

## Ferrybridge Community Liaison Group Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	24 June 2015	<b>Location:</b>	'Ian Marchant' Pavilion, Ferrybridge 'C' Power Station
<b>Date issued:</b>	8 September 2015	<b>Recorded by:</b>	Jayne Williams

### Attendees:

Jayne Williams, SSE (JW)	Rita Stephenson, Fairburn PC (RS)	<b>Apologies:</b>
Mick Gee, SSE (MG)	David Davies, Bryam cum Sutton PC (DD)	Colin Drew, MEL (CD)
Mick Culley, SSE (MC)	John French, Castleford Lane resident (JF)	Cally Bristow, Siniat (CB)
Alex Shenton, HZI (AS)		John Mackman, Selby DC (JMa)
David Spencer, Wheelabrator (DS)		Carol Mackman, Selby DC (CM)
Tom Maillet, MEL (TM)		Linda Wroe, Fryston Lane RA (LW)
Jonathan Storey, SSE (JS)		Andrew Pound, Selby DC (AP)
Harry Ellis, WMDC (HE)		Chris Pearson, NYCC (CP)
Jack Crawford, Selby DC (JC)		David Nicklin, Byram cum Sutton PC (DN)
Jackie Dennis, Oakhill Park (JD)		Jacqui Yates, Friends of Fryston Wood (JY)
Margaret Gill, Oakhill Park RA (MGil)		Michael Elphinstone, Oakhill Park RA (ME)
Steve Yates, Friends of Fryston Wood (SY)		Yvonne Crewe, WMDC (YC)
Rory O'Connor, WMDC (RO)		Ray Newton, Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Association (RN)
Don Simpson, AIRE/ Brotherton PC (DS)		Chris Ratcliffe, Wheelabrator (CR)
Jennifer Mitchell, Byram Cum Sutton PC (JM)		Stephanie Gilbert, AIRE/ Brotherton PC (SG)
Rhonda Fleetwood, BDR (RF)		Graham Stokes, WMDC (GS)
Roy Wilson, Fairburn PC (RW)		
Ian Foster, Environment Agency (IF)		

### Contact Details

Jayne Williams (Community Liaison Officer) 01724 788216/ 07825 015537 (Monday to Friday 08:30 – 17:00)  
 HZI (on site contact number) 07749 387380

### Purpose of Meeting

To inform the group of the status of the Ferrybridge C power station, of the Siniat gypsum facility, and the construction of the Multifuel power station.

This committee satisfies the requirement of Condition 58 of the S.36 consent for the development of the Multifuel

power station.

## Meeting Notes

### Item

#### 1 Introductions and Safety Moment

#### 2 Review of previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

#### 3 Ferrybridge 'C' Update

MG attended the CLG to provide an update following the announcement by SSE on 20 May that the remaining capacity at Ferrybridge C would be closing by 31 March 2016. MG explained this wasn't a decision that had been taken lightly by SSE due to the impact on employees, their families and the local area. The site's first priority is to keep the site operating safely and support employees and liaise with them about all of their options. He updated that Unit 3, which is currently undergoing an outage, is expected to return to service in August 2015. Unit 4, which was badly damaged in last year's fire has been removed from service with immediate effect. SSE had been pursuing options to reinstate the damaged absorber, but this activity will now stop, although the work to demolish the damaged equipment will continue. MG went on to explain that there were a number of reasons that had led SSE to come to this decision. From an economic perspective, the station is loss making and is expected to lose £100m over the next five years, and the site is almost 50 years old and expensive to run as it comes to the end of its working life. All political parties in the UK have agreed that unabated coal has a time-limited role in the electricity mix, and environmental constraints imposed by the Industrial Emissions Directive and legally binding carbon reductions targets make the future of coal unsustainable. There are 172 staff at Ferrybridge, and roughly the same number of contractors and MG said that the priority is to discuss the options available with the staff and minimise compulsory redundancies. There may be the opportunity to redeploy some staff to other areas of the business, for example Keadby Power Station. He reassured CLG members that SSE remains committed to the Ferrybridge area – Ferrybridge Multifuel 1 is a £300 million investment and a positive planning decision is expected on FM2 before the end of 2015, would create similar benefits to local area. MG was asked what the future of the site was, and the next steps. MG explained that this was still unclear, but he was working with other power stations that have been closed in order to get more information. No decision has been made on what will happen to the chimneys or cooling towers at the present time. MG was asked if the closure of Ferrybridge meant that the lights would go out? MG explained that National Grid, whose responsibility this is, have put measures in place to ensure that sufficient capacity is available, especially during winter months. MG was asked what this meant for Siniat's business? MG explained that Siniat only source a percentage of their material from the C station, and that they would need to find alternative sources. Discussions have been taking place with Siniat on this matter. RW asked what would happen to the lagoons at the site of the A1(M). MG confirmed that these would be looked into as part of the decommissioning process, and may be remediated.

#### 4 SINIAT update (formerly Lafarge)

A Siniat representative was unavailable for the meeting. If anyone has any concerns regarding Siniat,

they should contact Lyndon Sutcliffe on 01977 634007 or email [lyndon.sutcliffe@siniat.co.uk](mailto:lyndon.sutcliffe@siniat.co.uk).

## 5 Multifuel 1 Update

### 5.1 Commissioning update

CD had sent his apologies, and TM provided an update in his absence. TM explained that fuel is now being delivered on a regular basis to the site. He explained that both boilers have now been run at 100% capacity on solid fuel. The turbine has been synchronised to the grid and around 67 MW exported for a short period, a key milestone for the project. Commissioning continues with key operability testing ongoing. The project is expected to be fully operational within the coming weeks.

### 5.2 Construction Update

AS gave a construction update on behalf of HZI. He explained that with regards to civil engineering work, all of the cladding to the main building structures is complete, roads & footpaths, with line markings and final signage are complete. Final drainage works, and landscaping, are currently taking place. Mechanically, the turbine was completed during the last quarter, with connection made to the national grid. Insulation and hot commissioning of the turbine will continue. Both boiler lines 1 and 2 are running on fuel. Insulation and cladding works continue in the boiler hall, turbine hall and main steam ducts. The emphasis continues to be the commissioning works and final mechanical completions, aiming for the final handover to Multifuel Energy Ltd in the coming weeks. Peak man power has further dropped with current manning levels around 200 including office based personnel. No major deliveries have arrived in last quarter, but demobilisation of site cabins and machinery is progressing. Fuel is now constantly being delivered to the site with lorries and tankers arriving for ash and deliveries to silos.

Noise awareness and community impact continues to be included in site and supervisor inductions. Construction activities are now limited to day shift only. Daily diary's continue to be taken that record all works undertaken and any unusual or potential impact on the local environment. Main works are being carried out inside buildings limiting potential noise.

All temporary construction lighting removed from external/outside areas and the permanent lighting is now live. There is now minimal traffic for construction activities.

RW explained that he continues to have an issue with light pollution from the plant at his property, and he was given the impression during consultation events for the project that lighting would not impact on him – MEL to investigate.

It was explained once again that any issues should be reported as soon as possible to the site security office on **07749 387380**, which is available 24/7. Alternatively, please contact Jayne Williams (01724 788216; 07825 015537; [jayne.williams@sse.com](mailto:jayne.williams@sse.com)) between Monday and Friday, 8.30am to 5pm. The site takes any complaints very seriously and investigates each one.

### 5.3 Golf Course

JW gave an update on the golf course, which began to be constructed on 7 April 2015. Earthmoving and shaping of the course has taken place, and the fencing has been completed, apart from entrance gates. The irrigation pipework has been installed and the pond has been constructed. Spreading of top soil has commenced and seeding of the greens, fairways and roughs is due in September 2015. The ducting/pipework for services to the course is 50% complete. The next steps involve transplants

for Copse and hedgerows, allowing the growing in of the Golf Course and the construction of the clubhouse, roads and drainage. The course is on target for completion May 2017. JW circulated some aerial photographs of the golf course construction so far.

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JW updated that the DCO Examiner will make his recommendation on the DCO application by July 29 2015, which will be sent to the Secretary of State (SoS) for the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). A final decision will be given by the SoS by October 29 2015 at the latest. The Environment Agency have indicated that a draft Permit will be issued later this summer.

**7 Any other business**

MGil asked why HZI wanted to access the Oakland Hill Estate recently? JW explained that before construction of FM1 began, noise monitoring was carried out at some of the properties in the estate, now that construction is almost complete and operation has begun, noise readings needed to be taken at the same properties. JW accompanied HZI to visit the affected residents, and the noise monitoring was carried out successfully.

**8 Date and time of next meeting**

The next CLG meeting will take place on **Tuesday 15 September** at 10.30am at the Ferrybridge site.

**10 Actions**

MEL to investigate RW's lighting concerns. (Subsequent to the meeting, an investigation occurred, the lighting causing the problem was found, and switches installed so that the lights are only operated when work is required in that area.)