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

Meeting No: 05. Held on 24th May 2018

1. Record of Attendance

Present:

Mr Fraser Ramsay, TATA Chemicals Europe Ltd. Chair

Councillor Terry Murphy, Northwich Town Council

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

Mr Chris LeCointe, RPS

Apologies:

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

Not in attendance:

Councillor Brian Jamieson, Northwich Town Council

Councillor Gaye Billington, Rudheath Parish 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 fifth Local Liaison Committee (LLC), held on TATA's manufacturing site at Lostock.

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

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- 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 It is proposed to submit a formal variation application to the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS), formerly DECC. The variation application will be 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 a 600,000 tpa, EFW station generating up to 60 MWe. This increase is primarily enabled by efficiency improvements since consent was granted.
- 2.3.3 Consultation has taken place with DBEIS to understand the requirements for the variation application and work has commenced to produce the formal variation application.

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 to conclude in the next few weeks.

2.4.2 Developing the scopes for the enabling work packages.

Civil, mechanical and electrical engineering resource are working on this activity to support detailed investigation of the site services and scope development. The majority of the work is being done off-site, but some site activities are taking place, primarily collection of physical dimensions and technical meetings. To support the design work a drone survey and topographical survey of the site have been completed.

2.4.3 Pre-Commissioning Planning Condition Applications

Progress has continued to discharge the remaining pre-commissioning planning conditions. Condition 31, Waste Hierarchy, was submitted to Cheshire West and Cheshire Council in April and discharged in May.

2.4.4 Environmental Permit

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Discussions continue with the Environment Agency to agree the TATA and Lostock
Sustainable Energy Plant permit boundaries and interface. Several options are available for consideration.

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.
- 2.5.4 Design sign –off for the new water treatment plant and electrical sub-station.

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 Subsequent demolition of the redundant coal fired power station, which is likely to take place in 2019.

2.7 AOB

2.8.1 The date of the next meeting is to finalised

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