

# Consultation open around CNC role

News story

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy launches consultation on the role and remit of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary



The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has recently launched a consultation on the role and remit of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC), giving interested parties the chance to have their say on the issue.

The CNC is the armed police force in charge of protecting civil nuclear sites and nuclear materials in England, Scotland and Wales. The consultation seeks views on whether legislation should be introduced to amend the remit and powers of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

Chief Constable Simon Chesterman said: “As a part of the wider policing family, our core role at the CNC remains the security and protection of the nation’s civil nuclear infrastructure and failure to deliver this is not an option. The CNC and CNPAs core objective in the project is to maintain our core Mission and to remain effective, efficient and relevant through a period of change in the civil nuclear sector.

“Our Ambition is to be recognised nationally and internationally as the United Kingdom’s leading organisation for the provision of protective policing for the civil nuclear industry and other critical national infrastructure.

“This consultation will investigate whether changing the legislation will allow us to utilise our expertise in deterrence and armed response, either to support other critical infrastructure sites or to assist other police forces in an emergency. I would urge anyone who lives in an area with a site we protect, or who works in either the policing or nuclear sector to have a read and see what we hope to achieve with the support of BEIS as our sponsoring government department.”

[Read the BEIS Consultation](#)

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