



# Public Access and Recreation Strategy



## Purpose

We know that the construction and operation of the Wylfa Newydd Power Station will affect the existing footpaths and cycle routes in the local area but we want to make sure

that access to places of interest is maintained. This strategy sets out how we will ensure we provide an attractive network of recreational routes.

## Key principles

- We will keep existing footpath and cycle routes open for as long as we can during construction
- When it is necessary to close them, replacement routes will be provided with the aims of:
  - maintaining access between popular destinations
  - enhancing routes by improving surfacing and accessibility
  - providing new locations and improved facilities to allow users to stop and rest

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## Our approach

**As we developed our strategy, we asked a wide range of organisations for their views. These included Ramblers Cymru, Ynys Môn Ramblers, the Local Access Forum, Sustrans Cymru, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC).**

To begin with, we will focus on the network of recreational routes and public access in and around the Wylfa Newydd Development Area. As the locations for the Associated Development are confirmed, we plan to deliver improvements to public access and recreation in those areas too, reflecting the key principles above.

## Our ideas and future plans

- **A new network of footpaths and recreational routes around the Power Station Site** – similar in overall length to those that will be closed due to the construction activities
- **Wales Coast Path** – we are working with Magnox Limited, the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and relevant regulators to get agreement for the Wales Coast Path to follow the coastline as much as possible. The preferred position is:
  - in the short term, it will go along the Porth-y-pistyll foreshore and then, subject to the agreement of Magnox Limited and NDA, along the coast in front of the existing Power Station and round to Wylfa Head
  - once construction starts, the section at Porth-y-pistyll would need to be re-routed inland around the construction activities, in the interests of safety
  - once the Power Station is operational, and subject to the agreement of our regulators, we would reinstate the route along the Porth-y-pistyll coastline. This may require a bridge near the cooling water intake structures
- **Copper Trail** – the section that currently routes along Cemlyn Road would need to be closed to allow for construction activities. We plan to divert the trail along Nanner Road between Cemlyn Bay and the A5025, connecting to a new off-road link along the western side of the A5025, before crossing the main road and progressing to Llanfechell along rural routes, avoiding Tregele
- **Visitor Centre** – the preferred site for the Visitor Centre is on the west side of the A5025 close to the roundabout that will be provided as the junction for the new Power Station Access Road. This allows the recreational routes through the Wylfa Newydd Development Area to connect directly into the Visitor Centre site and the building would be ideally placed to provide facilities for recreational users, including cycle parking, rest rooms and picnic areas
- **Dual use routes** – we hope to increase the accessibility of routes in and around the Wylfa Newydd Development Area. This could include dual use footpaths and cycleways providing connections between the Visitor Centre and Wylfa Head, surfaced to enable use by pushchairs and wheelchairs
- **Investment at Wylfa Head** – to provide improvements to the recreational facilities at the headland, which could include the conversion of the existing coastguard lookout to create a bird and marine mammal hide, new picnic areas and benches and some cycle parking and information boards to help people appreciate the local environment
- **Improved connections** – particularly between the Wales Coast Path and Porth Wylfa, via cliff side paths
- **Network enhancements** – we plan to consider the overall permanent footpath and cycle network to identify the most appropriate locations to invest in as viewpoints, providing picnic areas, benches and information boards

Please let us know what you think about our plans – you can give us your feedback at this event or visit our website: [www.horizonnuclearpower.com/consultation](http://www.horizonnuclearpower.com/consultation)

