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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rules 13 and 16**

**Application by Progress Power Limited for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the Progress Power Station**

Notice of provisional agendas for the Issue Specific Hearing and Site Visit

In order to allow all parties adequate time to prepare for the Issue Specific Hearing to be held on 16 and 17 October 2014, I am circulating a provisional agenda for the hearings, which can be found in Annex A

In addition to the hearing above, an ASV is scheduled to take place on **14 October 2014**. The site visit will begin at the **car park of the Eye Community Centre, Magdalen Street, Eye, Suffolk, IP23 7AJ**. Registration will begin at **9:00 am** and the site visit will start at **10:00 am**. Further details of the arrangements for the site visit can be found in Annex B

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Green

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Examining Authority**

**Annex A – Provisional Issue Specific Hearing agendas
Annex B – Site Visit Agenda**

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Issue specific hearing on the local impact of the project and the development consent order. 16 – 17 October 2014

Two days have been scheduled for this hearing. Timings on individual topics will be at the discretion of the Examining Authority. Should consideration of the issues take less than the scheduled time, I may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made.

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Agenda

1 Welcome and introduction

2 Design and Layout

- The proposed location and design for the power plant
 - Maximum output 299 MW
 - Running time of 1500 hours per annum
 - Number of turbines and stacks
 - Interaction with wind resource for turbines
 - Water stored on site for emergency use
 - Mitigation by design
- The proposed location and design for the electricity connection compound
 - Reasons for rejection of northern site and co-location with power plant
 - Reasons for not using Diss sub-station
 - Single circuit/double circuit, trefoil configuration, cable joints
 - GIS vs AIS
 - Lowering the site, bunding and screening of ECC

3 Landscape and visual impact

- Quality of agricultural land to be taken
- Plume from the power plant
- Open views from Eye and local villages
- Buffer zone separating open areas from airfield developments
- Ash die back
- Mitigation measures

4 The Historic and Archaeological Environment

- Impact on heritage assets and historic landscapes
 - Method of assessment
 - Listed buildings, conservation areas
 - Field boundaries
 - Loss of ancient hedgerows
- Impact on archaeological remains
 - Plans for investigation, treatment of discoveries

5 Environmental Issues

- Airborne emissions and air quality
 - Turbulence from wind turbines and dispersion of emissions
 - NOx control
- Noise and lighting
 - Noise of switching events and arcing
 - Lighting at power plant and ECC

6 Habitats, Ecology and Nature Conservation

- The impact on European and other protected sites and species
 - Skylarks, other species
 - Hedgerows
 - New planting

7 Economic and Social impacts

- The impact on the local economy including tourism
 - Use of site for power station will preclude use for other more employment intensive uses
 - Cumulative impact with waste disposal facility or other development
 - Effect on tourism
- The impact on housing and employment
 - Presence of power station will deter housing on the airfield
- Access to leisure facilities
 - Allotments and fishing lake
 - Access and safety for horse riders during construction
- Health and safety
 - EMFs

8 Transport and Traffic

- Proposed changes to the local and national road network
 - Risk of accidents at new junction
 - Sight lines and other details

Removal of special access to the A 140 after construction

Access to A140 from Old Norwich Road

- Construction Traffic movement and routeing
 - Access to the site for construction vehicles Castleton Way
 - Diversion of other traffic onto minor roads
 - No use of road through Mellis, restrict traffic to A143/A140
- Road safety
 - Road crossing for PRow and use of new road
 - Improvements to A140, B1077 junction
 - Worst case

9 Any other local impact issues

10 The Development Consent Order (DCO), including issues related to:

- The description of the development and definitions used
- The operational mechanisms not to exceed 299Mw output and 1500 hours a year
- Certification of plans
- Compulsory acquisition – general issues (location specific issues will be followed up at the compulsory acquisition hearing on 9 December 2014).
- Protective provisions
- Section 106 funding, community fund

11 Any other business

12 Close of meeting

Site visit agenda for the 14 October 2014

There will be times where attendees will need to leave the coach to view locations on foot. We would therefore ask that you wear protective footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions and outdoor terrain. In addition, it is advised that attendees bring a packed lunch with them as the site visit will last several hours.

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Activity	Points of Interest/Viewpoints
Meet and register at the Eye Community Centre Car park	
Eye Airfield	Provides a view of the Power Generation Plant Site and context for this component of the development.
Castleton Way	VP17 Provides views of the Power Generation Plant Site point of access as well as views across to the Above Ground Installation Site and other activities on Castleton Way
Eye Castle, (Castle Hill Ruins, Castle Street, Eye)	VP1 Provides views across Eye to the former Airfield and the surrounding area, and an elevated view of the proposed Power Generation Plant Site.
Cranley Hall, Eye Road (B1077), Thorndon Hill	VP9 Provides views of the landscape setting and the setting of Eye Conservation area.
Occold Hall, Castle Hill (B1077)	VP8 Provides viewpoint from residential receptors to the southeast.
Top of Old Norwich Road	Provides views of the proposed A140 Junction location, various community facilities such as the allotments and Yaxley Fishing Lake, and the direction of the Access Road.
Turn at Leys Lane Point at which Leys Lane turns westwards	VP20/VP22 Public footpath next to proposed substation. Nearest publicly accessible viewpoint from which the Electrical Connection Compound would be visible Note: VP20 situated further south than the recommended site visit location.
The Leys	Walk along Leys Lane towards Goswald Hall and view rejected site for Electrical Connection Compound
Public footpath near Goswald Hall	VP23 Provides views of the Electrical Connection Compound from the North.
Maple Close / Yaxley Road, Yaxley	VP18 Provides views of the Electrical Connection Compound from the centre of Yaxley
Judas Lane. Viewpoint is at	VP21

Field's Edge, Judas Lane. Approximately midway between Mellis and Yaxley.	Provides clear views of the proposed Electrical Connection Compound Site will be visible to the northeast of the viewpoint. The overhead lines that follow a course northeast to southwest across the landscape will also be visible
Yaxley House	Walk north along Judas Lane for further views of proposed Electrical Connection Compound site (to VP26)
Mellis Settlement to the west of the proposed Electrical Connection Compound	VP12 Provides views from the northeast of Mellis looking eastwards across the proposed Electrical Connection Compound Site. Recommend that this viewpoint location includes a walk around Mellis Common Note: VP12 situated southwest of suggested site visit location B
Distant viewpoint between Gislingham and Burgate Great Green (map ref TM073726)	Provides long views towards both the Electrical Connection Compound site and the Eye airfield development from a distance.
St Margeret's Church, Thrandeston	Provides views from Thrandeston to the northeast of the Project.
Eye Community Centre	Return to Eye Community Centre Car park