



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	SSE
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconference
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>The Planning Inspectorate</b> Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Tracey Williams (Case Manager) Siân Evans (Case Officer) Richard Hunt (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Clare Richmond (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) <b>Applicant</b> Colin Turnbull (DWD) Jim Lawrie (SSE) Martha Lovatt (SSE) Malcolm Sangster (AECOM) Richard Lowe (AECOM)
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Ferrybridge 'D' CCGT Project update
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given

#### Introduction

SSE (the Applicant) and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

#### Project update

The Applicant advised that they undertook informal public consultation events between 16 and 20 March 2018 close to the existing Ferrybridge site and along the gas connection route corridors. Approximately 300 people attended and the feedback given was generally positive. The Applicant explained that three options for the gas connection corridor and two options for the generation station site were presented in

the consultation, which lasted around 4½ weeks. The Applicant advised that up to four of the existing cooling towers could be retained and a visualisation of this was provided at the events to illustrate a worst case visual scenario for the cooling method. The Applicant advised that they have signed a grid connection offer with National Grid for a 275kV connection at the Ferrybridge substation.

The Applicant has met with all three local authorities in which the project lies (Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council). They have also held meetings and are in dialogue with several of the statutory consultees.

The Applicant advised that they have started drafting the introductory chapters of the Environmental Statement (ES). The Applicant intends to have a draft of the ES to use as Preliminary Environmental Information (PEIR) to inform the statutory consultation.

The Applicant advised that by the time of formal consultation they expect to have a single gas connection route and single generating station site however options may remain in the PEIR dependent on the progress of negotiations with landowners.

### **Timetable**

The Applicant advised that they intend to consult the local authorities on the draft Statement of Community Consultation before the summer holidays. They intend to start their statutory consultation in mid-September and last for 4-6 weeks. The Applicant advised that they intend to submit drafts of key documents to the Inspectorate for review in December/January. They will include introductory chapters to the ES. The Applicant intends to submit their application in Q1 2019.

### **The Coal Authority**

The Inspectorate explained that it had been copied into an additional letter from the Coal Authority to the Applicant subsequent to scoping (attached). The letter stated that based on new information, the proposed application site was now classed as being within the Development High Risk Area. The Applicant confirmed that they had factored this into their design but that it did not affect the delivery of the Proposed Development.

### **Specific decisions / follow up required?**

It was agreed to hold the next meeting either prior to the start of, or after, the Applicant's statutory consultation.



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22 March 2018

Dear Mr Lawrie

### **Proposal for new Gas Fired Power Station at Ferrybridge**

Thank you for your letter of 15 March 2018 seeking the views of the Coal Authority on above proposal.

The Coal Authority is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. As a statutory consultee, the Coal Authority has a duty to respond to planning applications and development plans in order to protect the public and the environment in mining areas.

As you may be aware, the Coal Authority responded to Dr Richard Hunt - Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor, The Planning Inspectorate dated 03 January 2018 on the Scoping Opinion Consultation informing them that *whilst the proposed development site falls within the coalfield, it is located outside of the defined Development High Risk Area, meaning that there are no recorded coal mining legacy hazards at shallow depth that could pose a risk to land stability.*

The information that we hold in respect of coal mining legacy is constantly being updated, and therefore, the site is now within the Development High Risk Area due to the zone of influence from a recorded mine entry (adit) which slightly intersects the site boundary [Grid coordinates: Eastings – 447270, Northings – 424940. The Coal Authority hold no treatment details for this mine entry and there could be some deviation, by several metres, from the current plotted position. Therefore this mining risk will need to be fully considered as part of the Environmental Statement; this should take the form of a risk assessment, together with any necessary mitigation measures.

Yours sincerely

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