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

Meeting No: 06. Held on 13th September 2018

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 Sam Naylor, CWACC Ward Member and Northwich Town Council

Councillor Cynthia Moore, Rudheath Parish Council

Mr Stevie Mitchell, Lostock SEP Site Integration Manager, TATA Chemicals Europe Ltd

Mr Chris LeCointe, RPS

Apologies:

Councillor Terry Murphy, Northwich Town Council

Councillor Gaye Billington, Rudheath Parish Council

Not in attendance:

Councillor Brian Jamieson, Northwich Town Council

Mrs Lyndsey Sandison. Clerk of Lostock Gralam Parish Council

2. Agenda Items:

2.1 Welcome and Introductions

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

The meeting welcomed Cllr Naylor who was in attendance as a guest to allow him to understand more of the background to the Lostock SEP project.

The meeting welcomed Cllr Moore, Rudheath Parish Council, who was in attendance in the absence of Cllr Billington.

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 As previously shared at the special liaison committee meeting held on the 15th March, technical studies have concluded that the electrical power output the plant could deliver to the national grid could be increased.
- 2.3.2 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.
- 2.3.3 Consultation had taken place with DBEIS to understand the requirements for the variation application prior to the formal variation application.
- 2.3.4 Confirmation has 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 and the consultation period ran to the 7th September.
- 2.3.5 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

2.4 Update on works activities since last meeting

2.4.1 Collection of necessary information and assessments to meet the requirements of planning condition 26 discharge approval.

Site work commenced in January and concluded in March. This consisted of drilling a number of boreholes to allow soil and underground water samples to be taken and analysed. Sample collection continued into April, with analysis and reporting now completed.

2.4.2 Developing the scopes for the enabling work packages.

Civil, mechanical and electrical engineering resource are continuing to work on this activity to support detailed investigation of the site services and scope development. The majority of the work is being undertaken off-site, but some site activities are taking place, primarily

2.7 AOB

2.8.1 The dates of future meetings proposed:

Thursday 29th November 2018

Thursday 28th February 2019

Thursday 23rd May 2019

Thursday 12th September 2019

Thursday 28th November 2019

Fraser Ramsav

TATA Chemicals Europe Ltd

Lostock EFW Community Liaison Officer

collection of physical dimensions and technical meetings. Five main Contractors are working on this activity with approximately 50 staff.

2.4.3 Asbestos Survey and Stripping

Asbestos surveys of pipe bridges and the redundant power station buildings has commenced. An asbestos removal programme is to be initiated in the coming weeks, with a specialist contractor undertaking the works.

2.4.4 Ecology Surveys

Bird, Bat and Reptile surveys have been completed on site.

2.5 Proposed work activities over the next 3 to 6 months

- 2.5.1 Develop programme to submit remaining pre-commissioning planning condition applications to the Local Planning Authority.
- 2.5.2 Conclude work with the Environment Agency regarding the environmental permit boundaries and operations between TATA and LSEP.
- 2.5.3 Complete scoping of enabling work packages, followed by design reviews and sign off. Most of this activity is office based
- 2.5.4 Design sign -off for the new water treatment plant and electrical sub-station.
- 2.5.5 Continue to conclusion the asbestos removal within the redundant power station buildings.
- 2.5.6 Commence demolition of sections of the redundant power station buildings.

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 in early 2019.