

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2017**

SCOPING OPINION

Name and address of the applicant

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DATE REGISTERED: 27 September 2019

APPLICATION NO: P2019/5455

LOCATION: Land At And Surrounding The Nant Helen Open Cast Coal Site,
Powys And Onllwyn Distribution Centre, Neath Port Talbot

PROPOSAL: Request for Scoping Opinion under Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 in respect of a proposed application for a rail testing and storage facility, known as the Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE), and incorporating:- a Rolling Stock and Infrastructure Testing Facility (consisting of two test tracks of loop configuration; one 4.5km, inside a larger loop of 6.9km in length); New buildings including Test Platform/Station, Control Building, Research and Development Centre; Rolling Stock Maintenance Shed, Decommissioning facility and Rail Sidings; Winch-propelled facility for testing of track and track systems; Carriage Wash facility; plus ancillary development including land reformation, landscaping, infrastructure works and access (affecting land within Neath Port Talbot and Powys County Council administrative boundaries).

THE NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY IN PURSUANCE OF ITS POWER UNDER THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACT AND REGULATIONS HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING SCOPING OPINION SUBJECT TO ANY COMMENTS BELOW:

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The Environmental Impact Assessment required to be submitted in respect of the above proposal should cover the matters referred to in Schedule 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017, together with addressing all those matters raised in the formal Scoping Report attached to and comprising part of this decision.

Signed: 

Nicola Pearce – Head of Planning & Public Protection

Date: 20 November 2019