

**The Immingham Open Cycle Gas Turbine Order****The Planning Act 2008 - Section 56****The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 - Regulation 9****The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Regulation 16****NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) FOR THE VPI IMMINGHAM OCGT PROJECT****Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN010097**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State ('SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has accepted an application (the 'Application') for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO') made by VPI Immingham B Limited ('the Applicant', of 4th Floor, Nova South, 160 Victoria Street, London, England, SW1E 5LB) under Section 31 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008'). The Application was received by The Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') on 11 April 2019 and accepted for examination on 9 May 2019. The reference number for the Application is EN010097.

**Summary of the Project**

2. The Application seeks a DCO to authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of a new gas-fired electricity generating station, comprising an 'open cycle gas turbine' (an 'OCGT'), with a gross output capacity of up to 299 megawatts ('MW'), including electrical and gas supply connections and other associated development. The DCO would be known as 'The Immingham Open Cycle Gas Turbine Order' (the 'Order').
3. The site for the Project (the 'Project Site' or 'Order limits') covers an area of approximately 11.1 hectares and is located to the north of and within the vicinity of the existing VPI Immingham Power Station, Rosper Road, South Killingholme, North Lincolnshire, DN40 3DZ.
4. The Application also includes provision for the use of an existing gas pipeline (the 'Existing Gas Pipeline') to provide fuel (natural gas) to the new electricity generating station. The Existing Gas Pipeline was originally constructed in 2003 to provide fuel to the existing VPI Immingham Power Station. The route of the Existing Gas Pipeline runs from a connection point at an above ground installation within the existing VPI Immingham Power Station (Grid reference: Easting: 516587, Northing: 416938) to a tie-in point at the existing National Grid Feeder No.9 pipeline located to the west of South Killingholme (Grid Reference: Easting: 512978, Northing: 416209).
5. The Applicant is not seeking consent to carry out any works to the Existing Gas Pipeline and it is not within the Order limits. The Existing Gas Pipeline is included in the Application as the Applicant is seeking powers of compulsory acquisition over it, to use and maintain the pipeline in order to ensure that the Project can operate. The land within which the Existing Gas Pipeline sits, including a 13-metre stand-off either side of it to provide for access and any future maintenance requirements, is referred to as the 'Existing Gas Pipeline Site'. Together, the Order limits and the Existing Gas Pipeline Site comprise the 'Order land' (the area over which powers of compulsory acquisition are being sought).
6. The main components of the Project (located within the Order limits) can be summarised as follows:
  - 4.1 Work No. 1 – an OCGT power station (the 'OCGT Power Station') with a gross capacity of up to 299MW;
  - 4.2 Work No. 2 – access works (the 'Access'), comprising access to the OCGT Power Station Site and access to Work Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6;
  - 4.3 Work No. 3 – temporary construction and laydown area ('Temporary Construction and Laydown') comprising hard standing, laydown and open storage areas, contractor compounds and staff welfare facilities, vehicle parking, roadways and haul routes, security fencing and gates, gatehouses, external lighting and lighting columns;

- 4.4 Work No. 4 – gas supply connection works (the ‘Gas Connection’) comprising an underground and/or overground gas pipeline of up to 600 millimetres (nominal internal diameter) and approximately 800 metres in length for the transport of natural gas from the Existing Gas Pipeline to Work No. 1;
  - 4.5 Work No. 5 – an electrical connection (the ‘Electrical Connection’) of up to 400 kilovolts and associated controls systems; and
  - 4.6 Work No. 6 – utilities and services connections (the ‘Utilities and Services Connections’).
7. The Applicant is seeking powers through the DCO for the compulsory acquisition and possession of interests and rights in the Order land, to enable the Project to be constructed, operated and maintained. This includes seeking powers over the Existing Gas Pipeline Site.
8. It is anticipated that, subject to the DCO having been made by the SoS, construction work on the Project would commence in early 2021. The overall construction programme is expected to last approximately 21 months and to be completed in late 2022, with the Proposed Development entering commercial operation later that year or early the following year.

**Environmental Impact Assessment**

9. The Project is Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) development under ‘The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017’. The Application therefore includes an Environmental Statement (an ‘ES’) documenting the findings of the EIA undertaken.

**Copies of the Application Documents**

10. A hard copy of the Application, including all the documents, drawings, plans and maps (including the draft DCO and the ES) is available for inspection free of charge until **25 June 2019** at the venues and times set out below. Opening times are subject to change by the owners/operators of the relevant venues:

Venue	Opening Times
<b>Immingham Town Council</b> , Civic Centre, Pelham Road, Immingham, DN40 1QF	Mon & Thurs: 9am to 7pm Tues & Fri: 8.30am to 5.30pm Wed: 8.30am to 5pm  Sat: 9am to 2pm Sun: closed
<b>Immingham Library</b> , Pelham Road, DN40 1QF	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.30am-5.30pm Wed & Sun: closed Sat: 9am to 1pm
<b>Scunthorpe Central Library</b> , Carlton Street, Scunthorpe DN15 6TX	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9am to 5pm Wed: 9am to 7pm Sat: 9am to 4pm Sun: closed
<b>North East Lincolnshire Council</b> , New Oxford House, George Street, Grimsby, DN31 1HB	Mon: closed Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri: 10am to 4pm Sat & Sun: 10am to 4pm

11. An electronic copy of the Application documents is available to view online on the project page of the PINS website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/vpi-immingham-ocgt/?ipcsection=docs&stage=app>
12. Hard copies of the Application documents can be provided on request for a maximum copying charge of £250.00. Hard copies of individual documents are also available on request. A CD or USB drive of the Application documents is available on request for a maximum charge of £15.00. The documents (or a

CD or USB drive) can be obtained by writing to: **VPI Immingham OCGT Consultation, c/o DWD, 6 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6AB.**

#### **Commenting on the Application**

13. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application) must be made on the PINS Registration and Relevant Representation Form which is available through the project page of the PINS website at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/vpi-immingham-ocgt/>
14. If you would like to request a hard copy of the PINS Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be returned to: **The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.** The PINS reference number for the Application (EN010097) should be quoted in any correspondence.
15. The PINS Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an examination (Version 2, December 2016) provides guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and is available online at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>
16. Please note that representations must be received by The Planning Inspectorate no later than the end of **25 June 2019**. Representations will be made public.
17. Further information on the Application can be obtained by visiting the Project website: <https://www.vpi-ocgt.com/>

**VPI Immingham B Limited – 16 May 2019**