

The Eggborough CCGT Project

The Eggborough CCGT (Generating Station) Order

Land within and to the north of the Eggborough Power Station site, near Selby, North Yorkshire, DN14 0BS

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) - The Planning Act 2008 (Section 47)



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GLOSSARY

Abbreviation	Description
AGI	Above Ground Installation
CCGT	Combined cycle gas turbine
DBEIS	The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPL	Eggborough Power Limited
ES	Environmental Statement
ExA	Examining Authority
ICZ	Inner Consultation Zone
km	Kilometres
MW	Megawatts
NPS	National Policy Statement
NTS	The National Transmission System (for gas)
NYCC	North Yorkshire County Council
OCGT	Open cycle gas turbine
PA 2008	The Planning Act 2008
PCZ	Public Consultation Zone
PEI	Preliminary Environmental Information
PINS	The Planning Inspectorate
SDC	Selby District Council
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SoS	The Secretary of State
The coal station	The existing Eggborough coal-fired power station
The EIA Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009
The Project	The Eggborough CCGT Project
The site	The Eggborough Power Station site

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Eggborough Power Limited ('EPL') is preparing an application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') under the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') for the construction and operation of a new gas-fired power station of around 2,000 megawatts ('MW') on land within the existing Eggborough Power Station site, near Selby, North Yorkshire, DN14 OBS.
- 1.2 The Eggborough Power Station site (the 'site') currently accommodates a coal-fired power station (the 'coal station') of 2,000 MW and its associated infrastructure. The location of the site is shown in **Figure 1.1** below.

Figure 1.1: Site Location



- 1.3 The project is known as 'The Eggborough CCGT Project' (the 'Project') and also includes new underground gas pipeline running to the north of the site to connect the gas-fired power station to the national gas transmission network (for a supply of gas), in addition to other infrastructure connections and associated development.
- 1.4 The application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (the 'PINS') who will administer the DCO process on behalf of the Secretary of State ('SoS') for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (the 'DBEIS').

2.0 THE PROJECT

- 2.1 The Project comprises the construction and operation of a new gas-fired power station with a capacity of around 2,000 MW, including a number of high efficiency combined cycle gas turbine ('CCGT') units and a 'fast response' gas-fired 'peaking plant.'
- 2.2 The CCGT process involves feeding natural gas into a combustion system to drive a gas turbine, which in turn is connected to a generator that produces electricity. An amount of heat remains in

the gas turbine exhaust, and this is passed into boilers to make steam to generate additional electricity via steam turbines. The exhaust steam from the steam turbine is then condensed back into water which is returned to the boiler to continue the process. The electrical efficiency of a modern CCGT power station is considerably higher than that for a conventional coal, biomass or oil-fired generating plant.

- 2.3 The peaking plant will comprise either an open cycle gas turbine ('OCGT') unit or a set of reciprocating engines. Its function will be to provide a fast response to peaks in demand on the National Grid helping to ensure security of electricity supplies to homes and businesses.
- 2.4 The gas-fired power station will comprise a range of buildings and structures, including turbine halls, exhaust stacks, a feed water pump building, an electrical building, a generator transformer, hybrid cooling towers, cooling water pumps and an administrative building. Electricity generated by the power station will be exported to the National Grid via the existing National Grid substation at the site, to the west of the coal station. Additional cables will be installed between the new power station and this substation.
- 2.5 It is envisaged that the gas-fired power station will be designed to operate for an expected period of at least 25 years, after which on-going operation will be reviewed.
- 2.6 The fuel source for the new power station (natural gas) will be supplied via a new underground gas pipeline. This will run north from the site for approximately 3 kilometres, passing under the River Aire, before connecting to the national gas transmission network (known as the 'National Transmission System' or 'NTS') to the west of Burn. An 'Above Ground Installation' ('AGI') will be constructed at the connection point. This will accommodate the plant and equipment required to connect the pipeline with the NTS.

3.0 THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 3.1 The purpose of this Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') is to explain how EPL intends to consult with the local community and other stakeholders during the pre-application stage for the Project, in advance of the submission of the DCO application. The 'local community' includes residents living within the vicinity of the Project, the general public, community groups, local businesses, as well as others who work in or use the area.
- 3.2 The SoCC and the associated community consultation activities are a requirement of section 47 of the PA 2008. Section 47(1) states that:

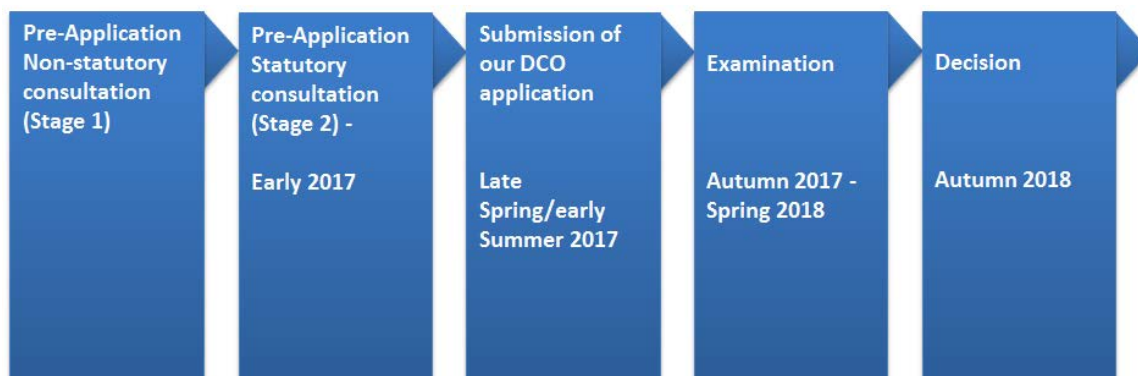
"The applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land."
- 3.3 In particular therefore, the SoCC sets out what will be done to ensure that the pre-application consultation on the Project complies with the statutory consultation requirements of the PA 2008.
- 3.4 The SoCC has been prepared with reference to guidance on pre-application consultation published by the Government, the PINS and the host local authorities, Selby District Council ('SDC') and North Yorkshire County Council ('NYCC').

- 3.5 In accordance with section 47 of the PA 2008, EPL has consulted SDC and NYCC on a draft of the SoCC and has finalised the SoCC having regard to the comments received from the local authorities.
- 3.6 Once finalised, the SoCC must be publicised in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land to which the project relates. This SoCC is published in the form of a 'SoCC Notice'. EPL has arranged for the SoCC to be published on the 8 December 2016 within the Pontefract & Castleford Express, the Selby Times and the Goole Times. A copy of the SoCC notice is included at **Appendix 1** to this report.

4.0 THE DCO APPLICATION PROCESS

- 4.1 The DCO application process is 'front-loaded' meaning that EPL must undertake consultation at the pre-application stage in order to identify and take account of the views of the local community and other stakeholders in developing the Project details and preparing the DCO application for submission.
- 4.2 The DCO application will be submitted to the PINS, who will then have a period of 28 days to decide whether to 'accept it' for examination. If accepted, the PINS will arrange for the examination of the application by an independent inspector, also known as the 'Examining Authority' ('ExA'). There will be the opportunity for the local community and other stakeholders to be involved in the examination process and to express their views on the Project. Following the examination, which must take no longer than 6 months, the ExA will have 3 months to write a report setting out his or her recommendations as to whether consent should be granted for the Project. The report is then sent to the SoS for BEIS who has 3 months to consider it and make a final decision on whether to grant consent. If the SoS grants consent for the Project this will be in the form of a DCO.
- 4.3 The DCO application will be considered by the ExA and by the SoS in accordance with the following National Policy Statements (NPSs):
- EN1 – Overarching Energy;
 - EN2 – Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure;
 - EN4 – Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines; and
 - EN5 – Electricity Networks.
- 4.4 The NPSs are government policy and set out the need for new energy infrastructure and the issues that should be taken into account when considering DCO applications. The ExA and the SoS are required to consider DCO applications in accordance with the relevant NPSs. Other matters that the SoS may consider important and relevant when determining DCOs may include other national policies and local planning policies.
- 4.5 The DCO process for the Project is summarised in **Figure 4.1** below.

Figure 4.1: DCO Process



4.6 For more information about the DCO application process, please refer to <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk>

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The Project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') to be prepared as it is a project that comes within Schedule 1 of 'The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009' (as amended) and is therefore 'EIA development' (as defined in those Regulations).
- 5.2 An EIA is a detailed assessment of the likely significant environmental effects of a project and covers a range of environmental topics areas, such as land use, socio-economics, air quality, noise, heritage and archaeology, landscape and visual and transport, amongst others. The findings of the EIA are report in an 'Environmental Statement' ('ES').
- 5.3 EPL submitted a request to the PINS on 17 August 2016 for an 'EIA scoping opinion' to determine the scope (notably the environmental topics to be covered) and extent of the EIA work to be undertaken for the Project. The request was accompanied by a detailed EIA Scoping Report. The PINS issued its Scoping Opinion on 28 September 2016 and this has been taken into account by EPL in undertaking the EIA work for the Project. These documents are available on the PINS' website.
- 5.4 The EIA process involves EPL producing Preliminary Environmental Information ('PEI') on the Project. This will provide initial information on the likely significant environmental effects of the Project and be made available during the Stage 2 statutory consultation on the Project. Details of how EPL will publicise and consult on the PEI are set out below. The PEI will inform the EIA work and the findings of the EIA will be contained within the ES that will form part of the DCO application submitted to the PINS. These documents are included on the PINS' website and also on the Project website:

- <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/eggborough-ccgt/?ipcsection=docs>
- <http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/>

6.0 THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

6.1 Meaningful pre-application consultation is a key requirement of the DCO application process. The main objectives of EPL's pre-application consultation on the Project are as follows:

- To raise awareness of the Project and provide the local community and other stakeholders with the opportunity to understand and comment on the proposals at different stages.
- To provide clear and concise information on the Project.
- To provide a range of means by which people can engage with the Project and provide comments and feedback.
- To ensure that comments and feedback are accurately captured and recorded.
- To show how EPL has taken account of the comments and feedback in finalising the DCO application for submission.

7.0 THE PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION PROCESS

7.1 EPL's pre-application consultation process for the Project comprises two stages, as follows:

- Stage 1 – Non-statutory consultation; and
- Stage 2 – Statutory consultation in accordance with the requirements of the PA 2008.

7.2 This two stage approach has been adopted in accordance with the Government's 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process' (2015). The guidance advises undertaking non-statutory consultation at an early stage of a project where options are still being considered; before establishing a preferred option on which to undertake statutory consultation.

7.3 The **Stage 1 'non-statutory' consultation** on the Project was undertaken in September/October 2016. This consultation was publicised to the local community (within a defined consultation area surrounding the site - please see Section 8.0, Figure 8.1) as well as other stakeholders and included a number of public exhibitions. Through the publicity, the exhibitions and a number of other means (e.g. the Project website), the local community and other stakeholders were provided with initial information on the Project, including the need and reasons for building a gas-fired power station, the options being considered in terms of the location within the site/layout of the power station and the gas pipeline route corridor, the consenting process and the next steps.

7.4 The **Stage 2 'statutory' consultation** on the Project will take place in early 2017 and will provide an opportunity for EPL to update the local community and other stakeholders on the progress that has been made on Project and inform them on, amongst other matters, the decisions that have been made in respect of the options consulted upon at Stage 1. It is envisaged that the Stage 2 consultation will provide information on the following:

- The comments received at Stage 1 and any changes made to the Project.
- The decisions made with regard to the location within the site/layout of the power station and the gas pipeline route corridor.
- The size and appearance of the main power station buildings.

- The preliminary environmental information ('PEI') that has been assembled to provide more detail on the likely significant environmental effects of the Project and how EPL intends to prevent, reduce and where necessary, offset any significant environmental effects that are likely to arise in connection with the Project.
- The timescales and next steps for the Project.

7.5 The Stage 2 consultation will be publicised to the local community within the defined consultation area as well as other stakeholders through a variety of means (please see Section 9.0). Consultation documents and materials will be made available at public inspection locations (such as libraries, details will be confirmed) and a number of public exhibitions will be held throughout the consultation area. The exhibitions will be attended by EPL representatives, who will be available to explain more about the Project and answer questions. There will be a variety of ways for people to respond to the Stage 2 consultation and provide comments.

7.6 As was the case for Stage 1, at Stage 2, people will be given 28 days to comment. The deadline for providing comments will be made clear when publicising the Stage 2 consultation and within the consultation materials and at the public exhibitions.

8.0 WHO WILL BE CONSULTED?

8.1 During the consultation process EPL will engage with the local community within the immediate vicinity of the site and that may be affected by the Project as well as other stakeholders, such as SDC, NYCC, technical consultees such as the Environment Agency and Natural England and landowners who may be affected.

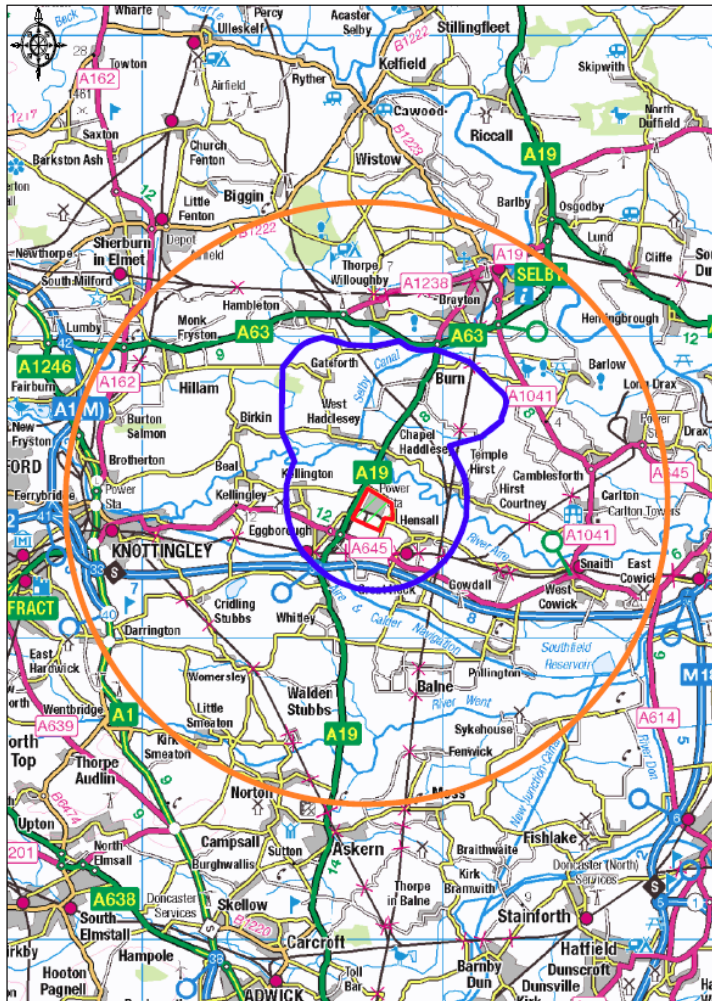
8.2 EPL will consult within a 10 kilometre (km) radius of the centre of the site; known as the 'Public Consultation Zone' or 'PCZ'. This area has been determined having regard to relevant guidance on consultation and is intended to cover not only those communities within the immediate vicinity of the site, but also those, whilst further away, that may still be affected to some extent by the Project. In this respect, the PCZ has been informed by the likely sphere of influence of the potential environmental effects of the Project, including in relation to environmental topics such as landscape and visual and air quality.

8.3 Within the PCZ an 'Inner Consultation Zone' or 'ICZ' has been defined. This extends approximately 3 km around the site and roughly 1 km around the gas pipeline route corridor options and the potential connection points to the NTS. The ICZ encompasses the nearest settlements to the site, including Eggborough and Hensall villages, in addition to villages such as Chapel Haddlesey, Great Heck, Kellington, Temple Hirst, West Haddlesey, Whitley, Burn and Gateforth. These are the settlements that it is considered have the greatest potential to be most directly affected by the construction and operation of the Project, owing to their relative proximity. The community within the ICZ will be advised about the Project through more focused consultation activities. For instance, the distribution of newsletters to households and businesses.

8.4 It is considered that the extent of the PCZ (and the ICZ) will ensure that people living within the vicinity of the site are adequately consulted in accordance with the section 47 of the PA 2008.

8.5 A plan of the PCZ (edged orange) and the ICZ (edged blue) is provided in **Figure 8.1** below.

Figure 8.1: Consultation Zones



9.0 CONSULTATION METHODS

- 9.1 The following consultation methods (**Table 9.1**) will be used during the pre-application consultation on the Project.

Table 9.1: Consultation Methods

Consultation Method	Detail of Method
Project website	The website/webpage (http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/) will be used to publish updates and information on the Project, including details of consultation events and consultation materials (e.g. the SoCC, question and answer sheets, feedback forms and public exhibition boards) and also the deadline for and how to submit comments during the pre-application stage.
Elected members briefings	Relevant elected members (e.g. County, District and Parish Councillors) will be briefed, as a minimum, prior to the start of consultation.

Consultation Method	Detail of Method
Letters/newsletters	Letters/newsletters will be issued to the people living within the Inner Consultation Zone. The letters/newsletters will be used to advise people of pre-application consultation events and the timescales for submitting comments and how to make comments.
Newspaper adverts/notices	The consultation events and timescales for submitting comments and how to make comments will be publicised through adverts/notices placed in relevant national and local newspapers. (note: adverts in national newspapers will only take place at Stage 2).
Site notices/posters	Notices will be erected at the site entrance/boundary where they can be viewed by the public. In addition, posters will be added to public notice boards (e.g. council offices and libraries) in the Public Consultation Zone. These will publicise the consultation events, along with the timescales for submitting comments and how to make comments.
Public exhibitions	Public exhibitions will be held in order to provide an opportunity for the local community (and others) to view information on the Project and speak to EPL.
Public inspection locations	The relevant consultation materials will be made available at locations within the Public Consultation Zone for inspection (note: this will only take place at Stage 2).

10.0 HOW EPL WILL PUBLICISE THE CONSULTATION

10.1 EPL will publicise the consultation by writing to:

- local residents and businesses within the ICZ;
- Parish Councils wholly or partly within the ICZ;
- councillors representing county or district wards/divisions wholly or partly within the ICZ; and
- members of the UK and European Parliaments representing local constituencies within the ICZ.

10.2 The consultation and public exhibitions will also be publicised in local and regional newspapers, by posters erected within the PCZ, and via the Project website:

- <http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/>

11.0 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

- 11.1 The comments and feedback received during consultation will be carefully recorded and taken into account in developing the Project details and preparing the DCO application, having regard to technical, economic, environmental and health and safety considerations, amongst others.
- 11.2 Details of the comments and feedback received during consultation and the account taken of these, where appropriate, will be documented within the 'Consultation Report' that will form part of the DCO application. The Consultation Report will demonstrate how EPL has complied with the consultation requirements of the PA 2008.

12.0 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO CONTACT US

Website	http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/
Email	consultation@eggboroughccgt.com
Post	Eggborough CCGT Consultation c/o Dalton Warner Davis LLP 21 Garlick Hill London EC4V 2AU

APPENDIX 1: SOCC NOTICE

SECTION 47 (6) (A) OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 - THE EGGBOROUGH CCGT PROJECT

NOTICE PUBLICISING THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given that Eggborough Power Ltd ('EPL') of Eggborough Power Station, near Selby, North Yorkshire, DN14 0BS, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO') under the Planning Act 2008 (the 'PA 2008') to develop a new gas-fired power station and associated development on land within and to the north of the existing Eggborough coal-fired power station site.

EPL has a duty to consult the local community under Section 47 of the PA 2008 and has produced a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC') setting out how it will undertake that consultation. This notice outlines when and where a copy of the SoCC can be inspected.

The Eggborough CCGT Project comprises the construction and operation of a new gas-fired power station with a capacity of around 2,000 megawatts. The electricity generated by the new power station will be exported to the National Grid via the existing substation at the site. The fuel supply for the power station (natural gas) will be supplied via a new underground gas pipeline, which will run north from the site, passing under the River Aire, before connecting to the national gas transmission network to the west of Burn. An Above Ground Installation will be constructed at the connection point to accommodate the necessary plant and equipment.

The SoCC may be viewed free of charge, from 8 December 2016, at the locations detailed in this notice and on the Project website at: <http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/>

Requests for a copy of the SoCC should be made by:

- writing to Eggborough CCGT Consultation, c/o Dalton Warner Davis LLP, 21 Garlick Hill, London, EC4V 2AU; or
- emailing: consultation@eggboroughccgt.com.

VENUE DETAILS	OPENING HOURS
Snaith Library 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9HE	Tues - 2pm - 7pm Thurs - 10am - 5pm Sat - 10am - 12noon
Knottingley Library Knottingley Sports Centre, Hill Top, Pontefract Road, Knottingley WF11 8EE	Mon & Fri - 1pm - 5pm Tue - 9.30am - 6pm Wed - 9.30am - 5pm Thurs & Sat - 9.30am - 1pm
Selby Library and Information Centre 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ	Mon - 9.30am - 7.30pm Tues, Wed & Fri - 9.30am - 5.30pm Thurs & Sat - 9.30am - 12.30pm
Askern Library Station Road, Askern, Doncaster, DN6 0JA	Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat - 10am - 1pm Tue & Thurs - 10am - 6pm
Sherburn-in-Elmet library Finkle Hill, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6EA	Mon & Tues - 9.30am - 5pm Thurs - 9.30am - 6pm Fri - 9.30am - 1pm Sat - 9.30am - 12.30pm
Eggborough Power Station Sports and Social Club Eggborough, Goole, North Humberside, DN14 0OZ	Mon - Sat - 9am - 5pm Sun - 10am - 4pm
North Yorkshire County Council County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8AD	Mon to Thurs - 8am - 5pm Fri - 8am - 4.30pm
Selby Council (Contact Centre) Market Cross Shopping Centre, Selby, YO8 4JS	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri - 9.30am - 4pm Wed - 10am - 4pm

Venue opening hours may differ on public holidays and may be subject to change by the organisations that operate them and should be checked.