Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project

Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) Report









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1. Introduction/Context

This 'Pre-Application Consultation Report' (PAC Report), relates to an application made by HYRO Energy Ltd ('the Applicant') for Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project ('the proposed development'). It provides an account of the statutory consultation, publicity, deadlines set, and activities required under section 61Z of the 1990 Act.

The report also provides details and further information of engagement and consultation undertaken with local communities.

A summary of any issues raised by statutory consultees and the local community are provided in this report, including confirmation of how any issues raised have been addressed. Original copies of consultation responses from statutory consultees are included as an appendix to this report.

A link to the full planning application, including this PAC Report, is available at the project website https://www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk/consultation/.

2. Consultees

2.1 Statutory Consultees

Letters and notices notifying the start of the formal consultation period and advising all representations should be made by 24th May 2023, were sent by email to the following statutory consultees on 26th April 2023. Copies of the letters can be found at Appendix A.

Consultee	Capacity
CADW	Specialist Consultee
Natural Resources Wales	Specialist Consultee
The Coal Authority	Specialist Consultee

2.2 Community Consultees

The proposed Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project site is located in the Coleshill and Trelawney electoral division of Flintshire County Council.

Letters and notices notifying the start of the formal consultation period and advising all representations should be made by 24th May 2023, were sent to the following community consultees on 26th April 2023. Copies of the letters can be found at Appendix B.

Name	Capacity
Mrs L Wood	Flint Town Council
Cllr Michelle Perfect	Coleshill and Trelawney electoral division
Cllr Paul Cunningham	Coleshill and Trelawney electoral division
Cllr Vicky Perfect	Coleshill and Trelawney electoral division

2.3 Other Consultees

Letters notifying of the start of the formal consultation period were sent to the following other parties on 4^{th} May 2023. Copies of the letters can be found at Appendix C.

Consultee	Capacity
Residents within 500m of the	Interested Party
Proposed Development	interested Farey
Businesses within 500m of the	Interested Barty
Proposed Development	Interested Party

3. Publicity

3.1 Statutory Publicity

Four site notices were displayed at two locations as shown on the plan appended to this report at Appendix D.

The site notices were placed on display on 26th April 2023 advising all representations should be made by 24th May 2023. The site notices were removed on 16th June 2023. A copy of the notice can be found at Appendix E along with photographs of the site notices in-situ.

The plan at Appendix D also identifies adjacent properties on which written notice was served. A copy of the letter to adjacent properties can be found at Appendix F.

All draft planning documentation for the pre-application consultation was made available to view or download on the project website at https://www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk/consultation/ on 26th April 2023. Screenshot images of the website can be found at Appendix G.

The webpage - https://www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk/consultation/ will be updated, with a copy of the full planning application and supporting documentation, once the planning application has been validated by the Local Authority.

4. Number of Responses

This section of the report quantifies the total number of responses received and a summary of the responses are provided below. All responses were made within the 28-day consultation period.

4.1 Statutory Consultees

Three notices and letters were sent out to statutory consultees and three separate responses were received. These responses are summarised below, and copies included at Appendix H.

Consultees	Opinion	Main Issue(s)
Cadw	No objection	None
		Protected sites
Natural Resources Wales	No objection	Protected species
Natural Resources Wates	No objection	Industry and Waste Regulation
		Foul Drainage
The Coal Authority	No objection	None

4.2 Community Consultees

Four notices and letters were sent out to community consultees and no responses were received.

4.3 Other Consultees

Three hundred and eighty-four letters were sent out to other consultees and one response was received.

5. Responses and Actions

5.1 Statutory Consultees

Responses from statutory consultees are summarised below together the Applicant's response where necessary.

Consultee Name	Summary of Response / Main Issue(s)	Consequent Actions
CADW	None	Not applicable
Natural Resources Wales	Protected Species	Preliminary Ecological Appraisal to be included in 'approved list of plans / documents' condition within the decision notice should consent for the project be granted.
Natural Resources Wales	Protected Sites	The CEMP will demonstrate that only clean uncontaminated water will be discharged to surface water drains, as well as incorporating any pollution risks and associated mitigation measures needed. Any substance such as chemicals, fuels, oils will be stored securely within secondary containment at least 10 metres away from any rain/ditch/watercourse. For clarification, Welsh Water have confirmed capacity in the network and water will be supplied by Welsh Water via a connection to the mains supply, with the maximum demand at full output being 2140l/hr. The process of securing the water supply for the project will commence once the planning submission has been decided.
Natural Resources Wales	Industry and Waste Regulation	Operator will apply for an Environmental Permitting Regulations installation permit and not begin the hydrogen production process until the permit is successfully granted. Notification to be sent to competent authority prior to start of construction, in relation to hydrogen storage.
Natural Resources Wales	Foul Drainage	Foul drainage arrangements to be submitted with planning application.
The Coal Authority	None	Not applicable

5.2 Responses Received from Other Consultees

One response was received from Other Consultees. The main issues raised during this consultation, along with the Applicant's response is summarised below.

Issue Raised	Response
Public Rights of Way "Will anything will done to make the route fit for purpose in places it is very steep and in winter when wet it is very slippy and dangerous and in need of some general repairs ie steps dug into the steep slope and handrails etc"	The sections are beyond the extents of where the diverted Right of Way will be, however, The Applicant is keen to explore ways they may be able to enhance the local network as part of the Coleshill Green Hydrogen proposal.

6. Summary and Conclusion

This Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) report sets out the consultation in respect of the planning application for the Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project. The PAC report confirms that all necessary statutory pre-application consultation has been undertaken.

In summary, very few responses have been received to the formal consultation exercise from all consultees and no fundamental issues have been raised by statutory consultees. Where possible, the comments of consultees have been taken into account and the design of the development and reports amended as necessary.

Appendices

Appendix A Letter to Statutory Consultees



Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project c/o Renewable Energy Systems Limited



Date 26th of April 2023

This email has been electronically sent

To whom it may concern,

RE: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project, Flint

We invite comment from the Coal authority as you have been listed as a specialist consultee under The Town and County Planning (Wales) Order 2016 for a new proposed development Coleshill Green Hydrogen project, situated at Kimberly Clark Coleshill.

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Hard copies of the documents are available on request.

Comments or representations about the proposal should be made in writing, to the contact details below within the consultation period which ends on 24/05/2023

In the meantime, if you have any questions on the project, or would like further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

lain Buchanan Development Project Manager E iain.buchanan@res-group.com T +44 07570 230727

SCHEDULE 1C

Article 2D

CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 2D

(to be served on specialist consultees, as defined by article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Purpose of this notice: this notice comprises a formal request for a pre-application consultation response under article 2D of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012.

(f). 24/5/2023

ATODLEN 1C

Erthygl 2D

YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO

Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012

YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGL 2D

(i'w gyflwyno i ymgyngoreion arbenigol, fel y'u diffinnir gan erthygl 2(1) o Orchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012

Diben yr hysbysiad hwn: mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn ddeisyfiad ffurfiol am ymateb i ymgynghoriad cynymgeisio o dan erthygl 2D o Orchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru)

Appendix B Letter to Community Consultees



Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project c/o Renewable Energy Systems Limited



26th April 2023

Dear

RE: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project, Flint

RES has entered into a joint venture with Octopus Energy Generation to form HYRO Energy Limited to enable the delivery of a home-grown, reliable and cost-competitive source of clean hydrogen from renewables to help energy-intensive industrial businesses decarbonise hard-to-electrify processes.

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The following information for the proposed Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project is now available on the project website at www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk. Hard copies of the documents are available on request.

- · Planning, Design and Access Statement
- · Air Quality & Dust Risk Assessment
- Arboriculture Impact Assessment & Tree Impact Plan
- · Coal Mining Assessment

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- Cultural Heritage Desktop Survey
- · Flood Risk Screening and Drainage Management Plan
- Noise Assessment & Noise Survey Data
- · Preliminary Ecology Assessment
- Transport Statement & Swept Path Analysis
- Location Plan
- Infrastructure Layout Plan
- · Utility Connections Drawing
- Plant and Equipment Drawings

Please find enclosed the notice under Schedule 1B, formally requesting a pre-application consultation response. If you wish to make any comments or representations about the proposal, please do so in writing to me within the consultation period which ends on Wednesday 24th May 2023.

In the meantime, if you have any questions on the project, or would like further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

lain Buchanan

Development Project Manager

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 4(4)

Pre-application notices

SCHEDULE 1B

Articles 2C & 2D

PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 2C AND 2D

(to be served on owners and/or occupiers of adjoining land and community consultees; and displayed by site notice on or near the location of the proposed development)

Purpose of this notice: this notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer on a proposed development prior to the submission of a planning application to the local planning authority ("LPA"). Any subsequent planning application will be publicised by the relevant LPA; any comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to the LPA on any related planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file.

Proposed development at (a) Kimberly Clark Coleshill site, Aber Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5EX
I give notice that (b) HYRO Energy Limited Construct a Green Hydrogen Electrolyser
is intending to apply for planning permission to (c): (GHE) production and storage facility.
is intending to apply for planning permission to (c): \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
You may inspect copies of:
- the proposed application;
- the plans; and
other supporting documents
online at (d) www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk and computer facilities are available to view this information online at (e) Flint library, Church St, CH6 5AP
between the hours of (f) Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm
(or)
You may view this information at (g) between the hours of (h)
Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposed development must write to the applicant/agent at (i) or (j)
by (k) .24 th May 2023 (i). Iain Buchanan – <u>Iain.Buchanan@res-group.com</u>
Signed: lain Buchanan
Date: 24th April 2023

Dyddiad: .24th April 2023

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Erthygl 4(4)

Hysbysiadau cyn-ymgeisio

ATODLEN 1B

Erthyglau 2C a 2D

CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO

Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012

CYHOEDDUSRWYDD AC YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO HYSBYSIAD O DAN ERTHYGLAU 2C A 2D

(i'w gyflwyno i berchnogion a/neu feddianwyr tir cyffiniol ac ymgyngoreion cymunedol; ac i'w arddangos drwy hysbysiad safle ar neu gerllaw lleoliad y datblygiad arfaethedig)

Diben yr hysbysiad hwn: mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn rhoi cyfle i wncud sylwadau yn uniongyrchol i'r datblygwr ynglŷn â datblygiad arfaethedig cyn cyflwyno cais am ganiatâd cynllunio i'r awdurdod cynllunio lleol ("ACLI"). Bydd unrhyw gais cynllunio dilynol yn cael ei hysbysebu gan yr ACLI perthnasol; ni fydd unrhyw sylwadau a ddarperir gennych wrth ymateb i'r hysbysiad hwn yn lleihau dim ar eich gallu i gyflwyno sylwadau i'r ACLI ar unrhyw gais cynllunio cysylltiedig. Dylech nodi y gellir gosod unrhyw sylwadau a gyflwynir gennych yn y ffeil gyhoeddus.

Datblygiad Arfaethedig yn (a) Kimberly Clark, Coleshill Mill, Aber Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5EX
Rwyf yn hysbysu bod (b) HYRO Energy Limited
yn bwriadu gwneud cais am ganiatād cynllunio i (c): Construct a Green Hydrogen Electrolyser (GHE) production and storage facility.
Gellwch archwilio copïau o'r canlynol:
- y cais arfaethedig;
- y planiau; a
- dogfennau ategol eraill
ar-lein yn (d) www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk ac mae cyfleusterau cyfrifiadur ar gael i archwilio'r wybodaeth hon ar lein yn (e) Flint library, Church St, CH6 5AP rhwng yr oriau (f) Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm
(neu)
Gellwch weld yr wybodaeth hon yn (g) rhwng yr oriau (h)
Mae'n rhaid i unrhyw un sy'n dymuno gwneud sylwadau ynglŷn â'r datblygiad arfaethedig hwn ysgrifennu at y ceisydd/yr asiant yn (i) neu (j)
erbyn (k) 24 th May 2023 (i). lain Buchanan – <u>lain.Buchanan@res-group.co</u>
Llofnod: lain Buchanan

Appendix C Letter to Other Consultees



Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project c/o Renewable Energy Systems Limited



2nd May 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project, Flint

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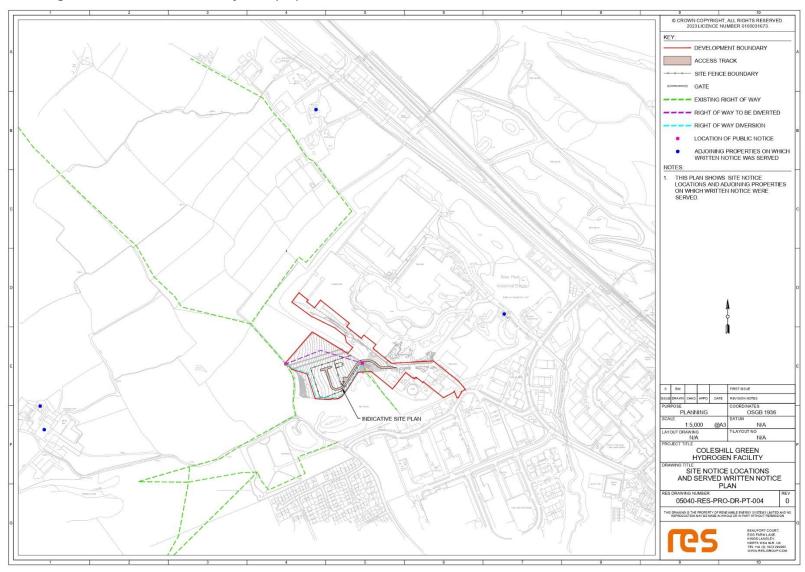
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Yours sincerely,

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Appendix D Plan showing site notice locations and adjacent properties on which written notice was served



Appendix E Site Notices

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is intending to apply for planning permission to (c): Construct a Green Hydrogen Electrolyser (GHE) production and storage facility.

In accordance with the requirements of article 2E of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012, a consultation response must be sent to (e) by (f).

Signed: lain Buchanan
Date: 24/4/2023

(e). Iain Buchanan - Iain.Buchanan@res-group.com

(f). 24/5/2023

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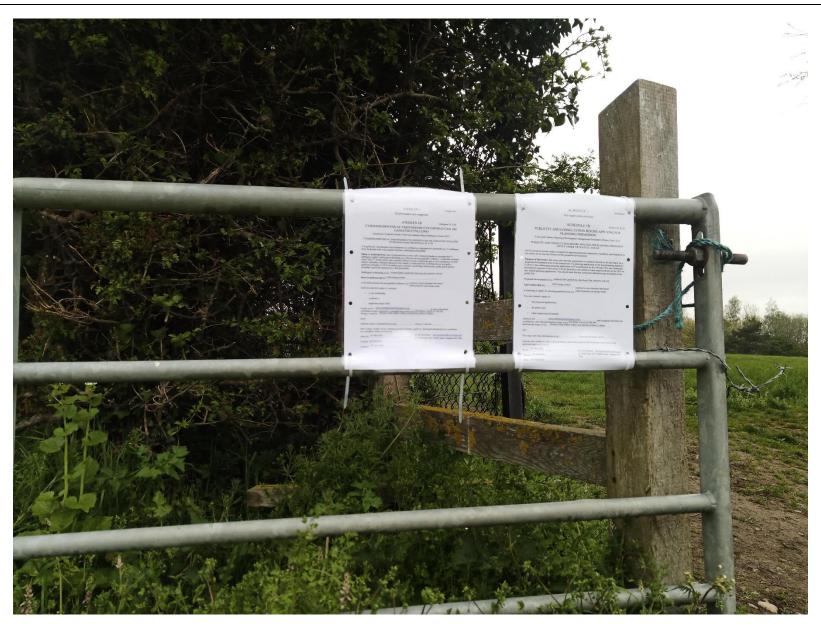
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(f). 24/5/2023

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Llofnod: lain Buchanan
Dyddiad: 24/4/2023
(e). lain Buchanan – <u>lain.Buchanan@res-group.com</u>





Appendix F Letter to adjacent properties



Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project c/o Renewable Energy Systems Limited



Date 26th of April 2023

Dear

RE: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project, Flint

We are contacting you about a new proposed development adjacent to land that you occupy, Coleshill Green Hydrogen project, situated at Kimberly Clark Coleshill.

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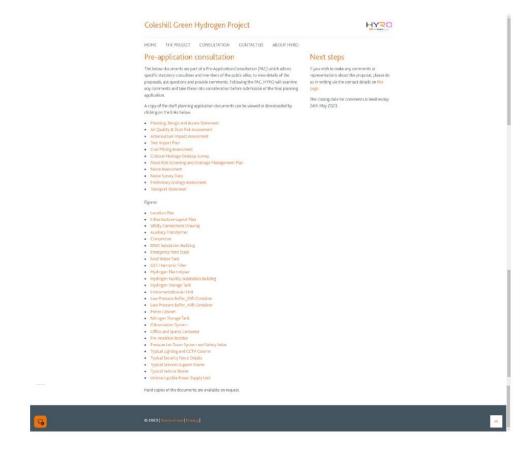
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Appendix G Website screenshots



Appendix H Consultation Responses from Statutory Consultees





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Web: www.gov.uk/coalauthority

For the Attention of: Mr I Buchanan Flintshire County Council

[By Email: iain.buchanan@res-group.com]

16 May 2023

Dear Mr Buchanan

PLANNING APPLICATION: PRE-APPLICATION Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project

Construct a Green Hydrogen Electrolyser (GHE) production and storage facility; Kimberly Clark Coleshill Mill, Aber Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5EP

Thank you for your notification of 26 April 2023 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above pre-application enquiry.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.

I have checked the location plan and I can confirm that the site falls outside the defined Development High Risk Area, though it is noted that there are two mine entries (shafts) close to the site boundary. However, even when considering their potential departure from the recorded position, as well as their zones of influence, these coal mining features remain outside the application site boundary.

Accordingly, the Coal Authority would not expect that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report to be included in any formal planning application documentation. That said, it is acknowledged that one has been provided as part of this pre-application submission (dated April 2023, prepared by Geoinvestigate). The report concludes that, 'In summary this CMRA has indicated that the proposed development is safe with regard to coal mining legacy issues and no further investigation is likely necessary'.

Based on all of the above, in the event a formal planning application is made for the development proposed as identified in the pre-application documentation, the Coal Authority would raise no objection.

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Protecting the public and the environment in mining areas

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Ashley Langrick

Ashley Langrick BA (HONS) DIP TRP MRTPI
Planning and Development Manager – Corporate Projects

Disclaimer

The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available data on the date of the response, and electronic consultation records held by The Coal Authority since 1 April 2013. The comments made are also based upon only the information provided to The Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposes in relation to this specific planning application. The views and conclusions contained in this response may be subject to review and amendment by The Coal Authority if additional or new data/information (such as a revised Coal Mining Risk Assessment) is provided by the Local Planning Authority or the Applicant for consultation purposes.

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Protecting the public and the environment in mining areas

 From:
 11 May 2023 09:51

 To:
 Iain Buchanan; Craig Allison

Subject: Cadw - Coleshill Green Hydrogen Pre-Application - Response

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Dear lain / Craig

Thank you for your consultation.

Advice

Scheduled Monuments:

FL003 Flint Castle FL08 Bryn Castell Castle Mound FL082 Hen Blas Castle Site FL084 Bryn y Cwm Mound & Bailey Castle FL081 Wat's Dyke: Section in Fron Tydyr FL131 Pentre Bridge Roman Site FL179 Hafod Wood Moated Site FL213 Croes Atti Roman Site

Registered Parks and Gardens:

PGW(C)68(FLT) Halkyn Castle

The above designated historic assets are located inside 3km of the proposed development, but intervening topography, buildings and vegetation block all views between them. Consequently, the proposed development will have no impact on the settings of these designated historic assets.

Cadw therefore has no comments.

Kind regards

Nichola

& Cadw

Nichola Smith Rheolwr Gwaith Achos/ Casework Manager, Cadw

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Caðw—er Hes pawb, For us all, to keep.

Ymunwch â Cadw Join Cadw

From: Craig Allison < craig allison@res-group.com>

Sent: 26 April 2023 16:56

To: Cadw Planning < CadwPlanning@gov.wales>

Cc: Iain Buchanan
Subject: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Pre-Application Consultation Specialist consultee

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the relevant information about a new proposed development for which Welsh Ministers have been listed as a specialist consultee.

Kind regards,

Craig

Craig Allison

Assistant Development Project Manager - Green Hydrogen

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Ein cyf/Our ref: CAS-216453-Z3Y5

Maes Y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL572DW

ebost/email: northplanning@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

23/05/2023

Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012 AS AMENDED.

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCT A GREEN HYDROGEN ELECTROLYSER (GHE) PRODUCTION AND STORAGE FACILITY

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: KIMBERLY CLARK, COLESHILL MILL, ABER ROAD, FLINT, FLINTSHIRE, CH6 5EP

Thank you for providing a requisite notice to us under Article 2D of the above Order. We received a copy of your proposed application on 26/04/2023.

We have concerns with the application as submitted. However, we are satisfied that these concerns can be overcome if the document identified below is included in the approved plans and documents condition on the decision notice:

Etive Ecology, April 2023. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal

Please note, without the inclusion of this document we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Sites

From the information provided, we consider that the proposal may affect the following protected sites;

- The Dee Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- The Dee Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA)
- · The Dee Estuary Ramsar

We and have identified pollution as a potential impact pathway to features of the site. However, we are satisfied that impacts will be avoided through implementing standard pollution prevention measures.

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg a'r Saesneg Correspondence welcomed in Welsh and English We note that a Conctruction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is to accompany the application when submitted to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). We welcome this approach.

The CEMP should demonstrate that only clean uncontaminated water to be discharged to surface water drains, as well incorporating any pollution risks and associated mitigation measures needed.

Any substance such as chemicals, fuels, oils to be stored securely within secondary containment at least 10 metres away from any drain/ditch/watercourse.

We would also welcome clarification surrounding the source of the water required to operate this facility. Water abstraction may require a permit, on which our Permitting Team will be able to advise the applicant.

As the competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), it is for the Local Authority to carry out the test of Likely Significant Effects for the proposed development. Should the LPA conclude that the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, an appropriate assessment must be made of the implications of the project for that site in view of its conservation objectives. The LPA must for the purposes of the assessment consult NRW and have regard to any representations we make within such reasonable time as they specify.

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

NRW consider the proposals have the potential to impact upon the Dee Estuary SSSI. Providing the impact pathways referenced above for the SAC are adequately addressed, NRW consider the features of the SSSI will also be adequately safeguarded

Protected Species

We note that the ecological report submitted in support of the above application (Etive Ecology, April 2023. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal).

Great Crested Newt (GCN)

The report states that the development poses a low risk of harm and disturbance to GCN during the construction phase, and advises that mitigation is required. We concur with the assessment and recommendations of the report with regards to GCN.

We consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Furthermore, we advise that the proposed development is not likely to harm or disturb the GCN or their breeding sites and resting places at this site, provided the avoidance measures described in the report are implemented.

www.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk www.cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk We would advise the LPA to include the report in the 'approved list of plans / documents' condition within the decision notice should consent for the project be granted.

Bats

The report describes the siite as having low bat roost potential, however does state that there will be some loss of foraging / commuting areas for bats, as well as some disturbance during construction. Furthermore, the report advises that mitigation is required. We concur with the assessment and recommendations within the report.

As this is a lower risk case for bats, we consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Furthermore, we advise that the proposed development is not likely to harm or disturb the bats or their breeding sites and resting places at this site, provided the avoidance measures described in the bat report are implemented.

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Industry and Waste Regulation

Hydrogen Production

All forms of commercial hydrogen production require an installations permit under The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, Schedule 1, Part 2, Chapter 4, Section 4.2, Par A(1)(a)(i). The operator is required to apply for and be successfully granted an Environmental Permitting Regulations installation permit before the hydrogen production process can begin at the site.

Two variants of such a permit exist. If the requirements listed in the following link https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/installations/apply-for-a-permit-to-produce-hydrogen-by-electrolysis/?lang=en cannot be adhered to then the operator is required to apply for a bespoke installation permit.

Hydrogen Storage

Hydrogen is a named dangerous substance under The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015. The tables contained in this legislation contain the quantities of substances that will trigger the requirements to notify as a lower tier (5 tonnes of hydrogen) or upper tier (50 tonnes of hydrogen) COMAH site.

Within a reasonable period of time prior to the start of construction of a new establishment the operator must send to the competent authority a notification. Information regarding notification can be found in this link

www.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk www.cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

https://www.hse.gov.uk/comah/notification/index.htm#requirements

Foul Drainage

Before deciding a planning application, the LPA needs to be satisfied the foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development are suitable. We recommend you provide details regarding foul drainage arrangements with any planning application.

We refer you to WG Circular 008/2018 on private drainage, and specifically paragraphs 2.3-2.5, which stress the first presumption must be to provide a system of foul drainage discharging into a public sewer.

Other Matters

Please note, if further information is prepared to support an application, it may be necessary for us to change our advice in line with the new information.

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics (September 2018), which is published on our <u>website</u>. We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

In addition to planning permission, you are advised to ensure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to the development are secured. Please refer to our website for further details.

Further advice on the above matters could be provided prior to your planning application being submitted, however there would be a charge for this service. Additional details are available on our website.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

Garmon Lewis

Cynghorydd - Cynllunio Datblygu / Advisor - Development Planning Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales





Date 26th of April 2023

This email has been electronically sent

To whom it may concern.

RE: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project, Flint

We invite comment from the Coal authority as you have been listed as a specialist consultee under The Town and County Planning (Wales) Order 2016 for a new proposed development Coleshill Green Hydrogen project, situated at Kimberly Clark Coleshill.

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Hard copies of the documents are available on request.

Comments or representations about the proposal should be made in writing, to the contact details below within the consultation period which ends on 24/05/2023

In the meantime, if you have any questions on the project, or would like further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Buchanan Development Project Manager E iain.buchanan@res-group.com T +44 07570 230727

SCHEDULE 1C

Article 2D

CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 2D

(to be served on specialist consultees, as defined by article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

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I give notice that (b) HYRO Energy Limited
is intending to apply for planning permission to (c): Construct a Green Hydrogen Electrolyser (GHE) production and storage facility.
A copy of the proposed application; plans; and other supporting documents are attached/can be viewed online at (d) www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk
In accordance with the requirements of article 2E of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012, a consultation response must be sent to (e) by (f).
Signed:in Buchanan
Date: 24/4/2023

(e). Iain Buchanan – <u>Iain.Buchanan@res-group.com</u>

(f). 24/5/2023

ATODLEN 1C

Erthygl 2D

YMGYNGHORI CYN GWNEUD CAIS AM GANIATÂD CYNLLUNIO

Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Gweithdrefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012

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Datblygiad arfaethedig yn (a) Kimberly Clark, Coleshill Mill, Aber Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5EX

(f). 24/5/2023





26th April 2023



RE: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project, Flint

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The following information for the proposed Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project is now available on the project website at www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk. Hard copies of the documents are available on request.

- Planning, Design and Access Statement
- Air Quality & Dust Risk Assessment
- Arboriculture Impact Assessment & Tree Impact Plan
- Coal Mining Assessment

Pre-application notices

SCHEDULE 1B

Articles 2C & 2D

PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

PUBLICITY AND CONSULTATION BEFORE APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLES 2C AND 2D

(to be served on owners and/or occupiers of adjoining land and community consultees; and displayed by site notice on or near the location of the proposed development)

Purpose of this notice: this notice provides the opportunity to comment directly to the developer on a proposed development prior to the submission of a planning application to the local planning authority ("LPA"). Any subsequent planning application will be publicised by the relevant LPA; any comments provided in response to this notice will not prejudice your ability to make representations to the LPA on any related planning application. You should note that any comments submitted may be placed on the public file.

Proposed development at (a) Kimberly Clark Coleshill site, Aber Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5EX
I give notice that (b) HYRO Energy Limited Construct a Green Hydrogen Electrolyser
is intending to apply for planning permission to (c): (GHE) production and storage facility.
You may inspect copies of:
- the proposed application;
- the plans; and
- other supporting documents
online at (d) www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk and computer facilities are available to view this information online at (e) Flint library, Church St, CH6 5AP between the hours of (f) Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm
(or)
You may view this information at (g) between the hours of (h)
Anyone who wishes to make representations about this proposed development must write to the applicant/agent at (i) or (j)
by (k) .24 th May 2023 (i). lain Buchanan – <u>lain.Buchanan@res-group.com</u>
Signed: Jain Buchanan (j). Third Floor STV, Pacific Quay, Glasgow G51
Date: 24 th April 2023

Hysbysiadau cyn-ymgeisio

ATODLEN 1B

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Datblygiad Arfaethedig yn (a) Kimberly Clark, Coleshill Mill, Aber Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5EX

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- Cultural Heritage Desktop Survey
- Flood Risk Screening and Drainage Management Plan
- Noise Assessment & Noise Survey Data
- Preliminary Ecology Assessment
- Transport Statement & Swept Path Analysis
- Location Plan
- Infrastructure Layout Plan
- Utility Connections Drawing
- Plant and Equipment Drawings

Please find enclosed the notice under Schedule 1B, formally requesting a pre-application consultation response. If you wish to make any comments or representations about the proposal, please do so in writing to me within the consultation period which ends on Wednesday 24th May 2023.

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Yours sincerely,

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2nd May 2023

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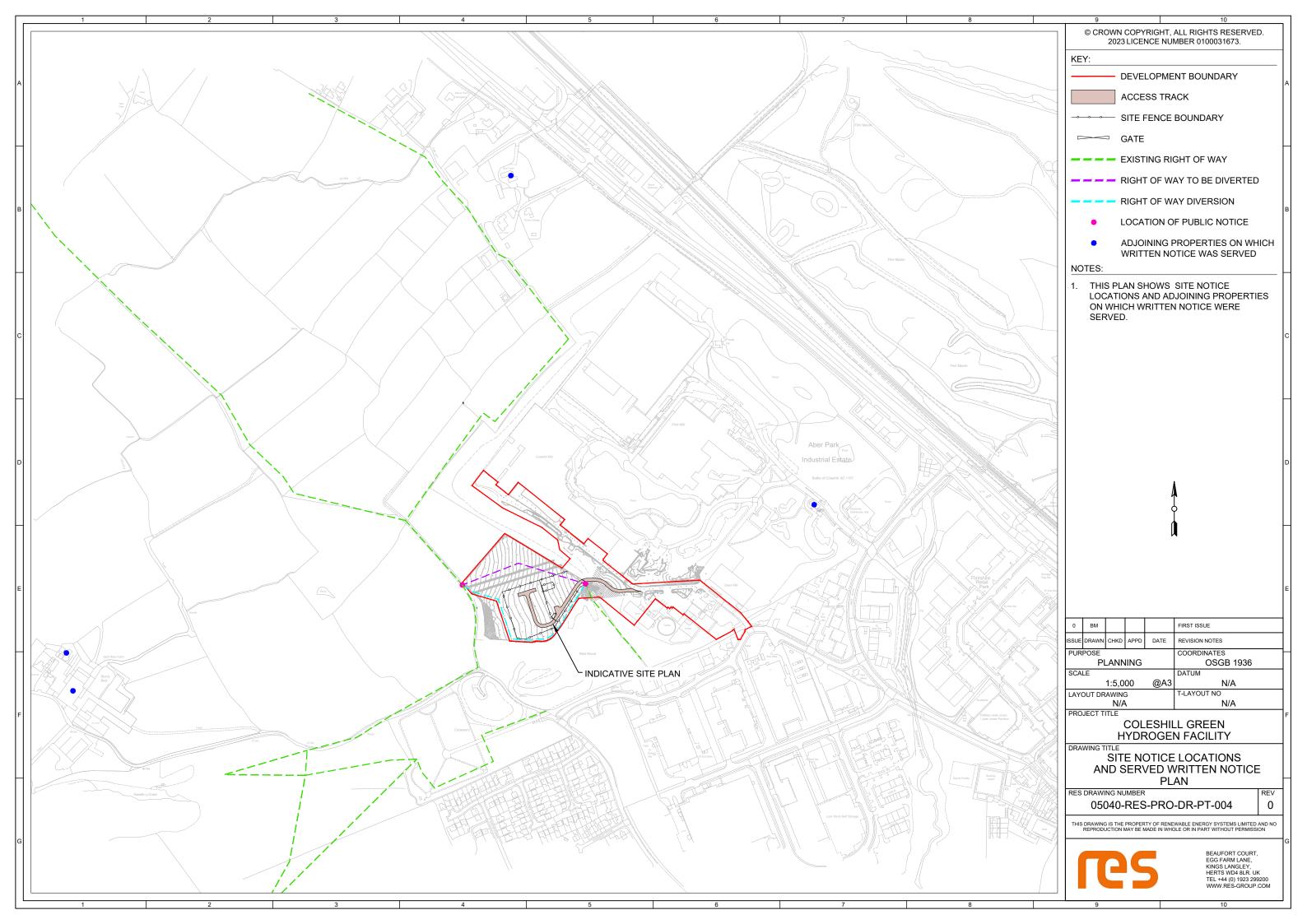
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Mae copi o'r cais arfaethedig; planiau; a dogfennau ategol eraill wedi eu hatodi/ar gael i'w harchwilio ar lein yn (d) www.coleshill-greenhydrogen.co.uk

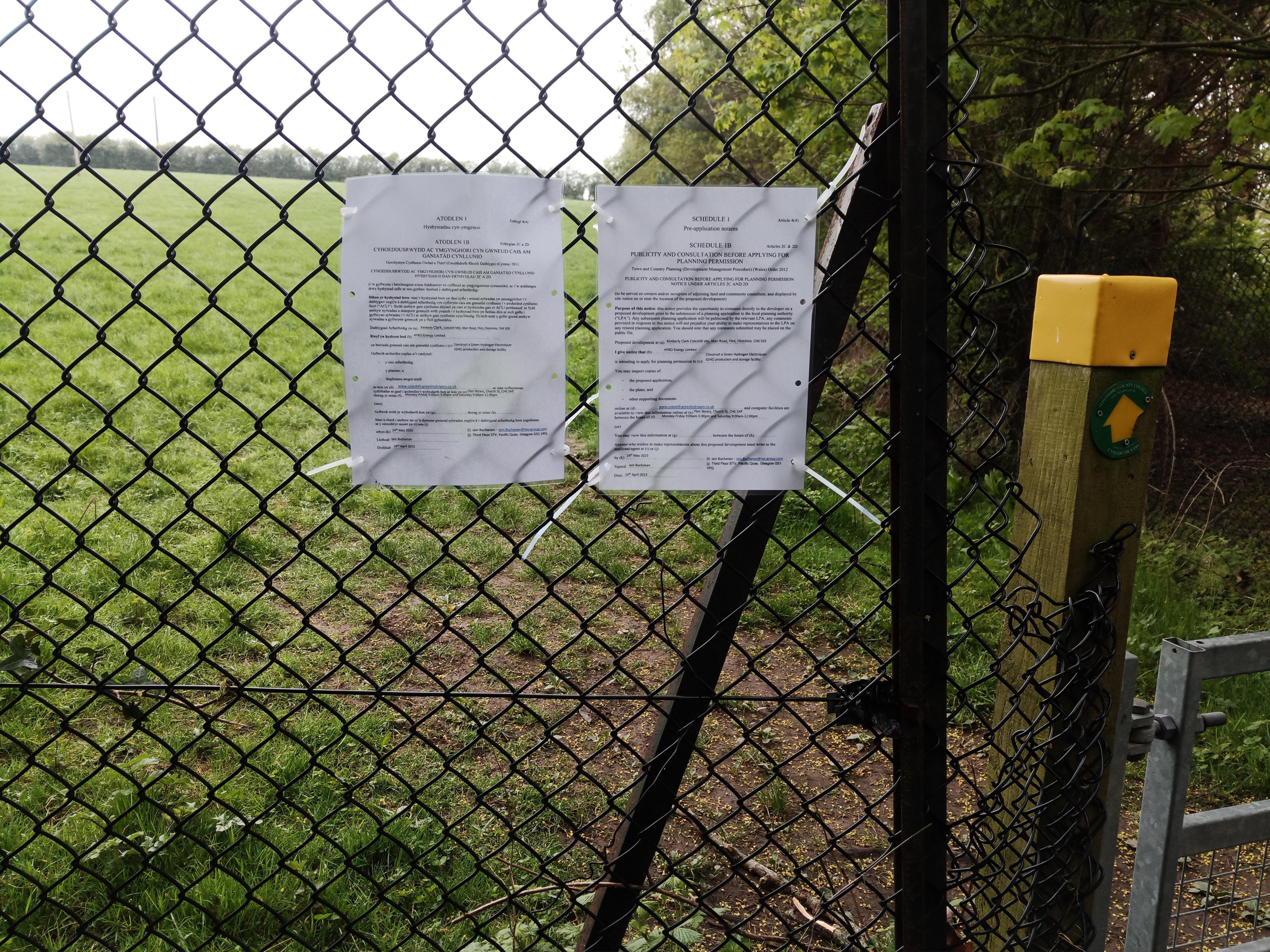
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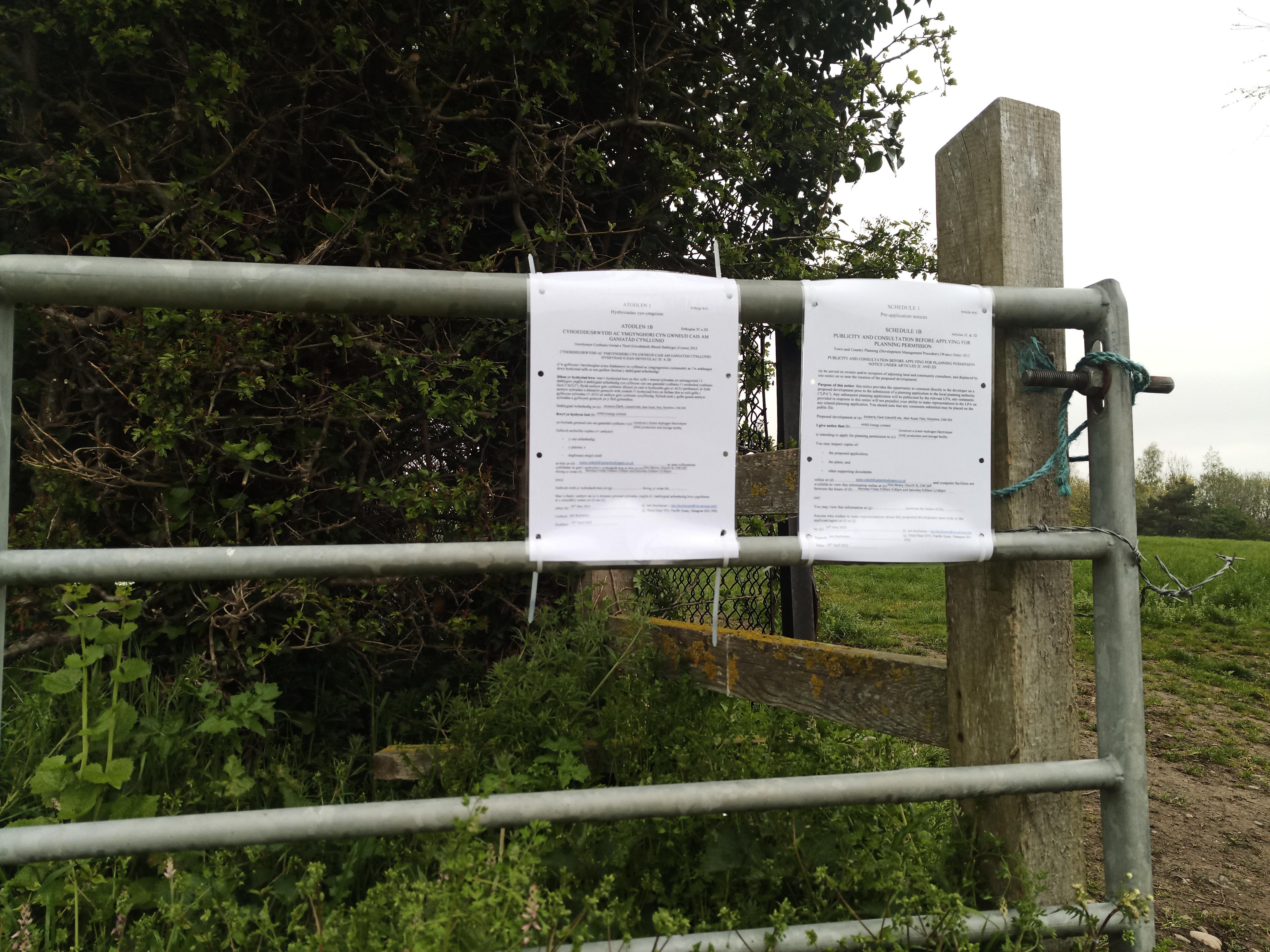
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(f). 24/5/2023









Date 26th of April 2023

Dear ,

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Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project



Next steps

If you wish to make any comments or representations about the proposal, please do so in writing via the contact details on this

The closing date for comments is Wednesday 24th May 2023.

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Pre-application consultation

The below documents are part of a Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) which allows specific statutory consultees and members of the public alike, to view details of the proposals, ask questions and provide comments. Following the PAC, HYRO will examine any comments and take these into consideration before submission of the final planning application.

A copy of the draft planning application documents can be viewed or downloaded by clicking on the links below.

- Planning, Design and Access Statement
 Air Quality & Dust Risk Assessment
 Air Duality & Dust Risk Assessment
 Arboriculture Impact Assessment
 Tree Impact Assessment
 Coal Mining Assessment
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 Flood Risk Streening and Drainage Management Plan
 Noise Assessment
 Noise Survey Data
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CCE Harmonic Filter
Hydrogen Electrolyser
Hydrogen Facility Substation Building
Hydrogen Storage Tank
Instrumentation Air Unit
Low Pressure Buffer_20th Container
Low Pressure Buffer_40th Container
Meter Cabinet
Nitrogen Storage Tank
Odourisation System
Office and Spares Container
Pre-Insertion Resistor
Pressure Let Down System and Safety Valve
Typical Lighting and CCTV Column
Typical Security Fence Details
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For the Attention of: Mr I Buchanan Flintshire County Council

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16 May 2023

Dear Mr Buchanan

PLANNING APPLICATION: PRE-APPLICATION Coleshill Green Hydrogen Project

Construct a Green Hydrogen Electrolyser (GHE) production and storage facility; Kimberly Clark Coleshill Mill, Aber Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5EP

Thank you for your notification of 26 April 2023 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on the above pre-application enquiry.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. As a statutory consultee, The Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.

I have checked the location plan and I can confirm that the site falls outside the defined Development High Risk Area, though it is noted that there are two mine entries (shafts) close to the site boundary. However, even when considering their potential departure from the recorded position, as well as their zones of influence, these coal mining features remain outside the application site boundary.

Accordingly, the Coal Authority would not expect that a Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report to be included in any formal planning application documentation. That said, it is acknowledged that one has been provided as part of this pre-application submission (dated April 2023, prepared by Geoinvestigate). The report concludes that, 'In summary this CMRA has indicated that the proposed development is safe with regard to coal mining legacy issues and no further investigation is likely necessary'.

Based on all of the above, in the event a formal planning application is made for the development proposed as identified in the pre-application documentation, the Coal Authority would raise no objection.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

Ashley Langrick

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Disclaimer

The above consultation response is provided by The Coal Authority as a Statutory Consultee and is based upon the latest available data on the date of the response, and electronic consultation records held by The Coal Authority since 1 April 2013. The comments made are also based upon only the information provided to The Coal Authority by the Local Planning Authority and/or has been published on the Council's website for consultation purposes in relation to this specific planning application. The views and conclusions contained in this response may be subject to review and amendment by The Coal Authority if additional or new data/information (such as a revised Coal Mining Risk Assessment) is provided by the Local Planning Authority or the Applicant for consultation purposes.

From:

Sent: 11 May 2023 09:51
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Dear Iain / Craig

Thank you for your consultation.

Advice

Scheduled Monuments:

FL003 Flint Castle
FL06 Bryn Castell Castle Mound
FL062 Hen Blas Castle Site
FL064 Bryn y Cwm Mound & Bailey Castle
FL081 Wat's Dyke: Section in Fron Tydyr
FL131 Pentre Bridge Roman Site
FL179 Hafod Wood Moated Site

FL213 Croes Atti Roman Site Registered Parks and Gardens:

PGW(C)68(FLT) Halkyn Castle

The above designated historic assets are located inside 3km of the proposed development, but intervening topography, buildings and vegetation block all views between them. Consequently, the proposed development will have no impact on the settings of these designated historic assets.

Cadw therefore has no comments.

Kind regards

Nichola

& Caow Nichola Smith

Rheolwr Gwaith Achos/ Casework Manager, Cadw Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

Caðw -- er Hes pawb. For us all, to keep.

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From: Craig Allison < craig.allison@res-group.com>
Sent: 26 April 2023 16:56

To: Cadw Planning < CadwPlanning@gov.wales>
Cc: lain Buchanan < iain.buchanan@res-group.com>

Subject: Coleshill Green Hydrogen Pre-Application Consultation Specialist consultee

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the relevant information about a new proposed development for which Welsh Ministers have been listed as a specialist consultee.

Kind regards,

Craig

Craig Allison

Assistant Development Project Manager - Green Hydrogen

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23/05/2023

Annwyl Syr/Madam / Dear Sir/Madam,

STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION - TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012 AS AMENDED.

BWRIAD / PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCT A GREEN HYDROGEN ELECTROLYSER (GHE) PRODUCTION AND STORAGE FACILITY

LLEOLIAD / LOCATION: KIMBERLY CLARK, COLESHILL MILL, ABER ROAD, FLINT, FLINTSHIRE, CH6 5EP

Thank you for providing a requisite notice to us under Article 2D of the above Order. We received a copy of your proposed application on 26/04/2023.

We have concerns with the application as submitted. However, we are satisfied that these concerns can be overcome if the document identified below is included in the approved plans and documents condition on the decision notice:

• Etive Ecology, April 2023. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal

Please note, without the inclusion of this document we would object to this planning application. Further details are provided below.

Protected Sites

From the information provided, we consider that the proposal may affect the following protected sites;

- The Dee Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- The Dee Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA)
- The Dee Estuary Ramsar

We and have identified pollution as a potential impact pathway to features of the site. However, we are satisfied that impacts will be avoided through implementing standard pollution prevention measures.

We note that a Conctruction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is to accompany the application when submitted to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). We welcome this approach.

The CEMP should demonstrate that only clean uncontaminated water to be discharged to surface water drains, as well incorporating any pollution risks and associated mitigation measures needed.

Any substance such as chemicals, fuels, oils to be stored securely within secondary containment at least 10 metres away from any drain/ditch/watercourse.

We would also welcome clarification surrounding the source of the water required to operate this facility. Water abstraction may require a permit, on which our Permitting Team will be able to advise the applicant.

As the competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), it is for the Local Authority to carry out the test of Likely Significant Effects for the proposed development. Should the LPA conclude that the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on a SAC/SPA/Ramsar site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects, an appropriate assessment must be made of the implications of the project for that site in view of its conservation objectives. The LPA must for the purposes of the assessment consult NRW and have regard to any representations we make within such reasonable time as they specify.

Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

NRW consider the proposals have the potential to impact upon the Dee Estuary SSSI. Providing the impact pathways referenced above for the SAC are adequately addressed, NRW consider the features of the SSSI will also be adequately safeguarded

Protected Species

We note that the ecological report submitted in support of the above application (Etive Ecology, April 2023. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal).

Great Crested Newt (GCN)

The report states that the development poses a low risk of harm and disturbance to GCN during the construction phase, and advises that mitigation is required. We concur with the assessment and recommendations of the report with regards to GCN.

We consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Furthermore, we advise that the proposed development is not likely to harm or disturb the GCN or their breeding sites and resting places at this site, provided the avoidance measures described in the report are implemented.

We would advise the LPA to include the report in the 'approved list of plans / documents' condition within the decision notice should consent for the project be granted.

Bats

The report describes the siite as having low bat roost potential, however does state that there will be some loss of foraging / commuting areas for bats, as well as some disturbance during construction. Furthermore, the report advises that mitigation is required. We concur with the assessment and recommendations within the report.

As this is a lower risk case for bats, we consider that the development is not likely to be detrimental to the maintenance of the population of the species concerned at a favourable conservation status in its natural range.

Furthermore, we advise that the proposed development is not likely to harm or disturb the bats or their breeding sites and resting places at this site, provided the avoidance measures described in the bat report are implemented.

We would advise the LPA to include the report in the 'approved list of plans / documents' condition within the decision notice should consent for the project be granted.

Industry and Waste Regulation

Hydrogen Production

All forms of commercial hydrogen production require an installations permit under The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, Schedule 1, Part 2, Chapter 4, Section 4.2, Par A(1)(a)(i). The operator is required to apply for and be successfully granted an Environmental Permitting Regulations installation permit before the hydrogen production process can begin at the site.

Two variants of such a permit exist. If the requirements listed in the following link https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/installations/apply-for-a-permit-to-produce-hydrogen-by-electrolysis/?lang=en cannot be adhered to then the operator is required to apply for a bespoke installation permit.

Hydrogen Storage

Hydrogen is a named dangerous substance under The Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015. The tables contained in this legislation contain the quantities of substances that will trigger the requirements to notify as a lower tier (5 tonnes of hydrogen) or upper tier (50 tonnes of hydrogen) COMAH site.

Within a reasonable period of time prior to the start of construction of a new establishment the operator must send to the competent authority a notification. Information regarding notification can be found in this link

https://www.hse.gov.uk/comah/notification/index.htm#requirements

Foul Drainage

Before deciding a planning application, the LPA needs to be satisfied the foul drainage arrangements for the proposed development are suitable. We recommend you provide details regarding foul drainage arrangements with any planning application.

We refer you to WG Circular 008/2018 on private drainage, and specifically paragraphs 2.3-2.5, which stress the first presumption must be to provide a system of foul drainage discharging into a public sewer.

Other Matters

Please note, if further information is prepared to support an application, it may be necessary for us to change our advice in line with the new information.

Our comments above only relate specifically to matters included on our checklist, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018), which is published on our <u>website</u>. We have not considered potential effects on other matters and do not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests.

In addition to planning permission, you are advised to ensure all other permits/consents/licences relevant to the development are secured. Please refer to our website for further details.

Further advice on the above matters could be provided prior to your planning application being submitted, however there would be a charge for this service. Additional details are available on our website.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully

Garmon Lewis

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