**LOSTOCK SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PLANT | LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE (LLC)**

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| **Summary** | | **Actions** |
| **Meeting** | Wednesday 14th May 2025, 11:00am-1:00pm  Lostock Works, Northwich and Online |  |
| **Attendees** | Gary Craigie, Project Director, LSEP **(GC)**  Rebecca Eatwell, Managing Director, Font Communications **(RE)**  Steve James, local resident representative **(SJ)**  Cllr Sam Naylor, Northwich Witton ward member, Cheshire West and Chester Council **(SN)**  Phil Davies, General Counsel & Director, Tata Chemicals Europe **(PD)**  Tim Forrest, Managing Director, Construction & Operations, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners **(TF)**  David Rees, Head of Development, FCC (DRe)  Lyndsey Sandison, Lostock Gralam PC **(LS)**  Cynthia Moore, local resident and member of Sustainable Northwich **(CM)**  Hazel Honeysett, Principal Planning Officer, CWaC **(HH)**  Yasmin Stretton, Font Communications **(YS)** |  |
| **Apologies** |  |  |
|  | Dan Rutter, Operations Manager, LSEP **(DRu)** |  |
| **Item 1** | **Welcome and introductions** |  |
|  | RE welcomed attendees to the meeting.  TF explained that CM had requested to stay on the LLC as a member of the public following standing down as a Rudheath Parish councillor. All agreed. RE also noted that Rudheath Parish council had also been approached to provide a new representative. |  |
| **Item 2** | **Minutes of previous meeting** |  |
|  | Members approved the minutes as an accurate record of the last meeting. |  |
| **Item 3** | **Construction Update** |  |
|  | GC provided an update on construction at LSEP.  **EFW plant (Energy from Waste Plant)**  **Civil works:**   * Civil works substantially complete * Civil contractor due to demobilise in the coming weeks. * Underground services works around 75% complete.   **Erection works:**   * Boiler steelwork is now complete. * Boiler erection works well advanced with hydraulic testing of Line 2 due in early June 2025. Testing of Line 1 was successfully completed on 9 March 2025. * Building steel erection and cladding works well underway with buildings starting to take shape. Bunker and turbine hall cranes installed and boiler roof structures now in place. * Air cooled condenser (ACC) erection works close to completion. * Turbine generator now installed and weather protected. * FGT erection works now under way with all deliveries complete.   **Process Works:**   * Main steam piping erection works now advanced. * Main electrical installation works also underway. * Grid substation now complete and fully adopted by SPEN. * Main EfW switchgear now installed with HV cabling contractor mobilised to make the connection to the SPEN substation. * Electrical and control system panels now being delivered to site. * Various auxiliary plant items also arriving at site. * Main plant deliveries now complete.   **Look ahead**   * Boiler hydraulic test for Line 2 in early June * Completion of air cooled condenser (ACC) erection * Continue with underground services works * Completion of steelwork for turbine hall and admin building * Continue erection of FGT * Continue cladding works in turbine hall, waste bunker and water treatment plant. * Installation of main piping for boiler and turbine hall. * Installation of HV/MV cabling * Installation of LV and control cabling   SJ asked what was happening with the third pylon. GC confirmed this would be taken down and there would be just two pylons.  LS asked whether the work off Manchester Road next to the Slow & Easy pub was LSEP. GC explained that this was grid connection work being undertaken by SPEN for LSEP. There will also be work near the dual carriageway to connect into the water system, but that will be relatively minor work.  HH asked what is defined as cold commissioning as there are some planning conditions which are required to be met before commissioning. GC explained that this involves testing the equipment before the system goes live. He also said that there is a tracker in place to ensure that the conditions are all discharged before the plant goes live.  SJ asked whether the refractory has been installed in the boiler. GC confirmed it has. |  |
| **Item 4** | **Community engagement** |  |
|  | RE provided an update on the community engagement activity.   * Noticeboard update provided * Future Open Day planned for July * Newsletter being produced – RE to discuss proposed distribution area with SJ.   A meeting was also held with Sustainable Northwich. Some requests came out of the meeting:   * Request to install air quality monitoring equipment – this is something that is being discussed with CWAC as it relates to one of the planning conditions * Request for a representative from Sustainable Northwich to sit on the LLC – CM sits on Sustainable Northwich so will cover this * Open Day – this is being organised as above * Community Fund – this is covered on the agenda | **RE to confirm date of next open day**  **RE to discuss newsletter distribution with SJ** |
| **Item 5** | **Community Fund** |  |
|  | TF outlined that the LSEP board has in principle agreed to a £50,000 community fund from now until the plant is commissioned.  LSEP will prepare a note for the next LLC meeting which sets out the type of projects that will be supported and how the funds will be dispersed. It is likely that the fund will support projects of an environmental/ sustainable nature but LSEP is open to feedback from the LLC.  LS mentioned two projects in Lostock Gralam that might fit the criteria – one is to plant blubs locally; the other is a community talking bench.  RE mentioned the Protos community fund and suggested members look at the criteria for that which is on their website <https://www.protos.co.uk/how-to-apply/>  RE to circulate a draft approach document for LLC members to review and come back via email so that a near final version can be presented to the September LLC meeting.  PD mentioned that Tata are going to be starting a project soon to enhance habitat areas on the site and it would be good for this to complement the LSEP fund rather than duplicating.  SN suggested that the fund should tackle local issues that impact on quality of life, such as fly tipping. SN to tie TF into the existing programmes in Northwich that are looking at this.  SJ asked whether there were plans for an opening ceremony. TF said yes but that this would be some time in the future. | **RE to circulate overview. ALL to come back with comments.**  **SN to connect into existing Northwich programmes** |
| **Item 6** | **AOB** |  |
|  | LS raised a few questions that had come from local people:   * Will environmental monitoring only be done during the day or is it 24 hours? It will be continuous monitoring in line with the Environmental Permit. * Will Northwich benefit from any electricity/ heat produced by the plant? There is a requirement under the planning consent to look at the option of providing waste heat to the local area and do this if it is viable. There's no private network to feed the electricity into so that that would just go into the general grid. * What is the situation with carbon capture and joining Peak Cluster? We are still waiting for Government to provide details on how the plant will be regulated in relation to carbon. Peak Cluster is still an option in the future. * Are there any contracts lined up for the waste? Yes, we have some contracts lined up with further being looked at. |  |
| **Item 6** | **Date and Time of Next Meeting** |  |
|  | The date of the next meeting is agreed for 2pm, Weds 10th September. |  |