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Dear Sir/Madam,

PROGRESS POWER (GAS FIRED POWER STATION) ORDER – NON-MATERIAL CHANGE APPLICATION

SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 7 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011

Summary:

'Non-material change' application ('the application') being made to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for the Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order ('the Order') by Progress Power Limited ('PPL').

The Order, which was granted in 2015 (and amended in 2016), provided development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of a gas-fired generating station and its associated gas and electrical connections at Eye Business Park, Eye, Suffolk.

The non-material change application is being undertaken by PPL to address the uncertainties and constraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic to formally commence construction works by August 2020, in accordance with the current Order. The application seeks to extend the time limit for commencing construction by 12 months to 13 August 2021. No other changes are proposed to the Order.

Suffolk County Council and Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council have No Objection to the proposed amendment, subject to the following comments:

SCC Ecology - No objection subject to comments:

"As long as the scheme still abides by the appropriate Precautionary Method Statement (or Construction and Environmental Management Plan), the Ecology Team have nothing to add. If there is any change to the seasons in which operations are proposed to take place, a revised Precautionary Method Statement (or Construction and Environmental Management Plan) will be required. Please ask the Applicants to contact this Team if they have any queries or concerns about how implementation of the Scheme will impact upon Biodiversity."

SCC Landscape - No Objection:

“The proposed amendment is acceptable in landscape terms. I am satisfied that, as set out in the applicant’s Environmental Report, this amendment will not create any significant adverse landscape or visual effects, including any significant cumulative effects.”

SCC Floods - No objection:

“The LLFA has no objections to an extension of the time limit on this application”

SCC Archaeology - No objection subject to comments:

“This does not affect our previous advice, but we would like to take this opportunity to highlight that archaeological investigations have yet to take place within this application area.”

Eye Town Council - No objection.

SCC Highways - No comment.

Historic England - No comment.

SCC Fire & Rescue - No comment.

Suffolk County Councillor Guy McGregor - No comment.

Conclusion:

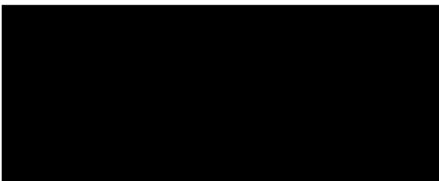
Suffolk County Council & Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council have no objection to proposal to extend the time limit for commencing construction by 12 months to 13 August 2021.

Both authorities draw the Inspector’s attention to comments made by Ecology regarding the change in seasonal working and how this may affect the Precautionary Method Statement. However, requirement 10 of the DCO provides for an Ecological Management Plan, which has previously been agreed (DC/18/05639) and an amendment subsequently agreed (DC/20/01778) provides for an amended timetable of works across the site.

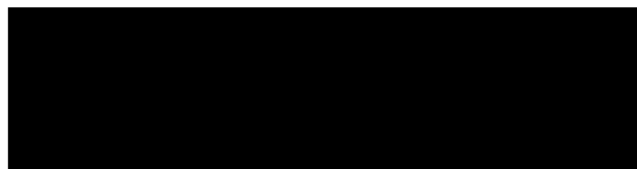
An amended timetable of works has been submitted with regards to landscaping (requirement 4(c)) that, in consultation with SCC Landscape Officer, was approved (DC/20/01690).

Both authorities also highlight the fact that archaeological investigations have yet to take place within the application area. Requirement 9 of the DCO relates to archaeology, 9(1) has been discharged (DC/17/05674) whilst 9(2) was discharged for works 1-4 (DC/18/00016).

Yours sincerely,



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