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Mrs Sylvia Kotting-Uhl MP  
Member of the German Parliament  
and Chairperson of the Committee  
on the Environment, Nature  
Conservation,  
Building and Nuclear Safety

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Dear Mrs Kotting-Uhl,

Thank you for your letter of 7 August 2018 to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy relating to the Wylfa Newydd new nuclear power station application. Currently, the application is in the pre-examination phase and is the responsibility of the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate examines applications for development consent for nationally significant infrastructure projects and makes recommendations to the relevant Secretary of State, who will make the decision as to whether or not to grant development consent in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

You have requested that the Planning Inspectorate's Advice note 8.2 and the online registration form are translated into the German language. Advice note 8.2 provides the basic advice about how to register to participate in the examination. The deadline to submit a relevant representation and become registered as an Interested Party for the application was 13 August 2018, and we note that you (along with other members of the public and non-government organisations in Germany) have successfully done so. The Planning Inspectorate does not prohibit relevant representations from being made in any other language including German.

The statutory timeframes in which to register as an Interested Party are set by the Applicant in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and its supporting regulations. There is no statutory basis to request Horizon Nuclear Power Limited (the Applicant) to extend the deadline. However, the regulations do make provisions for the appointed Examining Authority to accept written representations received during the examination from organisations and individuals who are not registered as an Interested Party. The Examining Authority may also invite any 'other persons' to participate in the examination who have not registered as an Interested Party. These decisions are made at the discretion of the Examining Authority. As the registration process to which Advice note 8.2 relates has now closed the Planning Inspectorate does not intend to translate the Advice note or the online registration form.

The Planning Inspectorate will continue to consider reasonable requests to translate documents in respect of the application made by affected EEA State(s) and/or other relevant state(s) including their public in accordance with Advice Note 12.

The British Embassies located in States that registered an interest in participating in the EIA transboundary consultation procedures issued a press notice on 6 July 2018. The notice explained how members of the public in those States could register as an Interested Party to the examination. The decision as to whether or not the press notice should be translated (and if / how it should be cascaded to the press) was left to the discretion of each Embassy on the basis that they are best placed to determine the level of public interest in the application in the States concerned. Accordingly, the British Embassy in Berlin chose to translate the press notice into German when it was published on their website precisely to assist in raising public awareness as intended by the conventions.

I trust the above addresses the points raised in your letter and welcome your participation in the forthcoming examination.

Yours sincerely

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