

# **Independent Examination of the Stroud Local Plan Review**

## **Response to Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions**

### **Matter 8 – Employment Provision**

**Submitted on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and  
Magnox**

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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The following statement responds to the questions raised of relevance to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and Magnox. The responses are below the stipulated 3,000 word limit.

## 2. Matter 8 – Employment Provision

### Question 8 Former Berkeley Power Station - Delivery Policy EI2a

**Is the policy sufficiently clear and effective?**

**Are the suggested wording modifications, to secure improvements to related infrastructure and provide clarity on the distinction between the de-licensed and licensed parts of the site, necessary for effectiveness of the policy?**

- 3.1 Previous representations were submitted to Stroud District Council during the Regulation 19 Consultation stage, in July 2021. This focused on a number of elements within the wording of Delivery Policy EI2a.
- 3.2 Firstly, it was appreciated that delivery Policy EI2a states that the Berkeley site will be retained for office, B2 and B8 employment uses and for employment related training and education purposes and for operations and uses associated with the decommissioning of the nuclear power station. Redevelopment for unrelated alternative uses will not be permitted. The Council subsequently noted their support for this comment.
- 3.3 It was also acknowledged that reference to operations and uses associated with decommissioning was now incorporated within the policy wording in accordance with our previous representations; although further clarity was sought within this policy regarding the differences between the de-licensed and licensed elements of the site.
- 3.4 In addition, the NDA and Magnox still considered that the Local Plan Review would benefit from contextualising the on-going decommissioning process on the licensed site; in addition to employment uses and employment related training and education uses within the de-licensed site – and the distinction between the two. This would ensure that the Local Plan Review fully accounts for the current operational and future development of the Berkeley site over the Plan period. This approach suggested for the licensed site is consistent with development plans adopted elsewhere in the UK.
- 3.5 The representations further stated that Policy EI2a should incorporate the following distinction:
  - The de-licensed site being acceptable for alternative uses, including employment (B1–B8) and related training and education; and
  - The licenced site being acceptable for operations and uses associated with decommissioning, waste management and land remediation on the Nuclear Licensed Site (NLS) in line with national strategies and policies and regulatory requirements.
- 3.6 The Council have since sought to accommodate the above amendments with the Council's comments highlighted in the "Summary of Regulation 20 Responses" document. It was noted that Paragraphs 5.25 and 5.26 include the suggested text put forward by Avison Young to clarify distinctions between the licensed and de-licensed sites.
- 3.7 The suggested wording modifications are important to provide clarity on the distinction between the de-licensed and licensed parts of the Site. This is to ensure that the de-licensed site remains acceptable for alternative uses, including employment (B1-B8) and related training and education, The



licensed site is acceptable for operations and uses associated with decommissioning, waste management and land remediation.

3.8 In light of the above, it is considered that the policy wording and supporting text is acceptable.

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