

# ANGLESEY & GWYNEDD JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2011 – 2026)

## EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC: Hearing Session 6 – Natural and Built Environment



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### Action Point S6/PG8 (ii) – Wylfa Head Local Nature Reserve

**Provide a short paper giving an update on the research work to establish the status of “Wylfa Head”**

#### Councils’ response

1 The Local Nature Reserve (“LNR”) as declared is shown in the constraints map of the current proposed Joint Local Development Plan (JLDP) as a designated site which requires to be afforded suitable protection. Horizon have objected to the inclusion of Wylfa Head LNR on that map as they consider that the site is no longer a LNR. They consider that given the sale of the site of the LNR to Horizon by Llanbadrig Community Council (“LCC”) and that the management agreement for the site is no longer in force the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC) is under a duty in terms of Section 19(3) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (“the Act”) to make a declaration that the land is no longer a LNR and the constraints map should reflect that the LNR status will not apply.

2 The IACC accepts that following the sale to Horizon and in the absence of any conditions on that sale providing otherwise the land is not currently being managed as a LNR and a section 19(3) declaration is required. While the land technically remains a LNR at this time, the Councils concede that it should not be included in the constraints map as this status is unsustainable. The process to make the further declaration requires to be undertaken by IACC and is outwith the JLDP process. The making of the further declaration requires a determination to make such a declaration by the IACC, the declaration is then executed and published. There is no set timescale for the undertaking of this process. In practice the timescale will be governed by the sittings of the relevant decision-making committee within IACC. This will be progressed separately by IACC

3 The Councils therefore agree to the deletion of this designation from the constraints map in the JLDP.

4 The IACC will be discussing the future status of this land with Horizon as part of its proposals. It has been a LNR for over 12 years and IACC and the local community are likely to seek restoration of this status in due course. Despite the change in status of the land it remains open space to which the public have had access for open air recreation. The location of the site on the coast, crossed by, and with easy access to a number of important paths and rights of way, together with the flora and fauna which made it valuable enough to be designated a local nature reserve, increases its value and sensitivity. The loss of this

open space and interference with public access and rights of way as well as biodiversity will require to be fully and appropriately addressed at an early stage in the forthcoming applications. In particular, the site preparation and clearance application will need to provide mitigation for this loss and advice of the developer's long term intentions for this area post construction to allow the impacts to be properly considered.