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

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| **Summary**  | **Actions** |
| **Meeting**  | Tuesday 19th November, 10:00 – 11:00Lostock Works, Northwich and Online |  |
| **Attendees** | Gary Craigie, Project Director, LSEP **(GC)**Rebecca Eatwell, Managing Director, Font Communications **(RE)**Hazel Honeysett, Principle Planning Officer, Cheshire West and Chester Council **(HH)** Steve James, local resident representative **(SJ)**Cllr Sam Naylor, Northwich Witton ward member, Cheshire West and Chester Council **(SN)**Adam Wordsworth, Font Communications **(MC)**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)**Dan Rutter, Operations Manager, LSEP **(DRu)** |  |
| **Apologies** |  |  |
|  | Lyndsey Sandison, Lostock Gralam Parish Council/Lach Dennis Parish Council clerk **(LS)** |  |
| **Item 1**  | **Welcome and introductions**  |  |
|  | RE welcomed attendees to the meeting. DRu was introduced who will be the plant manager for LSEP once FCC take over operation. DRu can be contacted on daniel.rutter@fccenvironment.co.uk.  |  |
| **Item 2** | **Minutes of previous meeting** |  |
|  | Members approved the minutes as an accurate record of the last meeting.Actions carried forward:* TF updated that Progressive Energy’s pipeline routes are not yet public but that there will be the potential to connect to LSEP via a spur at a future date.
* Cllr Cynthia Moore’s request to join faced no objections. HH will check the procedure. RE to send TOR to HH so they can both confirm it is permitted.
* SJ enquired about support from LSEP for Griffiths Park. TF/DRe to consider and report back at the next meeting.
 | RE to send LLC TOR to HHTF/DRe to report back  |
| **Item 3** | **Construction Update** |  |
|  | GC provided an update on construction at LSEP.**Overview****Project in Erection Phase*** Erection of boiler steelwork commenced in February 2023 with pre-assembly of boiler starting in July 2023. First boiler panel was lifted in place late November 2023.
* Erection phase due to complete in early 2025 with final testing of the boiler.
* M&E phase due to commence with piping and cabling installation.

**Future phases*** Cold commissioning is expected late 2025.
* First firing of waste expecting early 2026.
* Planned completion of the project in late 2026.

**EFW plant (Energy from Waste Plant)****Civil works:*** Most of civil works are now complete
* Waste bunker, tipping hall slab, bottom ash storage, wastewater pit, air cooled condenser foundations, stack foundation, turbine generator foundations and demineralised water tank complete. Final piling works also completed
* Works progressing on FGT foundations which are nearly complete.
* Underground services works over 55% complete.

**Erection works:** * Boiler steelwork around 95% and will be fully complete in 2024.
* Boiler erection works in full progress and will continue until early 2025. Hydraulic testing will take place in Q1 2025.
* Building steel erection and cladding works well underway with buildings starting to take shape.
* Air cooled condenser erection works now well underway with 8 out of 10 modules now in place.
* Turbine generator now installed and weather protected.
* FGT erection works now under way with most major deliveries complete.

**Process Works:*** Main steam piping erection contractor has now mobilised with first piping deliveries expected within the next week.
* Order placed for high and medium voltage cables.
* Design progressing on low voltage and instrumentation cables.
* Electrical and control system panels now being delivered to site.
* Various auxiliary plant items also arriving at site.

**Look ahead*** Air cooled condenser erection due to complete early 2026
* Delivery of main transformer January 2025
* Installation of main piping for boiler and turbine hall.
* Relocating contractor car park from Griffiths Road

HH asked where the car park would be moved to. GC confirmed it would be dispersed across available land on the site.SN stated that Sustainable Northwich attended a recent Northwich Town Council meeting and they are requesting air quality monitoring to be put in place. TF suggested that air quality is covered at the next LLC meeting. LSEP will also arrange a meeting with Sustainable Northwich.SN enquired whether the proposed closure of Tata’s Lostock plant would impact on LSEP and whether it would present an opportunity to change the access/traffic movements once operational, particularly the use of Griffiths Road.PD stated that while the closure of the plant would reduce traffic movements, Tata would still need to supply LSEP with sodium bicarbonate for flue gas treatment which would need to be brought into site. Overall, there will be a reduction in traffic numbers. It would mean that Tata will no longer need to bring in limestone via rail which makes the planned cooperation with LSEP over the railhead a simpler task. The Works Lane access is unlikely to be useable given constraints with the railway bridge.TF said that there is the potential for LSEP to provide energy to the Tata site in the future.SN said it would be a failure if the rail head couldn’t be utilised in some way for the project. SJ said that the rail head is an opportunity but only if LSEP can find a source of waste on the rail network. SN raised the potential to use the rail head to remove ash from the process. TF confirmed that this is being explored and LSEP is looking to remove ash by rail which would reduce HGV movements enabling the proposed uplift to take place within current permitted transport movements. This would then facilitate waste being brought in by rail in the future if the opportunity arose. SJ asked if this can be communicated to local people as it would be positive news. TF said that the plans are at a very early stage but the community would be involved should the decision be taken to progress a future uplift application.  | RE to add to agenda for next meeting / contact Sustainable Northwich |
| **Item 4** | **Community engagement** |  |
|  | RE provided an update on the community engagement activity. * A noticeboard update was circulated following the last LLC meeting.
* A community newsletter went to around 800 local addresses which promoted the open day.
* The website has been updated to include a community section.
* The open day on 12 October 2024 was oversubscribed with around 30 people attending from the local area. All present agreed that it went well.

SJ asked whether for future newsletters if the distribution area could include King Street and Broken Cross. RE agreed to review the distribution area with the LLC ahead of future mailings. TF confirmed that future open days would be arranged. Dre said that open days will also take place once the plant is operational. | RE to review distribution area  |
| **Item 5** | **A.O.B** |  |
|  | SN said he would be keen to meet DRe as the person who will be responsible for managing the plant once operational. He was also keen to see jobs going to local people. DRe confirmed 45 FTE jobs will be on site. |  |
| **Item 6** | **Date and Time of Next Meeting** |  |
|  | The date of the next meeting is Thursday 13th February 2025 at 2:00pm. |  |