

**RTPI – Wales Planning Conference 2011**

# **New Beginnings in Infrastructure Planning**

**Sir Michael Pitt**

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**Infrastructure Planning Commission**  
**The Planning Inspectorate**

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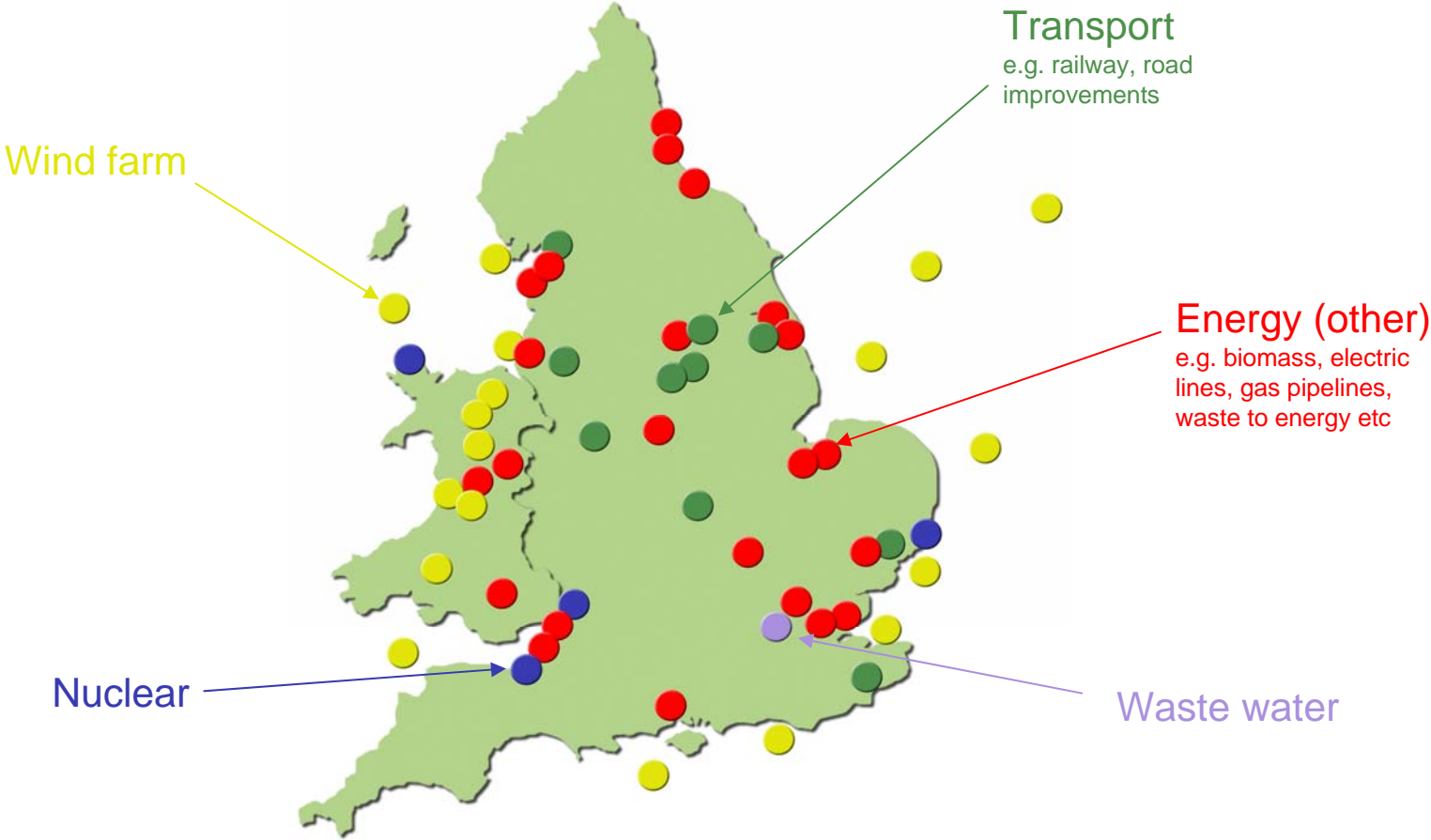
# Overriding objective

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To create a planning system for national infrastructure which has the support of all concerned.

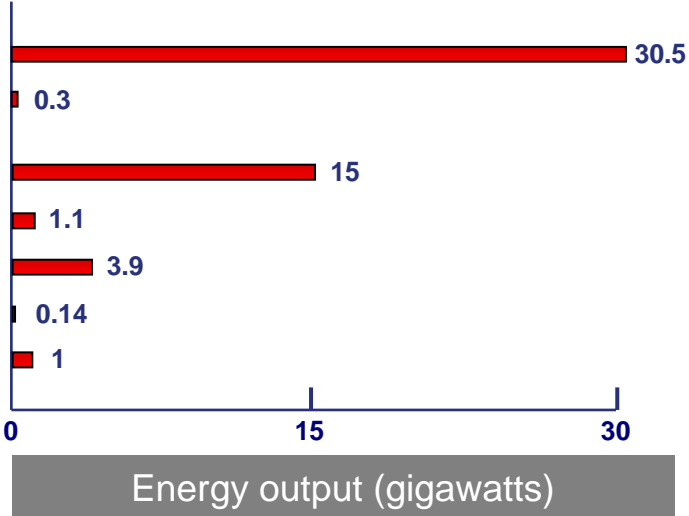
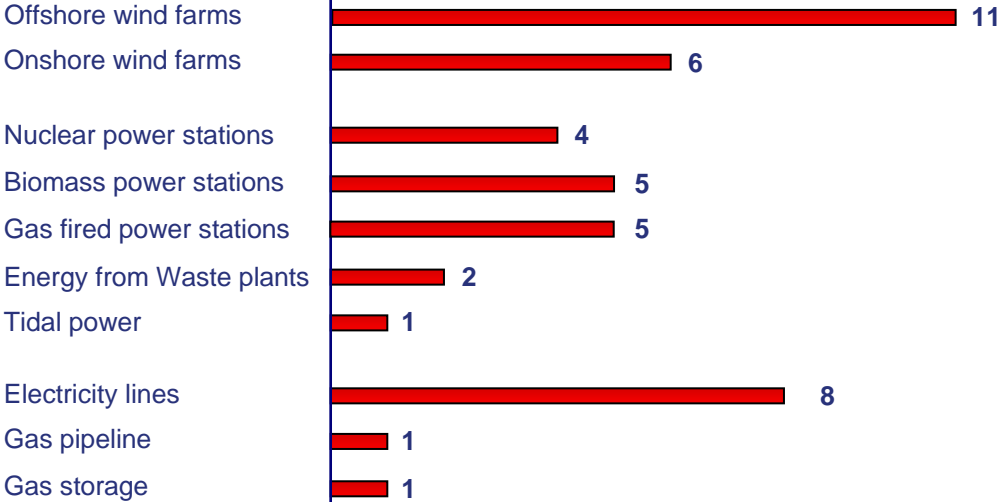


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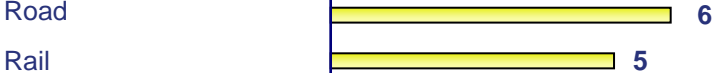


# The size of the challenge (2)

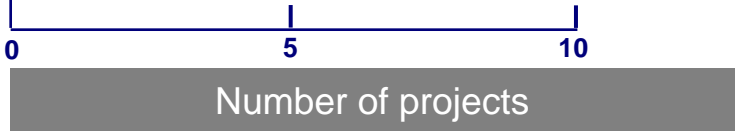
## Energy (44)



## Transport (11)



## Waste Water (1)



# The size of the challenge – Wales (3)

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## 1 Energy from Waste generating station

Brig y Cwm, Merthyr Tydfil

## 8 Wind farms

Mynydd y Gwynt

Dyfnant Forest

Nant y Moch

Atlantic Array Offshore

Brechfa Forest

Clocaenog

Bryn Llywelyn

Irish Sea Offshore

## 2 Electricity connectors

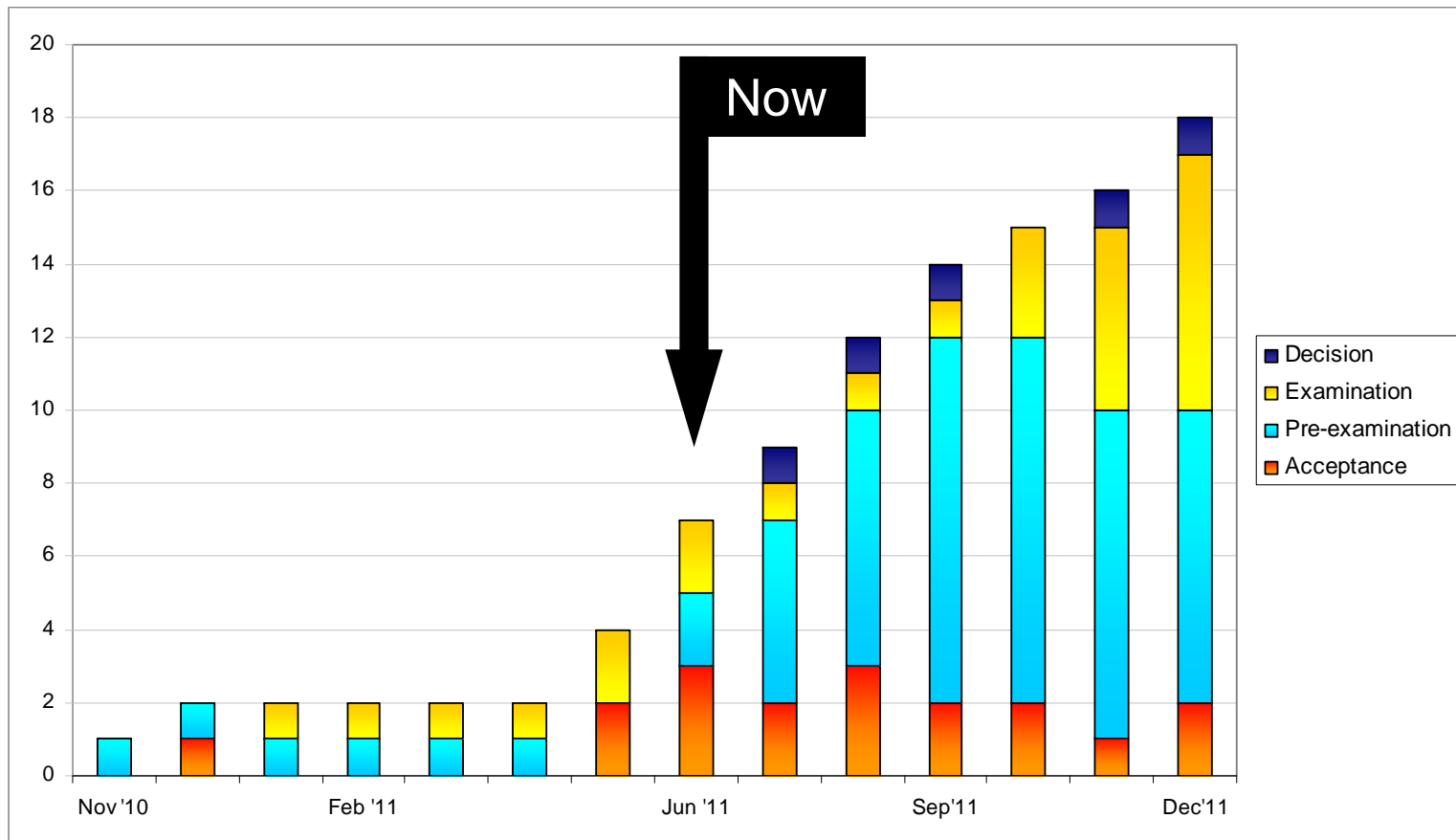
Mid Wales electricity connector

South Wales network upgrade

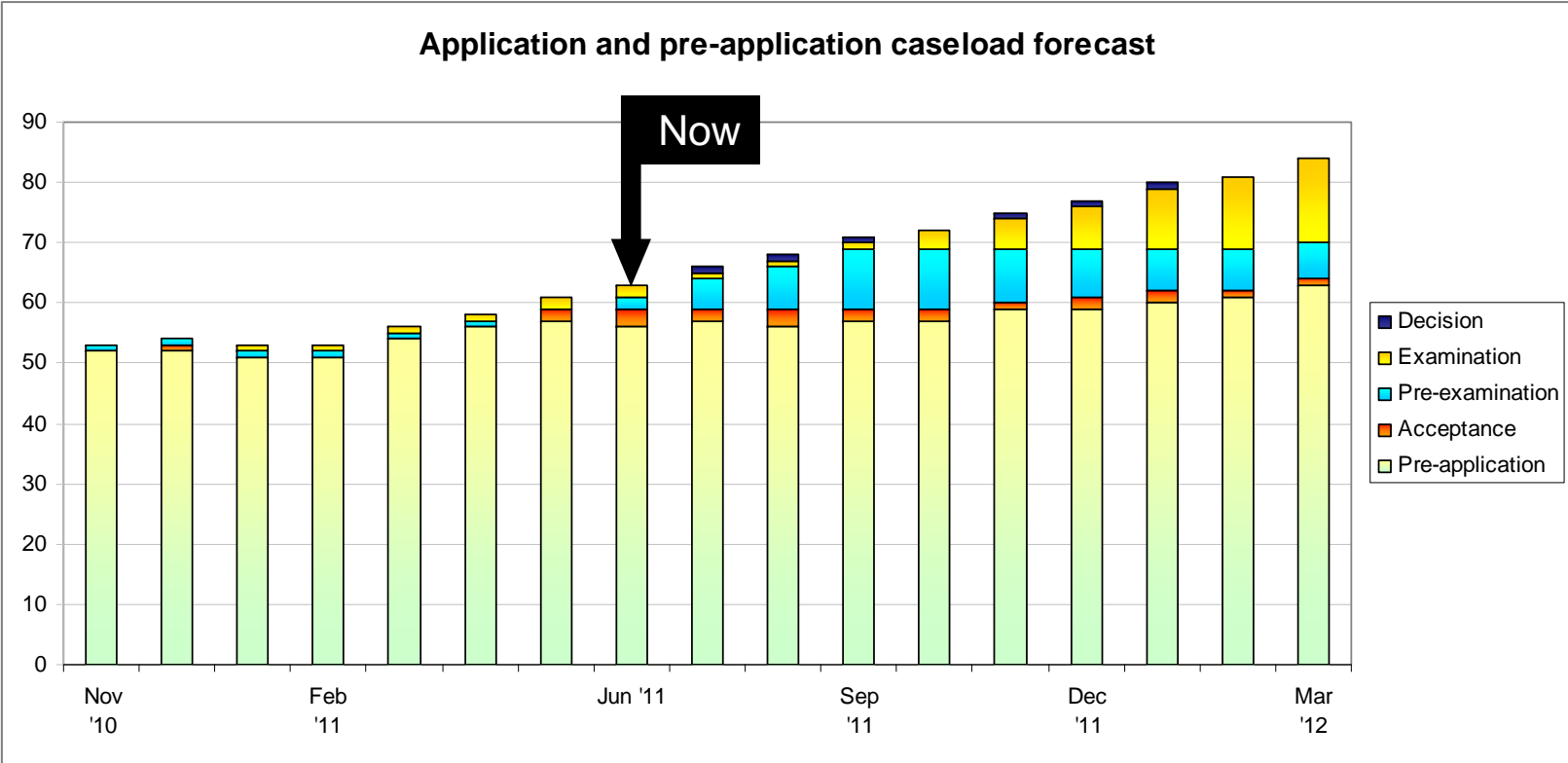
## 1 Nuclear power station

Wylfa

# Applications: Examination Caseload



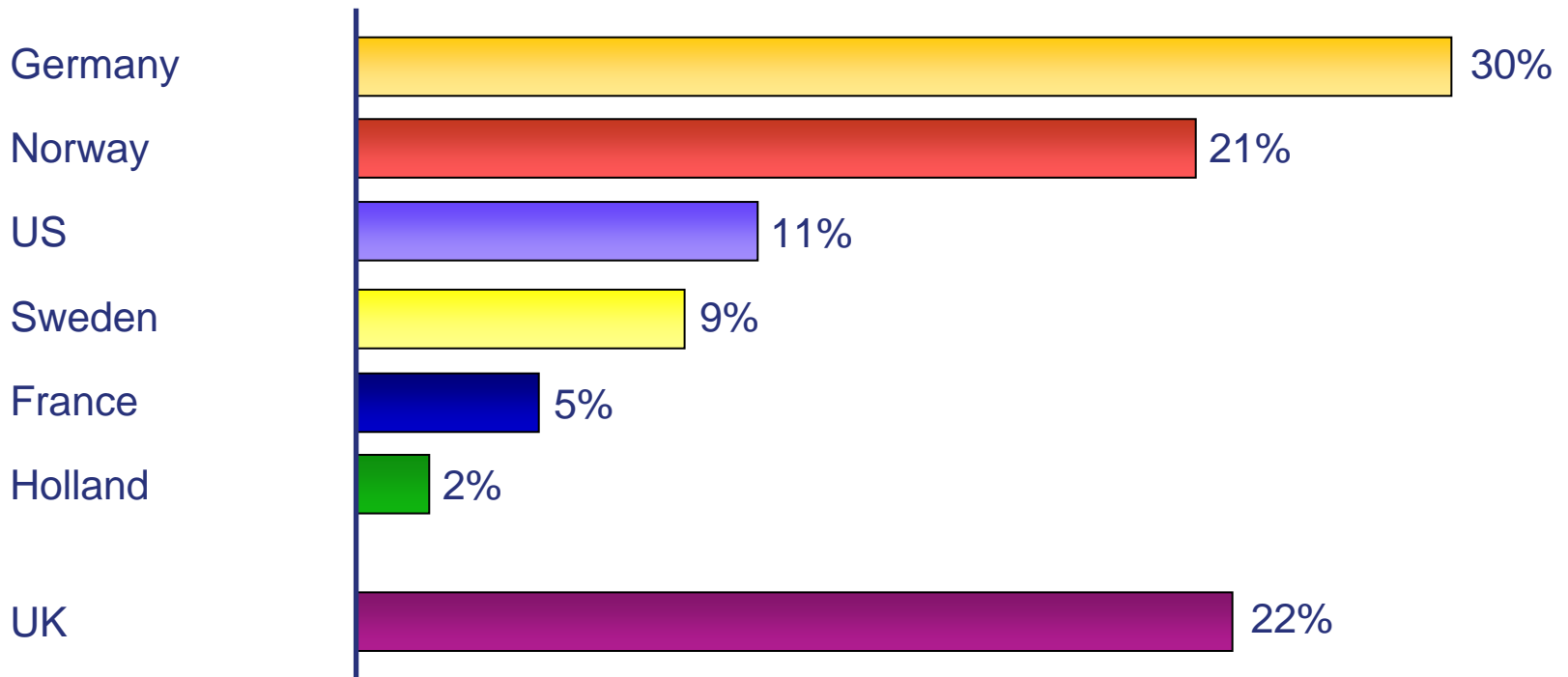
# Total Caseload



# Where is the money coming from?

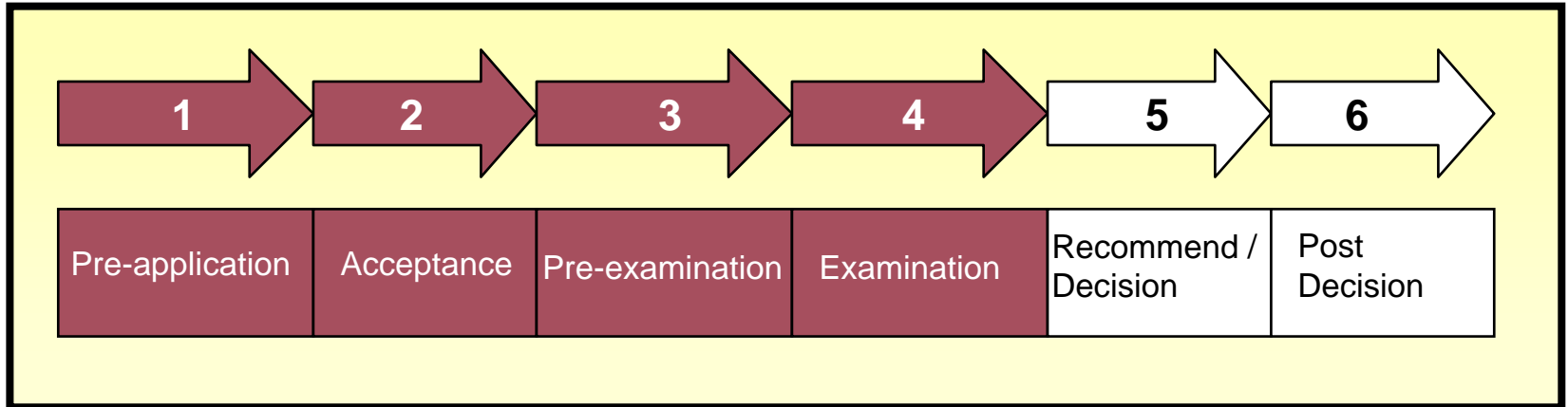
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**£150 billion**



# The Planning Act 2008

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# Five commitments

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1. Engagement
2. Openness
3. Consensus
4. Sustainability
5. Independent decisions



# The IPC in Wales – Statutory Position

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- Only **energy and ports** development are IPC matters in Wales, other infrastructure is devolved
- IPC has no powers to consent **associated development** in Wales
- Certain **deemed consents** cannot be included in the Development Consent Order without the agreement of the relevant Welsh authority



# Operating in Wales – Key Issues (1)

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- **Policy**

- Welsh Government policies are material considerations
- Designated NPSs are principal documents

- **Legitimacy**

- IPC fully committed to working across two nations
- Welsh Ministers nominate Welsh Commissioners
- Cardiff office to become first point of contact

# Operating in Wales – Key Issues (2)

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- **More complex consent regime**
  - Developers in Wales do not benefit from **single consent regime** to the same extent as in England
  - **Associated development** cannot be approved by IPC: will require strong LA-WAG-IPC communications
  - **IPC-WAG Memorandum of Understanding**

# Covanta Brig y Cwm, Energy from Waste Relevant representations

Over 10,000 representations

Almost 8,500 on paper

All published on website

**IPC Infrastructure Planning Commission**

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Identification No.:

PROJECT NAME: BRIG Y CWM ENERGY FROM WASTE  
FORMS **MUST** BE RECEIVED BY IPC BEFORE: 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011 \* required information

**RELEVANT REPRESENTATION - Application to register as an interested party**

The supporting advice note provides more detailed information about making a relevant representation and becoming an interested party. This document also sets out answers to some frequently asked questions. This form can be completed online at:  
<http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/brig-y-cwm>

PLEASE READ THROUGH THESE INTRODUCTORY NOTES PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS FORM.

A relevant representation is the first point at which comments on the application will be sent to and considered by the IPC. This initial representation, if made in the correct form, will register you (or the person/body you represent) as an interested party with the IPC for this application and as a result you will be kept informed of progress and opportunities to get involved. Your representation will also be used by the IPC to make an initial assessment of issues.

**PRIVACY NOTICE**  
The Planning Act 2008 requires us to publish on our website information relating to any application for development consent, including completed representation forms. The form is also held as a hard copy and will be available for any member of the public to view together with all other application documents. You should not include personal information about other people (or information which may indirectly identify other people) on this form unless they consent to the information being supplied.

We have put in place procedures to ensure we comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 when handling your personal information. This means that we will:

- only use the personal information you provide for the purposes of dealing with and considering the application for development consent
- only hold this information for as long as reasonably required and
- remove personal details, for example telephone numbers, addresses, email addresses and signatures before publication on our website (although these details will remain on our register as required by the Planning Act 2008).

If you would like further information about the use of personal information you are advised to contact the Information Commissioner's Office website at <http://www.ico.gov.uk>

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**1. About the representation**

\*Are you making this representation on behalf of yourself or another individual or organisation?  
In order to assist in handling your representation effectively we need to know whether you are making this representation on behalf of yourself or on behalf of another individual or organisation.

Myself **[SO TO I]**

Another individual **[SO TO TB]**

An organisation **[SO TO TC]**

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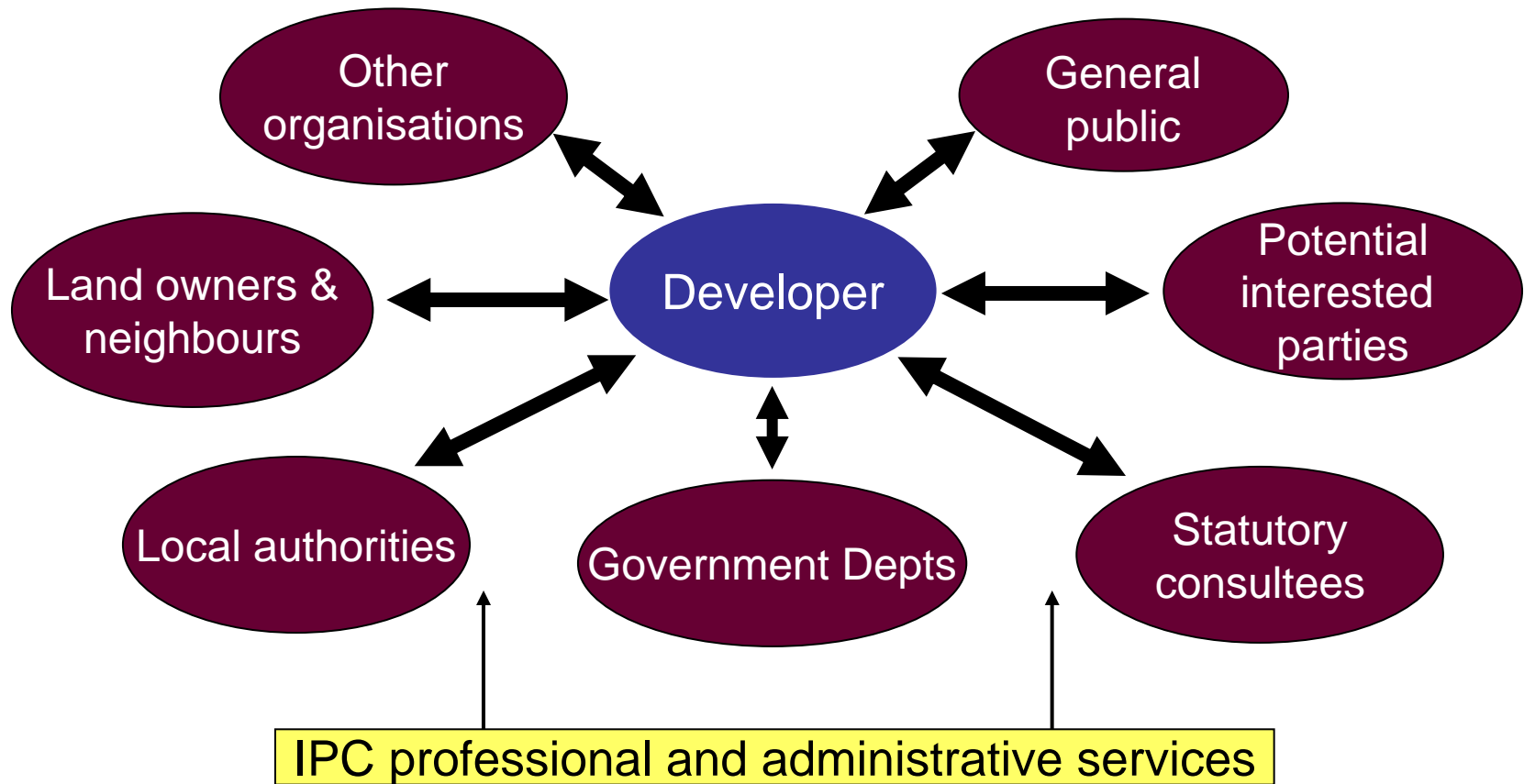
# Covanta Brig y Cwm, Energy from Waste application – 6813 pages

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	<u>Pages</u>
– Environmental Statement	3563
– Design – Engineering & Technical	310
– Consultation Report	977
– Planning Consideration	1763
– Application Form, Orders & Formalities	150
– Land & Site Plans	55



# Pre-application: effective community and organisational engagement



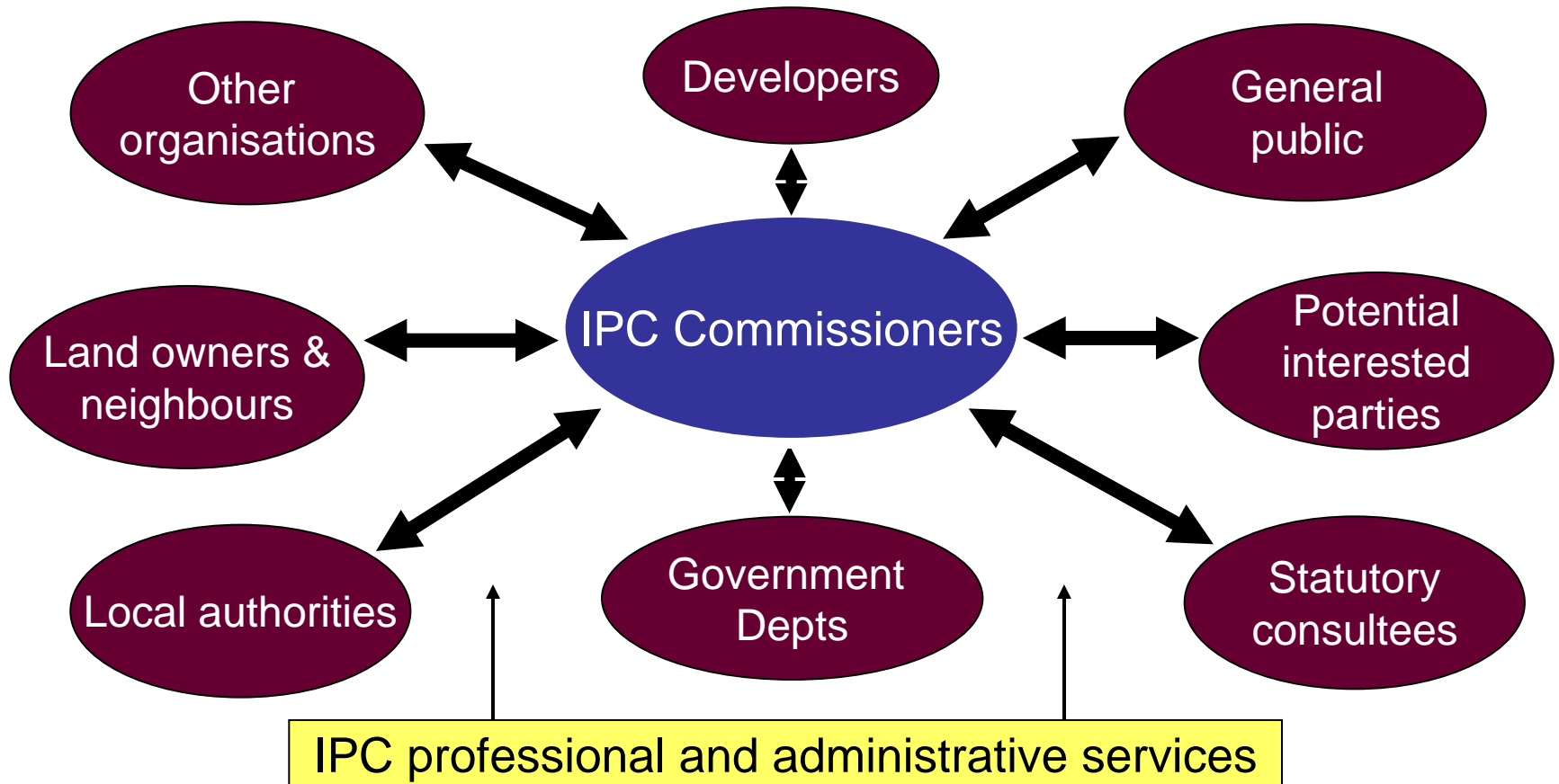
# The influential position of local authorities

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- **Statutory Consultee**
- **SoCC**
- **Comment on adequacy of consultation**
- **Local Impact Report**
- **Enforcement**
- **PPA?**



# Post application: effective gathering of evidence and decision making



# Commissioners

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- Selection process
- Public declaration
- Appointment as Examining Authority



# Government Policy

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- Localism and Economic Growth
- Abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies
- National Planning Policy Framework
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Presumption in favour of sustainable development
- Development Incentives
- Enterprise zones
- Cost recovery
- Abolition of the IPC



# The Integration Project

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2. For the exercise of **judicial skills and judgment**
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