



**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 91, 92 & 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND RULE 13(6)
INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

**NOTICE OF AN OPEN FLOOR HEARING, ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS AND A COMPULSORY
ACQUISITION HEARING IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED HIRWAUN POWER (GAS FIRED
POWER STATION) ORDER**

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN 010059

1. Notice is hereby given that an open floor hearing, issue specific hearings, and an compulsory acquisition hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS")) for the examination of the application by Hirwaun Power Limited ("HPL") for a Development Consent Order for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new gas fired thermal generating station of up to 299MW and integral electrical and gas connections on land at the Hirwaun Industrial Estate, near Aberdare, South Wales in the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf (the "Project").
2. The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State (via PINS) on Friday 21st March 2014 and accepted for examination on Tuesday 15th April 2014. The reference number applied by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to the Application is EN010059.

3. Hearings

Open floor hearing

- a. The open floor hearing will be held on 22 September at Ty Newydd County Hotel, Penderyn Road, Hirwaun. Registration for the hearing will take place from 9:30am to 10am, and the hearing will start at 10am.

Issue specific hearings

- b. An issue specific hearing that will consider the draft Development Consent Order will be held on 23 September at Ty Newydd County Hotel, Penderyn Road, Hirwaun. Registration for the hearing will take place from 9:30am to 10am, and the hearing will start at 10am.
- c. An issue specific hearing that will consider environmental matters (including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)) will be held on 24 September at Ty Newydd County Hotel, Penderyn Road, Hirwaun. Registration for the hearing will take place from 1:30pm to 2pm, and the hearing will start at 2pm, with provision for continuation of this hearing on 25 September from 10am.

Compulsory acquisition hearing

- d. The compulsory acquisition hearing will be held on 24 September at Ty Newydd County Hotel, Penderyn Road, Hirwaun. Registration for the hearing will take place from 9:30am to 10am, and the hearing will start at 10am.
4. At the hearings, each interested party is entitled (subject to the Examining Authority's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the application. Interested parties include any person that has made a relevant representation to the

Examining Authority in accordance with Section 102(4) of the Planning Act 2008, as well as HPL, and various persons and bodies prescribed by statute.

5. In accordance with Rule 13(3)(a) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examining Procedure) Rules 2010 the Examining Authority will also notify interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for the hearing.
6. The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps are also available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/wales/hirwaun-power-station/>
7. Copies of the Application Documents and written representations have been made available by PINS and can be inspected free of charge at the following public locations:

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Sardis House Sardis Road Pontypridd CF37 1DU	Open: weekdays 8.30am – 5pm Closed Sat and Sun
Hirwaun Library High Street Hirwaun CF44 9SW	Open: Mon & Thur 9.30am-1pm & 2-5pm; Tue & Fri 9.30am-1pm & 2-6pm; Wed & Sat 9.30am-1pm; Closed Sun
Aberdare Library Green Street Aberdare CF44 7AG	Open: weekdays 9am-6pm; Sat 9am-1pm; Closed Sun
Treorchy Library Station Road Treorchy CF42 6NN	Open: Mon, Wed & Thur 9am – 6pm Tue 9am – 7pm Fri 9am – 5pm Sat 9am – 1pm Closed Sun
Glynneath Library Park Avenue Glynneath Neath SA11 5DW	Open: Mon 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 6.30pm Tue, Thur, Fri 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5.30pm Sat 10am – 1pm Closed Wed & Sun
Merthyr Tydfil Central Library High Street Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AF	Open weekdays: 8:30am to 6pm; Saturdays 8:30am to 2pm; Closed Sundays and bank holidays.