

## Ferrybridge Community Liaison Group Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	26 June 2013	<b>Location:</b>	Cricket Pavilion, Ferrybridge 'C' Power Station
<b>Date issued:</b>	23 September 2013	<b>Recorded by:</b>	Josephine Gowing

### Attendees:

Mark McCarthy, FMFEL (MLM)	Ian Foster, Environment Agency (IF)	<b>Apologies:</b>
Dafydd Wynn, FMFEL (DW)	David Deakin,	Carol Mackman, Selby DC (CM)
Jayne Williams, SSE (JW)	David Davies, Bryam cum Sutton PC (DD)	Nathan Rickinson, Siniat (NR)
Mick Gee, SSE (MG)		Cally Bristow, Siniat (CB)
Ashley Comerford, SSE (AC)		Andrew Pound, Selby DC (AP)
Richard Wilson, SSE (RW)		Rita Stephenson, Fairburn PC (RS)
Mick Culley, SSE (MC)		Margaret Gill, Oakhill Park RA (MG)
Tom Maillet, Wheelabrator (TM)		David Nicklin, Bryam cum Sutton PC (DN)
Chris Ratcliffe, Wheelabrator (CR)		Yvonne Crewe, WMDC (YC)
Chris Pearson, NYCC (CP)		Rory O'Connor, WMDC (RO)
Don Simpson, AIRE/ Brotherton PC (DS)		Bob Gregory, FMFEL (BG)
Stephanie Gilbert, AIRE/ Brotherton PC (SG)		Tony McShane, FMFEL (TMc)
Jonathan Storey, Pollards Fields (JS)		Jennifer Mitchell, Bryam Cum Sutton PC (JM)
Rhonda Fleetwood, BDR (RF)		Eoighan Brannegan, Sisk (EB)
Graham Stokes, WMDC (GS)		Michael Elphinstone, Oakhill Park RA (ME)
Harry Ellis, WMDC (HE)		Linda Wroe, Fryston Lane RA (LW)
Jack Crawford, Selby DC (JC)		
John Mackman, Selby DC (JM)		

### Contact Details

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 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 accepted as a true record

#### 3 Ferrybridge 'C' Update

- MG explained that Units One and Two, both 490MW, at Ferrybridge Power Station are opted out of the Large Combustion Plant Directive (LCPD) and are therefore required to close once they have used up their allowed 20,000 operating hours, or by the end of 2015 at the latest. These units are both expected to reach their allowed operating hours limit before the end of the 2013/14 financial year and so are expected to cease operation immediately and permanently once the allowed hours limit has been reached.

- MG said that Unit Three and Four, both 490MW, have been retrofitted with Flue-gas Desulphurisation (FGD) technology to enable them to comply with the LCPD. They have also been opted-in to the Transitional National Plan under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) which provides a number of alternative options for how they will operate through to at least the end of June 2020. SSE has not made a decision on how the plant will operate and this will depend on market conditions and the effects of any future capacity mechanisms.

- MG said that the closure of the units results in around fifty surplus staff but natural retirement will take effect for the majority of those people and there will be no compulsory redundancies.

- A member of the public asked about the government strategy and how they are going to adapt to losing so many MW from the grid? MG explained that the government have known for a time that this will happen, and they believe that there are sufficient alternative energy generation sources to account for this.

- Currently the plan is to keep the turbines and boiler components moth balled so they can be used for spares and there are no plans at this stage to remove any of the cooling towers.

- A member of the CLG asked how the closure of the units would affect traffic volumes. MG predicted there wouldn't be a significant difference in traffic volumes to the site when the two units close, however a lot of the rail slots will become available to FM1 and FM2.

#### 4 SINIAT update (formerly Lafarge)

- No members of the SINIAT team were available to attend due to a pre-arranged meeting but sent an update to be read out.
- Business at the site continues reasonably with the plant running 24/7.
- The construction market has dropped a little over the last few months, which SINIAT expect to make 2013 quite tough
- In the last quarter, there has been one dust complaint from Brotherton. Samples were gathered and sent to independent lab and WMDC for analysis. Neither have reported back yet.

#### 5 Multifuel 1 Update

##### 5.1 New members of the team

- Mike Martin was introduced, his role is the Corporate HSE Coordinator for HZI UK

##### 5.2 Planning and Permits

- All conditions prior to main works commencing have been discharged
- DW is preparing to discharge a number of planning conditions required before commissioning (approx September 2014), 3 have now been submitted to WMDC:
  - PC 63 Fogging on Motorway - changed to air cooled condensers
  - PC 65 Hierarchy of waste - agreed with the EA
  - PC 68 - Local Air Monitoring - assessed for one year before and two years after

commissioning. This will be monitored all over the district. This is all agreed but we are just waiting for final approval

- The site have been working 24 hours on the slipforming of the structures and have asked Wakefield Council for the 24 hour working permit up until the end of November
- DW to issue the planning conditions to attendees
- The Multifuel Team are currently working with the EA on the Environmental Permit.

### 5.3 Construction Update

- HZI explained that the civil works above ground are almost finished and the project will shortly begin the Mechanical Process Equipment phase. Slipforming works should be completed shortly and structural steelwork is expected to start within the coming few weeks
- HZI explained that the site are very conscious of their neighbours and the management of noise and there are five permanent noise monitors on site which are checked daily
- Portable lights from small generators are being used to reduce the impact of lighting
- The site are also conscious of traffic management – the site received one complaint from a member of the public in the last quarter, which had then been resolved.
- Any issues or problems, should be reported at the time of the problem so that it can be investigated immediately by the Supervisor on site; a supervisor is present 24 hours a day. The contact details of the site security office are **07749 387380**.

## 6 Ferrybridge Multifuel 2

- MLM began by going over some of the background to the new project. Multifuel Energy Ltd, a joint venture between SSE and Wheelabrator Technologies Inc, is beginning the process of applying for planning permission to build a second Multifuel power station at Ferrybridge. This is primarily due to the positive response from the fuel market that has been shown in response to FM1. Alternative methods of transport are being investigated as part of this process.
- The proposed location of FM2 is on the site of the existing golf course
- MLM introduced AC, the SSE Development Manager for FM2. He explained that the project will be preparing a planning application for a development consent order for submittal to the Planning Inspectorate in Summer 2014. The Planning Inspectorate will examine the application ahead of a final decision being made by the Secretary of State. Planning consent will be sought from the Planning Inspectorate because the second Multifuel facility will have an electrical generation capacity greater than 50 MW, making it a significant infrastructure project. There will be two stages of public exhibitions, the first is next week and the second will be later this year. JW gave details on the informal consultation events that were taking place between 3 and 6 July.
- If given Development Consent, construction would be expected to start in around Autumn of 2015 and last for 36 months.
- FM1 will be running and commercially operational for at least six months before any work could be started on FM2. Prior to this there will also be six months of commissioning meaning that there will be a total of at least twelve months operation before FM2 construction works. The six months of commissioning will involve testing whether the performance requirements and standards of the contract have been met, whilst the start of the commercial operation period will test reliability.
- Following questions about potential cumulative impact, AC explained that the EA assess the impacts from all projects in the area, include proposed projects, in accordance with the 2005 Air Quality standards.
- The CLG were interested in the amount of fuel transported to the Ferrybridge 'C' site at the moment, and a figure of what it will be when FM1/2 are in operation, split into rail/road/barge. MEL will look into finding this information.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FM2 will be an independent autonomous plant and so will have its own grid connection. It will also be run autonomously and require around 50 permanent jobs during operation and many more during construction.</li> </ul>		
<b>7</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>		
	<p><i>Low Street Roundabout</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WMDC and NYCC have now awarded the contract and works are expected to start on 15th July 2013</li> <li>- The intention is to get a U turn in place by around September 2013, so traffic heading north can do a U turn and go back south.</li> <li>- After this, it is expected that Argyle Street will close to HGVs and so HGV traffic will no longer have to go to through Ferrybridge square as soon as the U turn is in place.</li> <li>- The expected completion date is November 2013</li> <li>- A member of the CLG raised a concern over the volume of traffic which will be generated by FM2, and asked for assessments to be made as to how much traffic will be reduced due to the closure of units one and two. AC explained that the volume of traffic will be assessed by the environmental consultants for FM2, using worst case figures for FM1 and Ferrybridge 'C'. The results of these studies will be available at the formal stage of consultation.</li> <li>- The license for the roundabout will be held by North Yorkshire County Council.</li> </ul> <p><i>Cricket Pavilion Opening</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The cricket pavilion was officially opened by the CEO of SSE, Ian Marchant, in June 2013.</li> </ul>		
<b>8</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>		
	The next CLG meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 October 2013 at 10:30am at the Ferrybridge site.		
<b>9</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Action By</b>	<b>Date</b>
	DW to distribute list of outstanding planning conditions to the CLG <i>Issued with these minutes</i>	DW	Complete
	MEL to investigate the current tonnage of deliveries to Ferrybridge 'C' and how this might change with the presence of FM1 and FM2	MEL	Next meeting