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Comments on the Non Material Change Application by Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station).

Yaxley Parish Council at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:

- After a proper enquiry procedure was observed the Secretary of State at the time granted permission subject to a most reasonable five year time limit. We see no reason why an extension to this of one year should be granted when the allotted time has passed and no market for this station's energy has emerged. The prospect for fossil 'non-green' energy such as that provided by the plant is diminishing, not increasing. No extension is justified in our view'.
- The current pandemic does not warrant an extension to the time allowed to formally commence construction work. No work had been done prior to the COVID-19 pandemic but this has not affected the other construction work in the area i.e. the work on the two roundabouts on the A140 adjacent to the site for the power station. This has started recently and has continued during the pandemic.
- The delay to the construction may be due to the present economic situation as there does not appear to have been any demand for the electricity that this power station would have produced.
- Is the delay to allow time for a growth in demand not because of a pandemic? The pandemic only started a few months and near to the deadline for the work to begin in August 2020.

Regards,  
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