

Community Benefits Strategy



Our aim

We recognise that delivering benefits for the local community is an important part of the Wylfa Newydd Project and we know that there's a lot of interest in understanding how they will be delivered.

We are working closely with the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) to develop our strategy. We have agreed the key principles of this work with the Council and a 'common approach' document is being developed which will provide more details about how we will do this.

Categories of community benefits

IACC and Horizon have agreed that there will be three main categories of community benefits:

- **Inherent benefits** are benefits that the Wylfa Newydd Project will deliver without any additional payments or contributions from Horizon. Examples include the creation of new jobs, training and apprenticeships, the proposed A5025 off-line highway improvements and the involvement of new and existing businesses in our supply chain
- **Planning benefits** are the benefits directly linked to the planning permission process. Commonly referred to

as 'section 106' benefits, under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, these are usually agreed to reduce the impact of the project on the local community. We will also look at providing legacy benefits as part of the planning benefits and this might include new and modernised housing stock, skills and training, and transport improvements. Our planning benefits will be directly linked to the findings of our environmental, Welsh language and health impact assessment work which will continue through to our application for a development consent order

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- **Voluntary benefits** are benefits that arise from voluntary contributions of funds, time or resources by Horizon to the local community. IACC identifies this type of benefit as a Community Benefit Contribution (CBC) and has a strategy in place about the provision and management of CBCs for large scale development on Anglesey. There is no legal requirement on a developer to provide voluntary benefits and they cannot be taken into account when determining an application for planning consent

We already have a Charitable Donations and Community Support Scheme in place that provides grants to local projects. We will continue to review the mechanism and scope of voluntary community benefits. Recent examples of successful applicants include:

- **Cemaes Heritage Centre** – providing equipment for the newly renovated building
- **Ysgol Parc Y Bont** – to develop a wildlife garden as an outdoor teaching resource
- **Môn FM** – to purchase new equipment for the community radio station
- **Cylch Meithrin Amlwch** – funding equipment in the Welsh language nursery



Key principles

IACC and Horizon agree that all community benefits must meet two fundamental criteria:

- **Planning law & guidance** – The decision making process surrounding the Wylfa Newydd planning consents (Development Consent Order (DCO) and planning permissions for Associated Development) must comply with planning law, policy and guidance
- **Governance** – In all matters relating to community benefits, appropriate governance must be put in place by IACC and Horizon to ensure that transparent and impartial decision making is maintained

In addition, the following key principles have also been agreed by IACC and Horizon:

- Community benefits can support the sustainability, quality of life and wellbeing of the Island and its communities
- Community benefits can be delivered through both statutory and voluntary mechanisms. Wylfa Newydd Project benefits could be delivered through both planning benefits and voluntary processes
- The whole of the Island is recognised as the Wylfa Newydd Project's host community; however, the distribution of community benefits should also reflect potential localised impacts, for example, the nearest neighbours to the Power Station Site and communities hosting Associated Developments

- Voluntary community benefits would be an effective mechanism to respond to the socio-economic needs of both the Island as a whole and needs that have been identified in local communities
- Voluntary community benefits should recognise the scale of the Wylfa Newydd Project, including the inherent and statutory benefits flowing from it
- Community benefits require clear and robust governance that recognises the difference between statutory and voluntary. Both IACC and Horizon will maintain a transparent, flexible and equitable approach to community benefits
- The administration and delivery of voluntary community benefits will require the establishment of a special purpose and independent fund holding body, with representation from both IACC and Horizon
- The delivery of community benefits can help achieve Horizon's corporate sustainability objectives
- All community benefit activities will be monitored and reported upon
- Some community benefits may only come to fruition once a final investment decision is made for the Power Station, or once the Wylfa Newydd Generating Station becomes operational

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