

TATA STEEL



Appendix 1.7 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Correspondence

Mackay, Catherine

Subject: TATA Power Proposals - External Briefing Note on Potential 2 phase approach to Construction

From: Paul Colman [<mailto:p.colman@neath-porttalbot.gov.uk>]

Sent: 19 March 2014 12:04

To: Lewis, Ben (GVA)

Subject: RE: TATA Power Proposals - External Briefing Note on Potential 2 phase approach to Construction

Hello Ben,

The two phased approach will raise the same issues as far as we are concerned ie visual, noise, air quality however whereas the noise issues can be dealt with as suggested in our reply to the recent consultation it is difficult to comment on the visual aspects or air quality without further detailed information, Martin Hooper from our air quality section concurs with these comments. Hope this is of help contact me if you require further comments.

Regards

Paul

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Sent: 13 March 2014 11:16

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Subject: TATA Power Proposals - External Briefing Note on Potential 2 phase approach to Construction

Paul / Jenny

It was good to see you both last week.

As we discussed at our meeting, Tata Steel UK Ltd is exploring the potential to deliver the project over two construction phases as opposed to the single phase approach currently described in the PEIR. If the two phase approach represents a commercially viable option, the assessment of impact of the alternative approach will need to be presented within the ES submitted in support of the DCO application for a DCO.

As I explained at our meeting, a decision has yet to be taken by Tata on whether this approach will be pursued. However, and in advance of a decision being made on whether this alternative approach is pursued, we would be grateful of any initial comments you may have on our proposed approach to the assessment of a single phase and double phase approach to construction. Please note that this does not form part of the formal consultation process currently being conducted under s42 of the 2008 Planning Act, so we ask that your comments are provided separately to those issued in connection with the current consultation. To assist with this, we have prepared the attached briefing note which outlines the proposed two phase approach which will be tested within the EIA.

Many thanks in advance for your comments on the attached. Please do not hesitate to call me should you wish to discuss further.

With kind regards

Ben

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Dear Paul

Draft Environmental Statement Chapters, Port Talbot (Power Generation Enhancement) Order, Tata Steel

Please find enclosed the draft Environmental Statement Chapters in hard copy and CD as follows:

Hard Copy

- Chapter 1 Introduction;
- Chapter 2 Environmental Impact Assessment;
- Chapter 3 Project Description;
- Chapter 5 Air Quality with supporting appendices 5.1 to 5.5 (separate bound document);
- Chapter 6 Ecology with Appendix 6.7 Habitat Management Plan (previous survey appendices were included in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR));
- Chapter 8 Noise and accompanying Appendix 8.1;
- Chapter 9 Ground Conditions (Appendix 9.1 Desk Study is as per the PEIR);
- Chapter 11 Cultural Heritage & Archaeology and accompanying Appendix 11.1;
- Chapter 13 Flood Risk (the hydraulic model and Flood Consequences Assessment has already been approved by NRW);
- Draft Habitats Regulation Screening Assessment Screening Report; and
- Accompanying Figures for Chapters 1 to 3 only.

The CD contains all of the above plus the all figures for the chapters above. Please note that the Appendices to Chapters 1 to 3 have not been included.

Please can you provide your comments within 21 days. Should you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance.



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Mackay, Catherine

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Subject: RE: Response to draft ES chapter, Tata

Hello Catherine/Ben

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Environmental Statement.

I can confirm that after internal consultations there are no further comments to make with regard to air quality, ecology or ground conditions. With respect to surface water environment no further information has been submitted so the drainage section have been unable to submit any observations.

With regard to noise I have received the following comments.

Further to your recent consultation on the additional information provided by the Applicant, I wish to respond with the comments of the Environmental Health department on construction noise and vibration issues. As stated in my previous consultation response, all operational noise matters will be controlled by a permit issued by Natural Resources Wales.

The noise impact assessment identifies that there will be minor adverse noise impacts at the nearest residential receptors from normal construction activities at the closest point, rising to moderate adverse impacts from impact piling at a similar location. Lower noise piling techniques may be possible however that will need to be determined by the Contractor and will need to balance the possibly conflicting requirements of consultees. I am satisfied that vibration impacts from piling operations are unlikely to cause structural damage, however it is possible that vibration could occur to a level that is detectable by persons living or working in the surrounding area.

Section 8 - Noise & Vibration of the Environmental Statement makes reference to the management and control of construction nuisance via a Consent under s.61 Control of Pollution Act 1974. The Environmental Health department does not use these powers for the control of nuisance from major developments as in practice they are overly onerous for Developers and the Authority, and do not always provide sufficient protection to residents. Instead it the preference of the Environmental Health department to utilise robust controls through an agreed comprehensive Construction Environmental Management Plan, backed up where necessary by the Authority's Statutory Nuisance powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

I would therefore recommend a condition requiring a Construction Environmental Management Plan or Code of Construction Practice be agreed with the Local Authority and NRW before the commencement of construction works. The Contractor should detail the proposed controls over noise, vibration and dust emissions from construction and piling; noise and dust monitoring methodologies; and procedures for the investigation and mitigation of any noise or dust nuisance complaints. Site Working Hours would normally be addressed by means of condition however controls over working hours should also be included in the Construction Environmental Management Plan/Code of Construction Practice, and in particular the agreed procedures for works outside of normal working hours.

With respect to landscape and visual impact we have received the cumulative wireframes which are essential in order to assess the visual impact. An additional suggested condition has also been forwarded to yourselves which will have a bearing on the final design which will need to be of a high standard bearing in mind the prominent location of the proposal.

I trust this information is sufficient for your needs.

Regards

Paul