.uniperuk.com/consulting/cqlcp/project-consultation-documents-3/).

We have also produced a targeted consultation newsletter, a copy of which is enclosed with this letter.

### **Providing your feedback**

As stated above, we will extend our targeted consultation until **Monday 23 June**. To guarantee that your feedback is captured, we kindly ask that all responses are sent prior to this deadline on 23 June 2025.



Feedback can be provided by:

- Sending us an email at [info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk](mailto:info@connahsquaylcp.co.uk)
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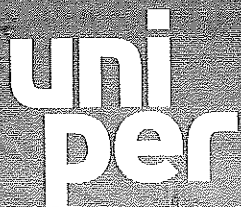
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Rogers'.

**Helen Rogers**  
Project Manager  
Uniper

#### **Encl.**

- Targeted consultation newsletter referenced above.



# Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power

Targeted consultation on changes to our proposals

Thursday 8 May to Friday 6 June 2025

Uniper UK Limited (hereafter referred to as 'Uniper') is exploring the potential development of a new gas-fired power station with carbon capture technology at its Connah's Quay site in Flintshire, the Connah's Quay Low Carbon Power (CQLCP) project. If consented and developed the new power station would be capable of providing up to a likely maximum of 1.38 GW of low carbon power, to help meet the growing need for electricity, whenever it is required.

From Tuesday 8 October to Tuesday 19 November 2024 we held our Statutory Consultation, inviting local communities, local authorities, landowners, environmental organisations and technical stakeholders to share their views on our proposals. We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to those who participated in the consultation.

We're currently undergoing Front End Engineering Design (FEED) studies for the project. Based on the findings of our ongoing technical and environmental assessments, we have identified a need for a change to the original design that we consulted on during the Statutory Consultation. We would like to give you the opportunity to see what's different, although this proposed change would not result in the project being fundamentally different from what was previously consulted on. As a good neighbour, we wanted to consult you about this proposed change before we submit

our Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the Planning Inspectorate under the Planning Act 2008 covering Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) later this year.

From **Thursday 8 May to Friday 6 June 2025**, we are therefore conducting a further consultation, specifically about this design change, technically referred to as a 'targeted consultation', and we would welcome your feedback.

In addition to this newsletter, we have produced a Supporting Information Report for this targeted consultation which describes our updated design and any corresponding changes to proposed mitigation measures.



You can find this during the consultation period on our consultation website here: [www.uniperuk.consulting/cqlcp/project-consultation-documents-3/](http://www.uniperuk.consulting/cqlcp/project-consultation-documents-3/) or scan the QR code.

We would also like to inform you about some other non-material design changes that we have made since the Statutory Consultation took place. A summary of these changes is provided within this newsletter.

## About Uniper

Uniper is a European energy company with global reach and activities in more than 40 countries. With around 7,500 employees, the company makes an important contribution to security of supply in Europe, particularly in its core markets of Germany, the UK, Sweden and the Netherlands. Uniper's operations include power generation in Europe, global energy trading, and a broad gas portfolio. In the UK, Uniper owns and operates a flexible generation portfolio of power stations, a fast-cycle gas storage facility and two high pressure gas pipelines, from Theddlethorpe to Killingholme and from Blyborough to Cottam.

Uniper intends to be completely carbon-neutral by 2040 and aims for its installed power generation capacity to be more than 80% zero-carbon by the early 2030s. To achieve this aim, the company is transforming its power plants and facilities and investing in flexible, dispatchable power generating units.

Uniper is gradually adding renewable and low carbon gases to its gas portfolio and is developing a hydrogen portfolio with the aim of a long-term transition. The company plans to offset any remaining CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by high-quality CO<sub>2</sub>-offsets.



# The proposed change

Both the Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) and Carbon Capture Plant (CCP) components of the proposed new power station will feature stacks to vent waste gases produced during combustion safely into the atmosphere. Following the completion of technical assessments supporting the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Uniper has identified a requirement to increase the stack heights for the proposed CQLCP project.

There are two potential scenarios for operating the proposed new power station. The normal operating mode will be with the carbon capture technology operational whereby waste gases would pass through two absorber emission stacks, which are part of the proposed CCP.

However, the design needs to accommodate potential abnormal scenarios where the CCGT may need to temporarily operate without the CCP such as during an emergency shut down or if the CO<sub>2</sub> transport and storage infrastructure is not available. This is expected to only be in exceptional circumstances and the transport and storage availability is expected to be at least 95%. In this operational scenario, emissions would instead be emitted through two dedicated stacks above the Heat Recovery Steam Generator (HRSG), which is part of the CCGT.

The modelling we have undertaken has therefore considered the potential atmospheric emissions associated with both operational scenarios to determine a suitable height for the stacks, that would minimise any potential negative effects.

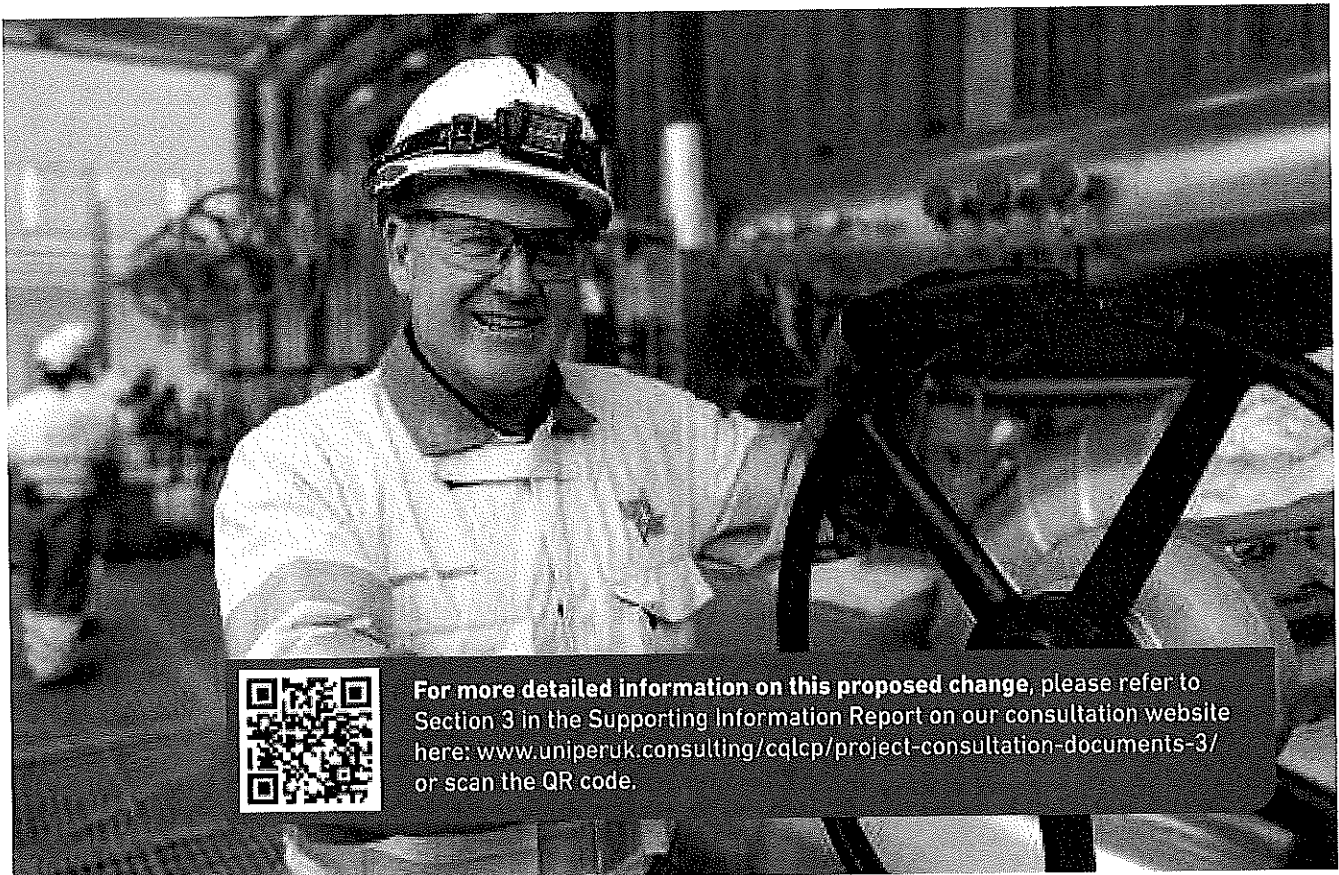
As a result of these assessments, the maximum height parameters presented at the Statutory Consultation for

the absorber emission and HRSG emission stacks need to be increased and these are now proposed at 150m above ground level. For the absorber emission stacks, this is an increase of 30m from the 120m emission stack heights presented at our Statutory Consultation. The HRSG emission stacks will also increase from an initial 85m to 150m, which is an increase of 65m. The increase in the height of the stacks would help to mitigate the human health and ecological effects of the project. In determining the new proposed maximum height parameters, Uniper has also considered the potential landscape and visual impacts as well as impacts on the setting of designated heritage assets such as listed buildings and scheduled monuments.

Uniper considers that the proposed increase to the emission stack heights is a necessary and appropriate revision to the project's design to mitigate the environmental effects of the project as far as possible, in all operating scenarios.

As part of our Statutory Consultation last year, we worked with Flintshire County Council to select a number of viewpoints that cover the projected visual impact of the project. These viewpoints are representative of views of the new facility from publicly accessible locations in the surrounding area.

**Figures 1a-c** on pages 3–5 of this newsletter are computer generated images which provide a comparison between the present day site, the design shared at Statutory Consultation and the proposed changes. These images are a representation of how the new facility might look from nearby locations.



**For more detailed information on this proposed change,** please refer to Section 3 in the Supporting Information Report on our consultation website here: [www.uniperuk.consulting/cqlcp/project-consultation-documents-3/](http://www.uniperuk.consulting/cqlcp/project-consultation-documents-3/) or scan the QR code.

Figure 1a

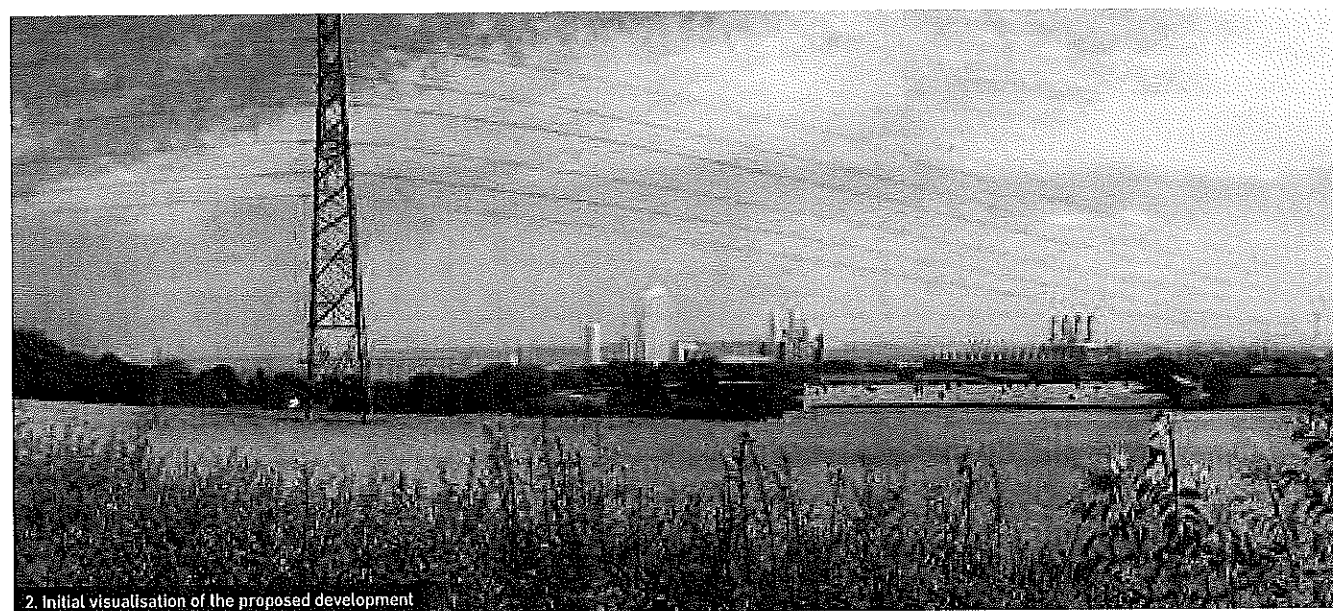
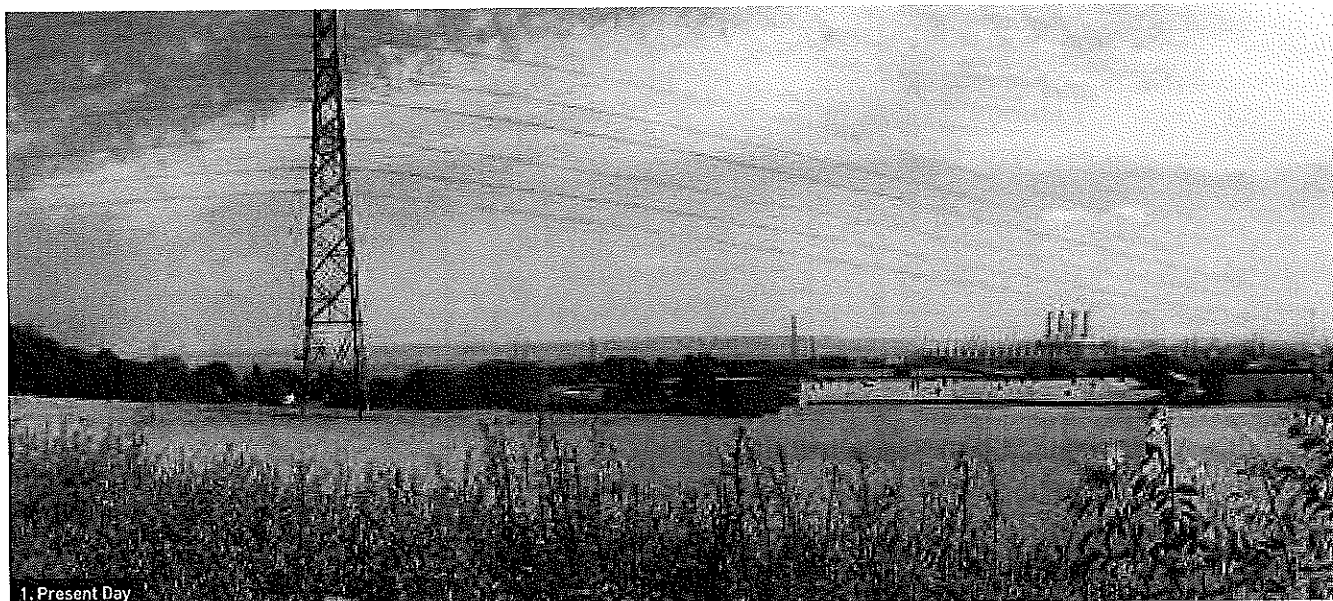




Figure 1b

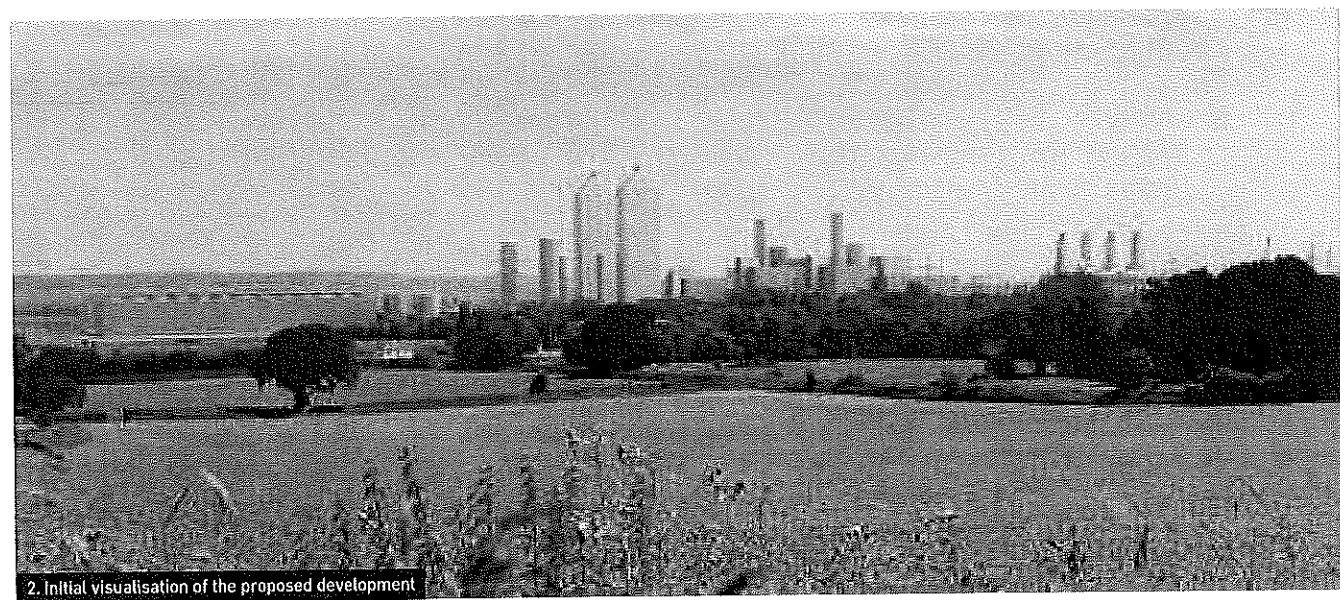
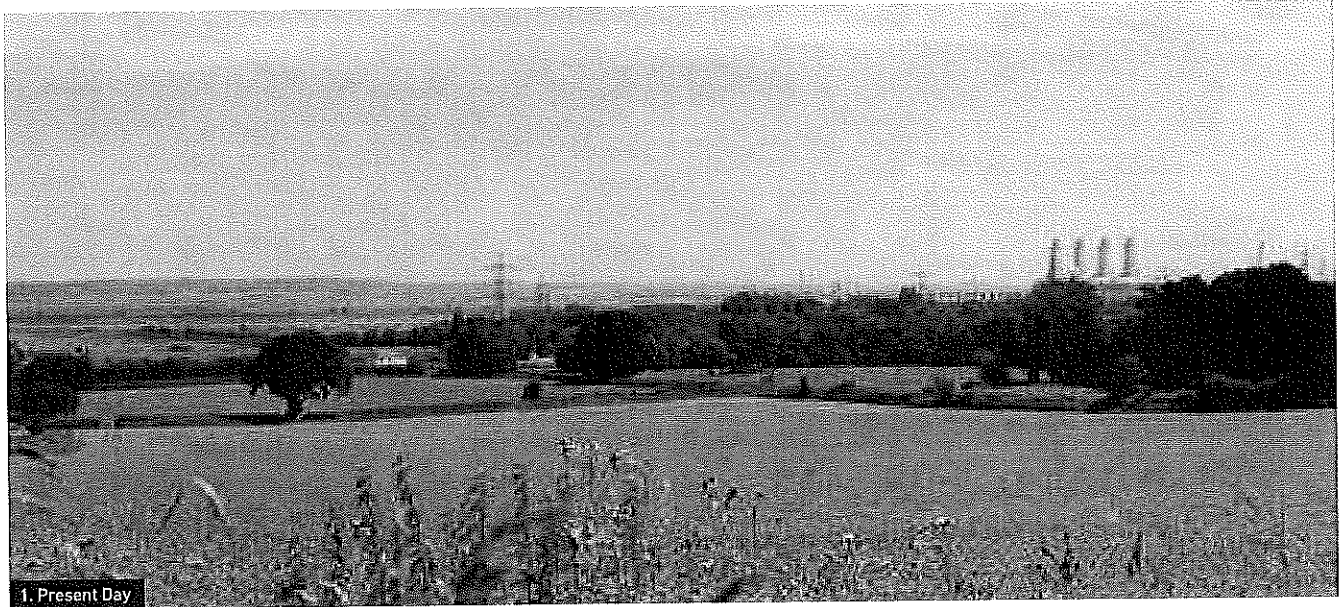
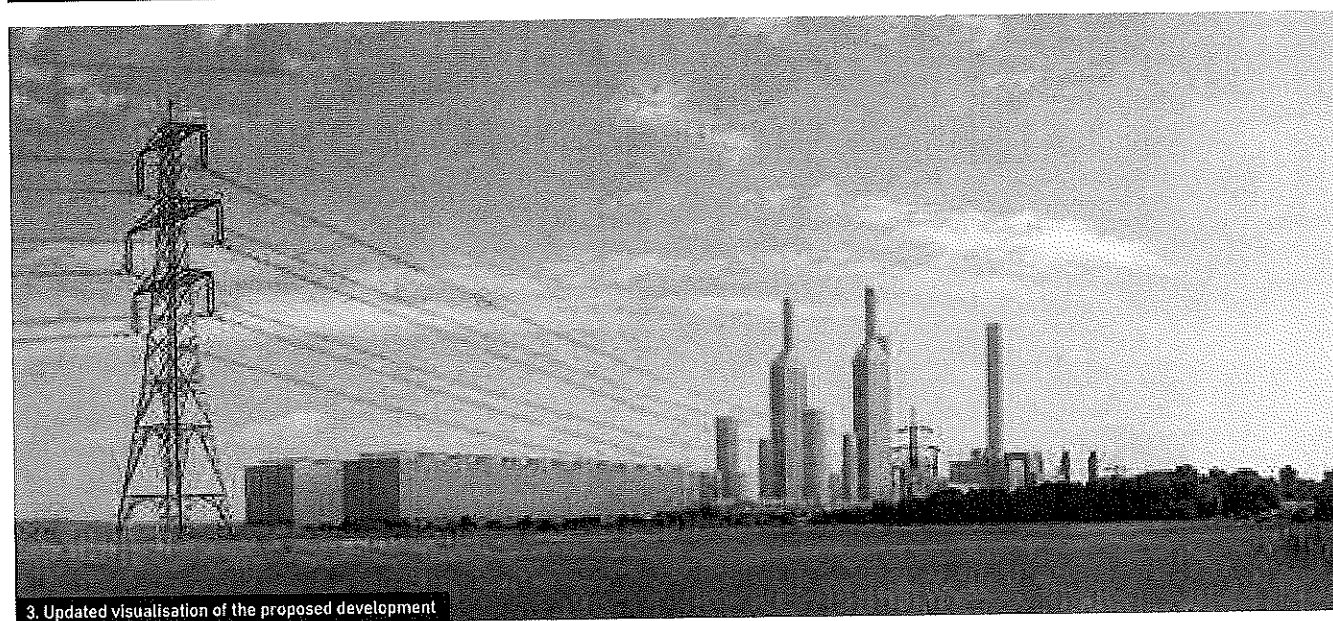
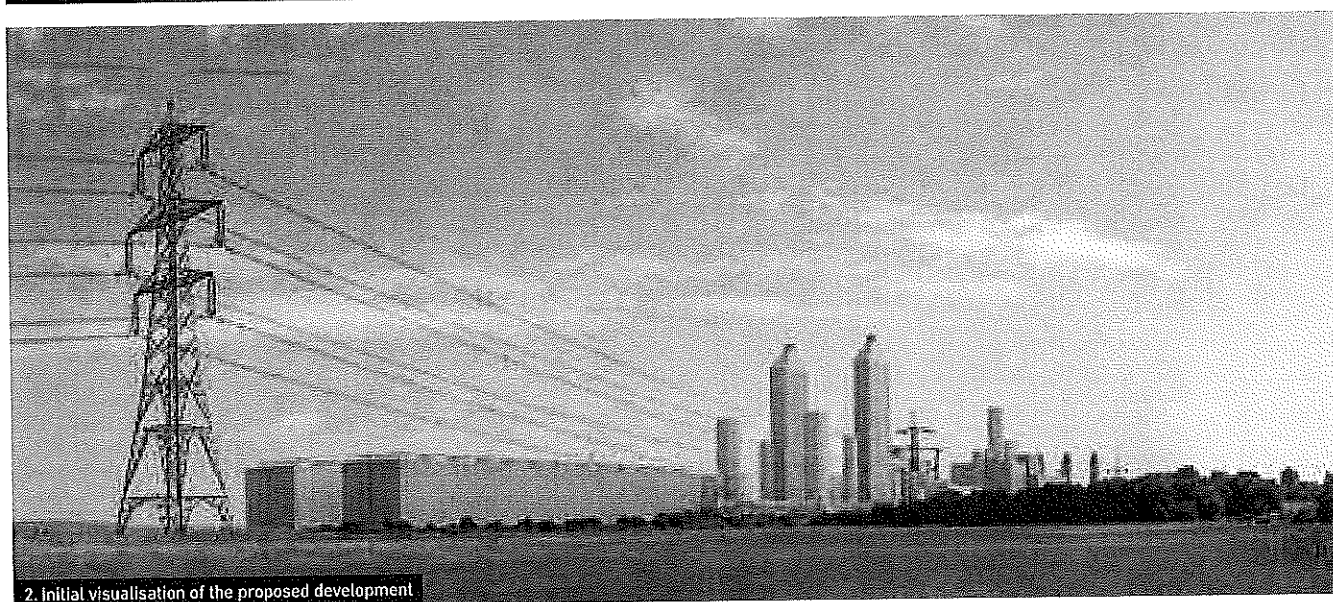
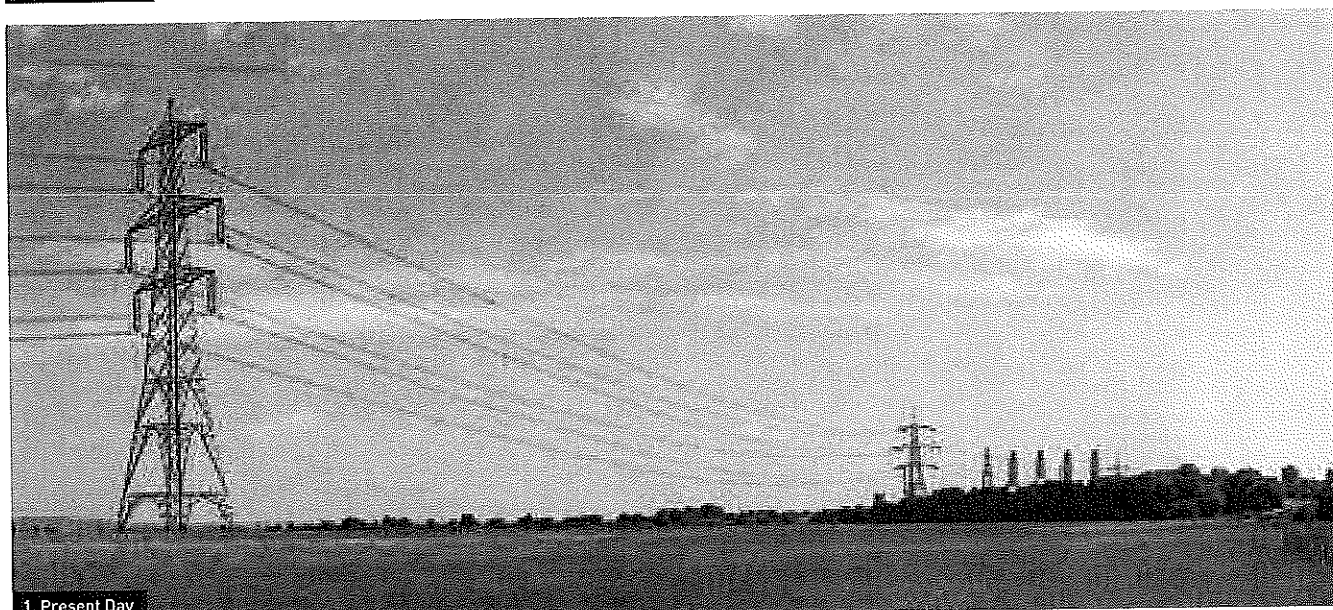


Figure 1c





# Additional changes since Statutory Consultation

Since the Statutory Consultation ended in November 2024, we have undertaken a series of technical and environmental assessments that continue to inform the design of the project. We have also taken into account the feedback we received during the consultation, and we want to make you aware of some additional design changes that we are intending to make.

We do not believe that these changes to the project are material, so we are not requesting feedback on them during this targeted consultation. However, should you wish to submit any feedback to us about these changes we will take that feedback into account when finalising the DCO application.

**Table 1** lists these **design changes** and the **reason** for the change. For further information on the terms used within this table, please refer to Section 2 of the Supporting Information Report.

Table 1

**1. CHANGE:** The project is proposed to be comprised of two CCGT generating plants each fitted with a CCP. These units and the supporting development required to operate them are referred to as 'Trains'. Initially, we were exploring the option to build two CCP per Train but this has now been removed in favour of a single CCP per Train.

**REASON:** Following further technical studies, technology providers have confirmed that each CCGT train can be served by a single CCP, reducing the complexity of the plant required to be provided.

**2. CHANGE:** We have removed the wide 'blast stacks' from each Train.

**REASON:** Following further technical studies, these are no longer required in the plant design.

**3. CHANGE:** The Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Above Ground Installation (AGI) has been relocated within the Main Development Area.

**REASON:** The relocation of the proposed AGI allows simpler integration into the overall site drainage scheme, and improves the efficiency of drainage in that plant area.

**4. CHANGE:** We have removed the option for new cooling water abstraction and discharge infrastructure and removed the option for intrusive refurbishment of the existing cooling water infrastructure. This has resulted in a reduction of the Water Connection Corridor boundary.

**REASON:** Following further technical studies it has been confirmed that it is possible to retain and reuse the cooling water infrastructure associated with the existing Connah's Quay Power Station with some refurbishment and upgrades.

**5. CHANGE:** We have increased temporary construction laydown area boundaries within the Main Development Area. This laydown area will include land previously assigned for the location of the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> AGI.

**REASON:** To account for changes to the location of the proposed CO<sub>2</sub> AGI and to maximise available space for temporary laydown within the Main Development Area. Both the simultaneous and phased construction scenarios may require all of the identified laydown areas.

**6. CHANGE:** We have confirmed the location of the temporary compound within the Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Connection Corridor.

**REASON:** Following further assessment, the location of the temporary compound has been fixed within the western section of the Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Connection Corridor.

**7. CHANGE:** We have included additional Maintenance Laydown Areas within the updated indicative design.

**REASON:** The Maintenance Laydown Areas have been included because maintenance outages and staff requirements had been identified ahead of Statutory Consultation but no specific location for these operational activities and staff to be accommodated within the Main Development Area had been identified.

**8. CHANGE:** In order to accommodate transportation of AILs, we may need to undertake additional works to widen access across the level crossing at Port of Mostyn.

**REASON:** This change is required following an initial analysis on the movement of AILs from the Port of Mostyn to the Main Development Area along the A548.

Table 1 (cont.)

**9. CHANGE:** We have reduced the width of the Repurposed CO<sub>2</sub> Connection Corridor in the indicative Order limits from a maximum of 100m down to a maximum of 25m.

**REASON:** Following further investigation there is now no need to conduct excavation along the CO<sub>2</sub> connection corridor. Therefore, the Indicative indicative Order limits can be reduced.

**10. CHANGE:** We have removed Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) vessel mooring, offloading, and temporary storage areas at Ports of Mostyn and Ellesmere from the indicative Order limits. As a result of the removal of the Port of Ellesmere from the indicative Order limits, the indicative Order limits for the project will no longer be in England.

**REASON:** Whilst Uniper is retaining the potential use of the Port of Mostyn and Ellesmere Port, it has been confirmed that no physical works would be required within the ports themselves beyond routine existing commercial operations for the existing commercial ports.

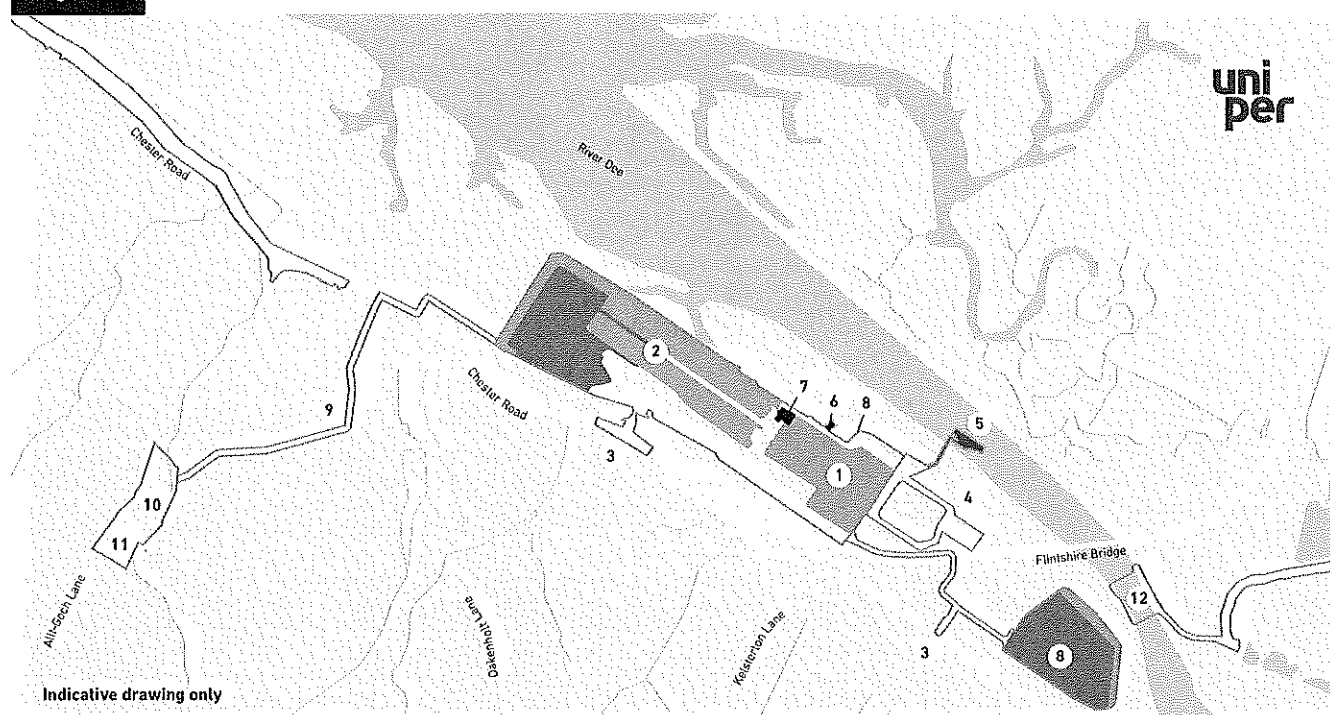
**11. CHANGE:** Works to facilitate access to wildlife hides presented at Statutory Consultation have now been found unnecessary and have therefore been removed from the indicative Site Boundary.

**REASON:** Following further investigation there is now no need to conduct work in that area.

**Figure 2** shows the updated indicative locations of key infrastructure for the proposed CQLCP project. Please note that these plans are still in an early stage of development and are subject to change following ongoing engagement with statutory bodies, local authorities and the local community. The final design will be determined during the FEED process, which commenced at the end of December 2024 and is expected to take around a year to complete.

The full updated indicative Order limits upon which Figure 2 is based can be found in Section 2 of the Supporting Information Report.

Figure 2



Key

- 1. Existing Connah's Quay Power Station
- 2. Proposed Low Carbon Power Station
- 3. Alternative (Emergency) Access to the Main Development Area
- 4. Electrical Connection Corridor
- 5. Water Connection Corridor
- 6. Proposed Surface Water Outfall

- 7. Existing Connah's Quay AGI
- 8. Construction and Indicative Enhancement Area
- 9. Repurposed CO<sub>2</sub> Connection Corridor
- 10. Proposed CO<sub>2</sub> Connection Corridor
- 11. Proposed Flint AGI (HyNet CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline Project)
- 12. Connah's Quay North

- Indicative Site Boundary
- Construction Laydown Area
- Ecological Safeguard Zone
- Phased Construction Area
- Water Connection Corridor Indicative Construction Work Area

# Providing your feedback

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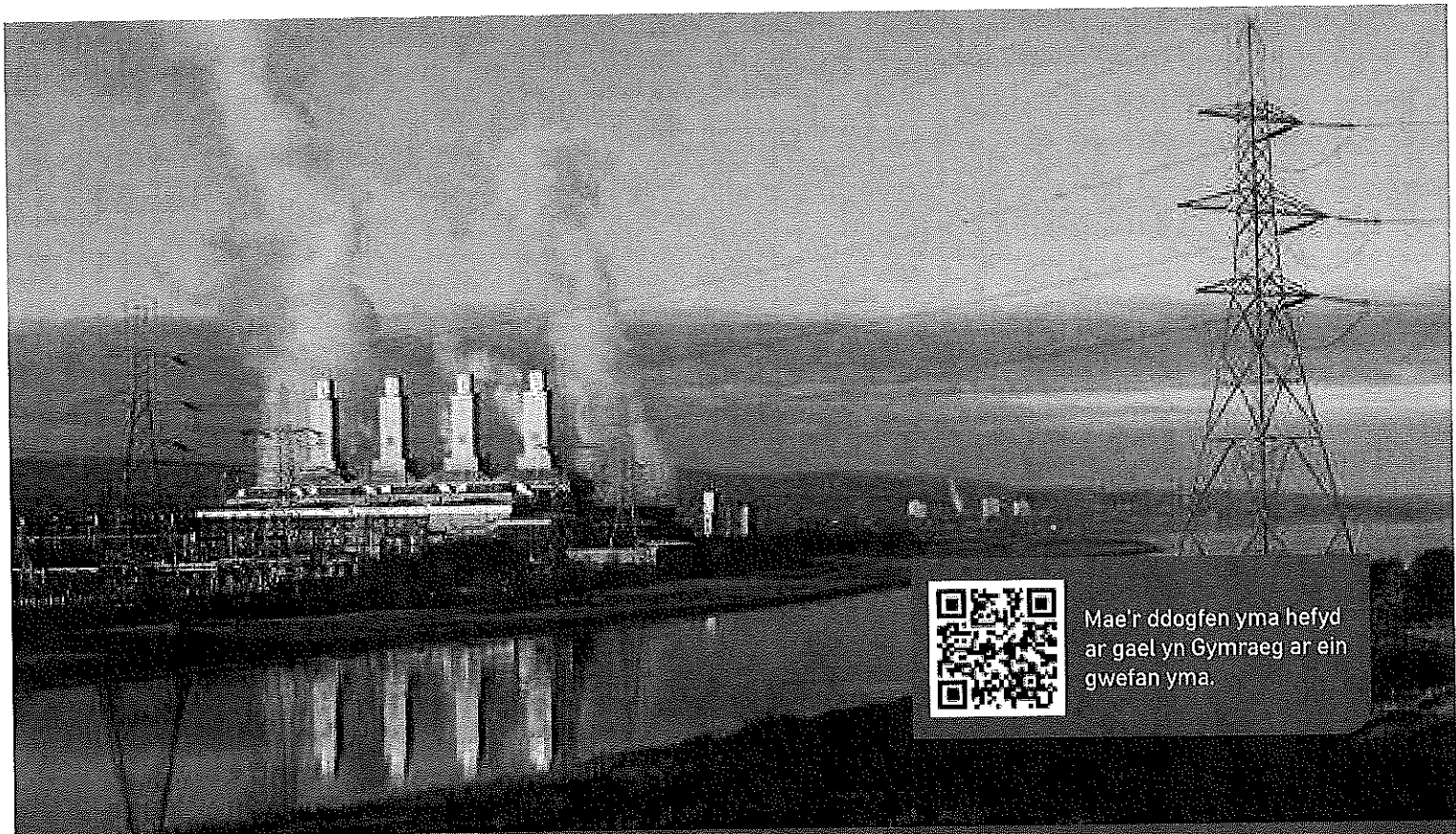
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**We will be hosting consultation materials at the following information points near to the site:**

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Connah's Quay Library, Wepre Dr, Connah's Quay, CH5 4HA • Neston Library, Parkgate Rd, Neston, CH64 6QE



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## COMMUNITY REVIEW PRE-QUESTIONNAIRE

Name (please print):	
Which Town / Community does your submission relate to?	

### Question 1.

CURRENT COUNCIL MAKE-UP	
How many Councillors have been co-opted since the 2022 elections?	
Do you have any seats that are currently vacant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many?	

### Question 2.

EXTERNAL BOUNDARY AND AREA CHANGES	
Are there any issues that need addressing regarding the current Community boundaries?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Question 3.

INTERNAL WARDS BOUNDARIES	
Are you happy with your current wards?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, what can be changed?	



#### Question 4.

CHANGES TO COUNCILLOR NUMBERS IN THE TOWN / COMMUNITY	
Are you happy with the number of councillors on the Community Council?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, how can it be improved?	

#### Question 5

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HERE