
West Burton C (Gas Fired Generating Station)

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Land to the north of the West Burton B Power Station
Nottinghamshire

Statement of Common Ground

Between

- (1) EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited
- (2) Marine Management Organisation



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Overview

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in relation to an application for an application for development consent (the Application) submitted by EDF Energy (Thermal Generation) Limited (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (2008 Act).
- 1.2 The Application seeks consent to construct, operate (including maintenance) and decommission a gas fired electricity generating station of up to 299 megawatts (MW) of electrical generation capacity (the Proposed Development) at the existing West Burton Power Station site near Gainsborough, Nottinghamshire.

Purpose of this SoCG

- 1.3 This SoCG has been prepared jointly by the Applicant and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), jointly referred to as 'the Parties'. It has been informed by a series of meetings and discussions between the Parties.
- 1.4 This SoCG sets out agreed factual information about the Application and matters on which the Parties are agreed, to reflect the statutory duty and other topics of interest to the MMO. There are no outstanding areas of disagreement.
- 1.5 This SoCG is intended to provide a clear position on the extent of agreement between the Parties to facilitate an efficient examination process.

The Application

- 1.6 The Application was submitted on 30th April 2019 and accepted for examination on 23rd May 2019. The Application was accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES) (**Application Document Ref 5.1 and 5.2**) and associated reports (Section 4), additional information (Section 6) and other documents (Section 7) which are referenced within the ES.

The Site

- 1.7 The Proposed Development site (the Site) is located within the boundary of the existing West Burton Power Station site, near Gainsborough, Nottinghamshire. The existing Power Station site encompasses two power stations, West Burton A (WBA) and West Burton B (WBB), owned and operated by the Applicant. The Proposed Development would be located north of the existing WBB Power Station.
- 1.8 The Site covers an area of approximately 32.8 hectares (ha) and falls within the administrative area of Bassetlaw District Council (BDC), close to the border of West Lindsey District Council (WLDC).

The Proposed Development

- 1.9 The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a gas fired generating station with a gross electrical output of up to 299MW and associated buildings, structures and plant.

2.0 CONSULTATION WITH THE MARINE MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

- 2.1 Under Section 42(aa) of the 2008 Act, the MMO must be consulted in any case where a proposed development would affect, or would be likely to affect, any relevant areas specified in Section 42(2) of the 2008 Act.
- 2.2 The Site is located on the western bank of the River Trent. Whilst flowing north, in the vicinity of the Site, the stretch of the River Trent is tidally influenced and navigable. Early design options for the Proposed Development included the potential construction of a drainage outfall directly to the River Trent (and thus works in the river) and potential upgrades to and maintenance of existing infrastructure below Mean High Water Springs (MHWS). The MMO was therefore consulted, including involvement in non-statutory consultations and the statutory consultation stage.
- 2.3 Following further design work undertaken by the Applicant, the Proposed Development, subject to the submitted Application, no longer proposes a new direct outfall, works within the River Trent or any potential upgrades to and maintenance of existing infrastructure below MHWS. Therefore, it is agreed by both Parties that the MMO is no longer a statutory consultee under Section 42(aa) of the 2008 Act for the purposes of this Application.

3.0 MATTERS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES

- 3.1 The Parties agree that the MMO is not a statutory consultee for the purposes of this Application under Section 42(aa) of the 2008 Act.
- 3.2 Previous matters raised and discussed between Parties have therefore been suitably addressed or are no longer of relevance.

4.0 MATTERS TO BE AGREED

- 4.1 The Parties confirm that there are no areas outstanding and all matters are agreed.