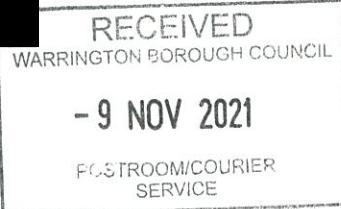


4th November 2021



WBC UPDATED PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION

LOCAL PLAN (2021)

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 4th October 2021 advising us of the above. I have read and studied the updated Local Plan (2021) as much as possible, along with the Local Transport Plan LTP4. Please be aware that it is difficult for the general public to absorb all the information as we are not living with it every day, and the ideas covered are not our usual day to day topics. However, I note that several significant changes have been made to the previous Local Plan (2019). The LTP4 document is very repetitive and contains much generalisation and little specifics, so it is difficult to determine exactly what is being planned.

I do have several comments to make.

1. I am pleased to see the removal of the South West Warrington Urban Expansion in the Walton area from

the plan which would have had a devastating effect on Warrington's Green Belt areas.

2. I am pleased to see the inclusion in the updated plan, (2021) of the Fiddlers Ferry site. I have a suggestion for the use of this site which I think should be seriously considered. Rolls Royce has now secured funding to continue developing their Small Modular Reactor (SMR) for small, local nuclear power stations. See the articles in Mail on Sunday, 16 May 2021, and the Daily Telegraph 4th August 2021, copies attached. These local power stations will help significantly in both "greening" the generation of the UK's supply of electricity, and "levelling" up our economy by investment ~~in~~ in the North West. Building and installing these small nuclear power stations will help us recover our nuclear expertise and we would then not be dependant on the Chinese and French designs, which is the shameful position the UK is in now. Although the article states that disused former nuclear sites around the country would be targetted, it seems to me that the Fiddlers Ferry site should be considered also. There could be significant infrastructure there already that could be re-used, or modified for re-use, such as cooling water supply, electrical transmission equipment, access roads, laboratories etc. I urge

urge WBC to submit the Fiddlers Ferry site for one of the proposed 10 Rolls Royce SMR's. It would be a prestige project and it is likely that WBC would not be required to supply funding.

3. I am pleased to see that the Western Link has now got Programme Entry status. This will ease congestion in the town centre and improve air quality.
4. More housing in the Warrington South eastern area as proposed will add to the already badly congested A49, particularly through Stockton Heath and the swing bridges. The LTP4 document states that connections between north and south Warrington should be improved in the long term. That would be too late and more difficult to implement. North-south connections should be improved in the short term, along with all the new housing planned.
5. The Updated Local Plan (2021) states that 5% of Warrington's Green Belt land will be released for building on. This is not acceptable as Green Belt land could then probably be reduced bit by bit in years to come. A stop on using Green Belt land should be made now. WBC should re-work the Local Plan such that no Green Belt land is needed. The Prime Minister Boris Johnson has recently stated that no

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building should be done on existing Green Belt Land.

I trust these comments will be considered as plans for the Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan (2021) are progressed.

Yours faithfully,
R Ward Esq.

Attachments

1. Mail on Sunday 16 May 2021.

"Rolls start hunt for buyers after nuclear reactors get power boost."

2. Daily Telegraph 4th August 2021.

"Rolls-Royce secures investment to start developing fleet of mini nuclear reactors."

Copy to Mr. A Carter, MP Warrington South.

Rolls starts hunt for buyers after nuclear reactors get power boost

By Alex Lawson

A CONSORTIUM led by Rolls-Royce is on the hunt for orders for its £2 billion nuclear reactors after a redesign that means each will power 100,000 more homes.

The Mail on Sunday can reveal that the UK Small Modular Reactor (SMR) project has revamped the proposed mini reactors to increase their output. The factory-built reactors will now generate 470 megawatts, enough to provide electricity to a million homes.

The project, launched in 2015, aims to bring ten mini nuclear reactors into use by 2035, with the first due to enter service around 2030.

Tom Samson, chief executive of the UK SMR Consortium, said negotiations had begun with potential investors to fund the creation of the mini reactors — signalling that the project may move more rapidly than previously thought.

He said it was looking for customers, which could include energy, industrial or technology companies, to operate the sites. He added: 'We're ready to take this technology to market. We're going to be pursuing orders. We're hoping to get orders soon.'

The UK's nuclear power industry has had a chequered recent past with the future of some huge plants thrown into doubt. Rolls-Royce hopes to create a number of solutions to complement big power stations. Rolls-Royce is the major share-

holder in the venture, which has been developed through a consortium that includes Atkins, Jacobs and Laing O'Rourke. The Government has so far invested £1.8 million to support its design and £215 million has been earmarked for the SMR programme as part of a 'Green Industrial Revolution'.

Samson said a further £300 million of private capital is now being sought to develop the reactors, which it hopes will be located both in the UK and overseas.

The initial 'two to three' units are

likely to require Government support, but Samson hopes to move to traditional debt and equity to fund following orders. Last week, the Government updated its nuclear policy to open its Generic Design Assessment to new nuclear technologies. UK SMR hopes to be the first to submit a proposal to Government and regulators.

Samson said 220 engineering decisions had been made in the latest designs. He said the switch from an 'armadillo'-shaped building to one with a 'faceted' top allowing the

roof to wrap around the inner workings made it more efficient.

The Prime Minister's former chief adviser Dominic Cummings was a champion of the UK SMR programme, but Samson said No 10 remained behind the project and it chipped in with current policy.

He added: 'We unashamedly wrap ourselves in the Union Jack. This is a really proud UK innovation that we've developed here at low cost. And that's what consumers need. 'We're contributing to the Government's levelling-up agenda. We're also contributing to its post-Brexit global Britain agenda.'

Samson is running the rule over sites for factories to build the mini reactors, and said they were most likely to be in the North of England and the East Midlands, where Rolls-Royce is based. He is also studying potential locations for the reactors, which could include former nuclear sites in West Cumbria and Anglesey, where Japanese giant Hitachi

RISERS AND FALLERS OF THE WEEK

The Footsie closed down 1.2 per cent at 7,044 on fears of the impact of Indian Covid variant.

FTSE 100: biggest risers

	Price target	Performance
M&G	Asset manager may be takeover target	8.55%
Astute	JPMorgan ups 'stellar' firm's price target	3.70%
Lloyds	Analysts bank on 'reduced uncertainty'	3.64%
BAE Systems	£800 million order for Challenger tank	3.43%
SSE	Barclays praises its renewables push	3.23%

FTSE 100: biggest fallers

	Price target	Performance
Flutter Entertainment	Bookie's US spin-off flotation delayed	-13.20%
Just Eat Takeaway.com	Rival continues with launch in Germany	-12.43%
Renishaw	Engineer battles to win takeover interest	-11.90%
International Airlines	Fears Indian Covid variant could hit travel	-7.83%
Scottish Mortgage Trust	Fund firms exposure to key tech firms	-6.95%
AIM		
Petro Matad	Firm upbeat on online device investments	-10.32%
Petro Matad	Petro Matad oilfield gets the green light	-9.75%
Kodal Minerals	Miner closer to gaining licence in Mali	-46.67%

AIM: biggest fallers

	Price target	Performance
Quantum Blockchain	Elon Musk sparks cryptocurrency sell-off	-32.29%
Hurricane Energy	Shares tank on restructuring plan	-21.06%
MyHealthChecked	Covid testing firm hit by investor sell-off	-30.75%
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Vodafone's 5G used in high-tech op

By Alex Lawson

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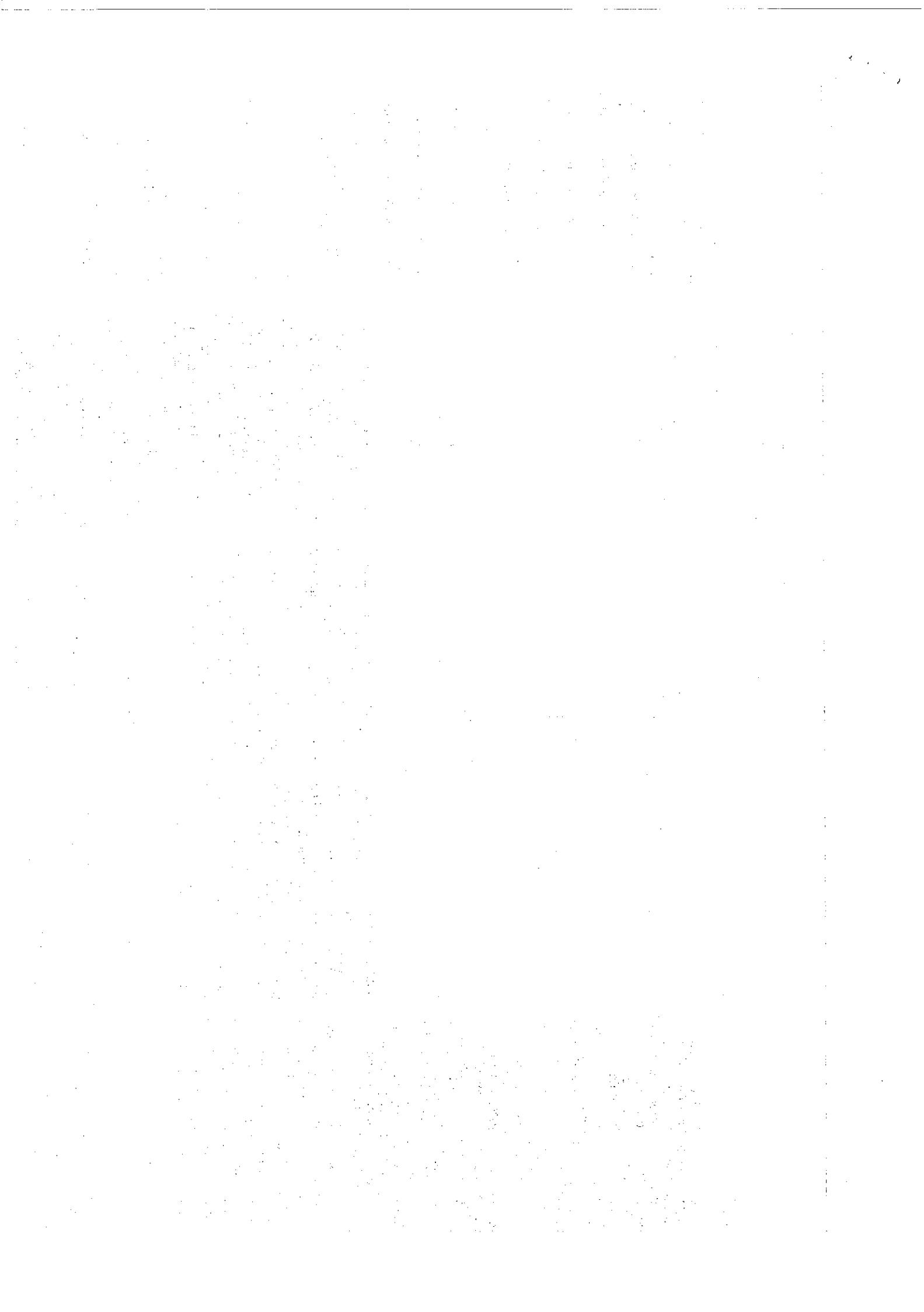
The remote software was developed by British start-up Proximie. Vodafone head of innovation, Danny Kelly, told

VODAFONE has hailed an early triumph in the race to supply 5G for a wide range of applications after its technology was used in pioneering

5G link-ups with blue chip firms including Ford, Lufthansa and Bosch. It is targeting healthcare, manufacturing and transport clients

in Japan and the US.

Proximie's 5G connection



pandemic performance this week. As part of the handover, Mr Murray, 31, is expected to be awarded

Jack Wills, Marnies and launched a campaign to seize control of now defunct department store chain Debenhams.

The self-described "power drinker" still owns almost two thirds of Frasers. Mr Ashley has been snapping up shares in the company in recent months,

His daughter Anna, left, is engaged to Michael Murray. Newcastle United to a Saudi Arabian-led consortium. The prospective owners rejected the

Rolls-Royce secures investment to start developing fleet of mini nuclear reactors

By Alan Tovey

BRITAIN has taken a crucial step towards creating a fleet of mini reactors that would reduce reliance on Chinese money and nuclear technology, after Rolls-Royce secured investment to build the world's first production line.

A consortium led by the FTSE 100 engineer has secured at least £210m needed to unlock a matching amount of taxpayer funding which will make it the first "small modular reactors" (SMR) developer to submit its designs to regulators.

It is understood heavyweight financial investors specialising in energy are now thrashing out the final details of their backing to drive work on the so-called "mini nuke" power plants.

State support for SMRs - which each generate about 450 megawatts, about a seventh of the output of conventional nuclear power stations - was revealed in the Prime Minister's 10-point plan for a green industrial revolution last year.

New nuclear has been described as vital in ensuring the Government achieves its net-zero emissions target

by 2050, and as a means of helping the Prime Minister meet his levelling-up agenda.

It comes as the Government prepares curbs on Chinese involvement in critical infrastructure as relations between London and Beijing deteriorate.

China General Nuclear is a minority investor Hinkley, and is lined up as backer for other future nuclear plants in the UK. This combined with the cost of Hinkley, which has spiralled from £16bn to £23bn, has prompted the Government to reassess the viability of SMRs.

Rolls believes the project could create 40,000 new jobs in regions such as the Midlands and the North of England by 2050 with plans to install at least 16 plants at existing and former nuclear sites.

Tom Greatrex, chief executive of the Nuclear Industry Association, said: "This is very positive news for the UK nuclear industry. SMRs must play a critical role in our clean energy transition and can open new export markets worth billions of pounds."

"To realise this potential, however, the Government needs to establish a siting and policy framework by next

year to enable the deployment of a fleet of SMRs and capture the promise of a net-zero future."

Although officials are engaging with other businesses on SMRs, one Whitehall source described the Rolls-led consortium as "by far the most advanced". The UK SMR Consortium also includes the country currently in the care of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. The consortium estimates it will cost £2bn to get to the stage where it can start constructing the first SMR. Getting the first five operating is expected to cost £2.2bn apiece, with the first hoped to be running in the early 2030s.

Proving SMRs as practical sources of emissions free energy will not only be key to the UK's net-zero target, but could also be a huge money spinner if Britain can perfect the technology first. The global market for SMRs has been estimated as £450bn.

Rolls has been hammered by the pandemic as demand for its jet engines for airliners collapsed in the face of travel restrictions. Analysts expect its interim results tomorrow to warn that Rolls's March forecasts of a recovery of the jet engine market were overly optimistic.

◆ Rolls-Royce is in advanced talks to sell Bergen Engines to British defence contractor Langley. Bloomberg reported, after an earlier transaction was blocked by Norway on security grounds.



The consortium estimates the first small modular reactors will cost £2.2bn each

the National Nuclear Laboratory and Laing O'Rourke, the construction firm. Sites being targeted for SMRs, which each take up the space equal to about two football pitches, are understood to include disused nuclear sites around

"It will free us to concentrate on our current portfolio of diverse offerings, including growing our portfolio of healthier snacks, zero-calorie beverages, and products like SodaStream, which are focused on being better for people and the planet."

PAI also has a joint venture

food and drink alternatives.

Under the deal, valued at \$3.3bn, PepsiCo will retain a 39pc stake in the business through a joint venture with the private equity firm. Ramon Laguardia, chief executive of PepsiCo, said: "This joint venture with PAI enables us to realise significant opportunities."

DRINKS giant Pepsi is selling its orange juice brand Tropicana in a \$3.3bn (£2.4bn) deal as health-conscious consumers ditch sugary drinks in favour of lower-calorie options.

Pepsi squeezes juice from Tropicana

By Hannah Boland

Tropicana is being sold to a joint venture between US giant PepsiCo and private equity firm KKR. The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter of this year.

MPs call for 'share' in M

By Alan Tovey, Richard Evans
and Lucy Burton

THE Government should take "golden shares" in defence companies critical to UK national security such as Meggitt to stop them falling to foreign predators, MPs on the defence select committee have said.

The call comes as concern mounts about the £6.5bn takeover of the FTSE 250 company by US rival Parker Hannifin. Tobias Ellwood, the committee chairman, called for an expansion of the system in which the Government holds a controlling share that can be used to block takeovers.

"Look at the list of competencies that Meggitt has – advanced composites, avionics, sensors ... you can easily argue Meggitt has every qualification to be treated the same as golden share companies BAe Systems and Rolls," he said. "If we are going to utilise the golden share mechanism, there is a strong argument it should be expanded to other important companies that make

taken. Nvidia said time to work the deal in April. Mr Dowden is due to announce steps soon, and is able to refer the deal for a more in-depth review if concerns are raised, or insist on certain undertakings related to the deal.

The CMA's report contains troubling details about future Comptroller is reviewing national security and the

Arm takeover at risk over nation!

By James Titcomb

MINISTERS are considering blocking Arm's \$40bn (£29bn) sale to Nvidia, fearing national security consequences if the US giant takes control of the British technology company. Oliver Dowden, the Cul-



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