Lostock Sustainable Energy Plant (SEP) Local Liaison Committee Minutes of Meeting

Meeting No: 08. Held on 28th February 2019

1. Record of Attendance

Present:

Mr Fraser Ramsay, TATA Chemicals Europe Ltd. Chair

Mrs Hazel Honeysett, Principal Planning Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWACC)

Councillor Val Armstrong, CWACC Ward Member, Witton and Rudheath

Councillor Sam Naylor, CWACC Ward Member Winnington and Castle and Northwich Town Council

Mrs Lyndsey Sandison. Clerk of Lostock Gralam Parish Council

Mr Steve James, Local resident representative

Apologies:

Councillor Terry Murphy, Northwich Town Council

Not in attendance:

Councillor Gaye Billington, Rudheath Parish Council

2. Agenda Items:

2.1 Welcome and Introductions

Mr Ramsay, as Lostock EFW Community Liaison Officer, welcomed the attendees to the eighth Local Liaison Committee (LLC), held at TATA Chemicals Europe head office, Northwich.

2.2 Project Overview

2.2.1 The project overview is contained within the presentation used during the meeting. This is provided with the meeting minutes.

2.3 Power Upgrade Application

- 2.3.1 A formal variation application has been submitted to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS), formerly DECC. The variation application was for an electrical power increase by up to a further 30 MWe. This increase is delivered without change in any parameters permitted under the existing consent granted by the Secretary of State in 2nd October 2012 for construction and operation of an EFW station generating up to 60 MWe. This increase is primarily enabled by efficiency improvements since consent was granted.
- 2.3.2 Confirmation had been received from DBEIS that the variation application was suitable for publication. Notice of the formal application was advertised in the Northwich Guardian on the 2nd and 9th August 2018 and the consultation period ran to the 7th September.
- 2.3.3 A copy of redacted representations received during the consultation process and the Applicants response to those, can be found on the project website.

 www.lostockpower.co.uk
- 2.3.4 To date the planning variation application has not yet been determined by DBEIS.

2.4 Update on works activities since last meeting

2.4.1 Asbestos Survey and Stripping

Asbestos surveys of pipe bridges and the redundant power station buildings has commenced. A specialist contractor has been working on site removing asbestos from the two main redundant power station buildings. Expect to conclude asbestos removal activity in the first half of 2019

2.4.2 New Office and Workshop Facilities

Planning applications for a new office block and a new workshop have been submitted to the Cheshire West and Chester planning department.

2.4.3 Design activities

The detailed design of the new electrical sub-stations and water treatment plant continue to enable installation in 2019.

2.4.4 Service Diversions

The design specifications for the service diversion tie-in works has commenced. The first service tie-ins will be completed during TATA's annual plant shutdown in May. Significant design and planning effort is taking place to complete the works in a short time window. On completion of the works this will allow the construction area to be released for the new substation and water plant.

2.4.5 Legal Agreements and Contractual Documents

Significant resource and effort has been expended on drafting the required legal and contractual documents associated with the project delivery. This is expected to reach a conclusion in the coming weeks.

2.5 Proposed work activities over the next 3 to 6 months

- 2.5.1 Design sign—off for the new water treatment plant and electrical sub-station.
- 2.5.2 Complete detailed design work for the service tie-ins
- 2.5.3 Continue the asbestos removal within the redundant power station buildings.
- 2.5.4 Prepare land areas for the construction of the new electrical sub-station and water treatment plant and commence civil ground works
- 2.5.5 Conclude work with the Environment Agency regarding the environmental permit boundaries and operations between TATA and LSEP.
- 2.5.6 Complete service tie-ins during May shutdown window

2.6 Subsequent Project Works

- 2.6.1 Project efforts will largely focus on the detailed design and implementation activities for the enabling work packages. This is a complex activity due to the interface with the existing operating facilities and their ongoing operational requirements.
- 2.6.2 Relocation of existing services to allow construction work to commence later in 2019.
- 2.6.3 Commence demolition of sections of the redundant power station buildings

2.7 AOB

Post meeting note: On the 26th March 2019, Tata Chemicals Europe Ltd (TCE) announced that it had reached an agreement with a joint venture formed by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners and FCC Environment Group for the funding, ownership, construction and operation of the new energy from waste plant at TCE's Lostock manufacturing site. TCE will remain a key long term participant in the project. The joint venture called Lostock Sustainable Energy Plant Limited (LSEP) will use a consortium to build the plant led by CNIM, an international specialist in waste treatment and waste to energy solutions.

2.8 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd May at 2 PM at TATA Chemicals Europe, Natrium house, Winnington Lane, Northwich, CW8 4 GW.

Fraser Ramsay

TATA Chemicals Europe Ltd

Lostock EFW Community Liaison Officer