



Meeting note

Project name	Ferrybridge D Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) Power Station Project
File reference	EN010094
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	The Planning Inspectorate SSE Generation Limited
Venue	Teleconference
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Project update

- The power station will be located on the existing power island
- Output 2200MW
- Option for gas pipeline being chosen and subjected to more assessment and routing.
- Statutory Consultation 12 November – 17 December 2018
- Submission Q1 2019

Demolition work is due to start next month on the power island, and is expected to be completed in early 2021.

The Applicant outlined that the existing power island was the preferred location for the construction of the new CCGT due to the shorter power and cooling water system requirements. The remainder of the Ferrybridge Power Station site, such as the coal yard, is subject to development appraisal work by SSE separate from the CCGT project. The Applicant explained that the cooling technology has yet to be finalised and consideration is still being given to use of the existing cooling towers, with the precise number of towers to be retained to be confirmed. Alternatively, air cooled condenser technology could be used, although this would give rise to different noise impacts, which would require assessment. The Applicant stated that if water cooling technology was chosen, water from River Aire on the site would be used. It is likely that the preferred cooling methodology will be shown in the stage 2 consultation. Process water would be extracted from existing boreholes on site.

The Applicant stated that following optioneering work, a preferred route option is being investigated. This will have the least impact on the surrounding area of the options shown in the Applicant's stage one consultation. It was confirmed that the existing pipe bridge would not be used. The width of the pipeline corridor will be assessed as 100m as a worst case scenario, but the finalised construction working width is likely to be 36m and the operational easement will be 16m. The Applicant confirmed that it is in discussion with Network Rail, National Grid, Northern Gas Networks and Northern Powergrid regarding existing provisions and any required protective provisions in relationship to the gas pipeline.

It was confirmed that the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) would not include powers to phase the project. The Applicant advised that the project might include the option to deploy a peaking plant.

Surveys

The Applicant confirmed that it had started geophysical and agricultural land classification surveys for the land affected by the project. Discussions are underway with NYCC on the length of the pipeline route that will need geophysical surveying.

Compulsory Acquisition

The Applicant stated that the 24 affected landowners along the preferred pipeline route have been notified and the Applicant has started to draft agreements. It was confirmed that no applications under Section 53 of PA2008 were likely to be required.

Crown Land

The Applicant confirmed that, at present, they had not identified any Crown land interests or common land affected by the proposals. It was agreed that the Applicant would check if any special category land was affected.

Draft documents review

The Applicant stated a preference for a targeted draft document review. The Applicant was advised to read the A19 / A184 Testos Junction Improvement Examining Authority's report and Secretary of State decision letter with regard to drafting of the DCO and justification of provisions/requirements. The Inspectorate informed the Applicant that a review of draft documentation would usually take between 4-6 weeks, and the additional documents may be requested, such as works plans and the project description chapter of the Environmental Statement so the proposals could be reviewed in context.

Follow ups

- Applicant to update the Inspectorate regarding special category land
- Applicant to confirm which documents it would like the Inspectorate to review
- Applicant to check if Eels are impacted by the project.
- Applicant to confirm that wintering bird surveys have been completed.
- The Inspectorate to provide an update regarding its proposed timescale for the notification process following submission of a revised Regulation 8(1)(b) and Regulation 10 notice.
- Applicant to request next meeting when required.