



Date: 11 January 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

EGGBOROUGH POWER LIMITED - THE EGGBOROUGH CCGT PROJECT, LAND WITHIN AND TO THE NORTH OF THE EGGBOROUGH POWER STATION SITE, NEAR SELBY, NORTH YORKSHIRE, DN14 0BS

CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 42 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 - 'DUTY TO CONSULT'

NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 11 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2009 ('THE EIA REGULATIONS') - 'PRE-APPLICATION PUBLICITY UNDER SECTION 48 (DUTY TO PUBLICISE)'

We write on behalf of Eggborough Power Limited ('EPL') in connection with the 'The Eggborough CCGT Project' (the 'Project' or the 'Proposed Development').

EPL intends to submit an application (the 'Proposed Application') for a Development Consent Order (a 'DCO') under section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act'). The Proposed Application will be submitted to and administered by the Planning Inspectorate, before being determined by the Secretary of State ('SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The DCO, if made, would authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of a new gas-fired power station with a capacity of up to 2,500 megawatts ('MW'), a new gas pipeline and other associated works.

The entire site for the Project (the 'Project Site') extends to approximately 157 hectares in area. It comprises land within the operational area of EPL's existing coal-fired power station at Eggborough (owned by EPL) for the gas-fired power station and electrical connection and corridors of land running to the north for the new gas pipeline and cooling water connections (largely not owned by EPL).

Further information relating to the Project, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') that has been compiled for it is set out below and provided on the CD that is enclosed with this letter.

## Section 42 'Duty to consult'

Section 42 of the Act 'Duty to consult' requires prospective applicants for a DCO to consult on their proposed application with those persons specified in the Act and in regulations made pursuant to the Act. These persons include local authorities, prescribed consultation bodies and affected/potentially affected land owners and other interests in land. The consultation must be carried out prior to submitting an application for a DCO to the SoS. EPL has identified a number of persons and organisations, which it is to consult for the purposes of section 42, including those required by that section. As you fall within one of above categories, EPL therefore wishes to seek your views on the Project.





This consultation pursuant to section 42 of the Act (EPL's Stage 2 consultation) follows the non-statutory consultation (Stage 1 consultation) undertaken by EPL in September/October 2016. The Stage 1 consultation provided initial information on the proposals, including the reasons for wanting to build a gas-fired power station; the options that were under consideration in terms of the location and layout of the power station; the potential route corridors for the gas pipeline; and the consenting process; amongst other matters.

#### EIA Regulation 11 'Pre-application publicity under section 48 (duty to publicise)

Section 48 of the Act 'Duty to publicise' requires prospective applicants for a DCO to publicise their proposed application by publishing a notice (a 'section 48 notice') once in a national newspaper, once in the London Gazette and (in the case of offshore development - which includes development within tidal waters) once in the Lloyds List and an appropriate fishing journal, and for two successive weeks in a local newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land to which the development relates. In accordance with this requirement, EPL will be publishing a section 48 notice in the following newspapers and publications:

- The Times 12 January 2017.
- The London Gazette 12 January 2017.
- The Lloyds List 12 January 2017 (as the Project would involve development within the tidal River Aire).
- The Fishing News 12 January 2017 (for the reason set out above).
- The Selby Times 12 & 19 January 2017.
- The Goole Times 12 & 19 January 2017.
- The Pontefract & Castleford Express 12 & 19 January 2017.

In addition, Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the 'EIA Regulations') requires that the prospective applicant, at the same time as publishing notice of the proposed application in accordance with section 48, sends a copy of that notice to the 'consultation bodies' and to any person notified to the applicant by the SoS under EIA Regulation 9(1)(c).

You have been identified as a consultation body for the purposes of EIA Regulation 11 and therefore a copy of the section 48 notice that is to be published (as set out above) is appended to this letter.

#### The Project Components and Proposed Application

The new gas-fired power station would have an output of up to 2,500 MW and be capable of supplying the electricity needs of around 2 million homes. It would be built on land entirely within the operational area of the existing coal-fired power station, primarily comprising the existing coal stock yard located within the south-east part of the coal station site.

The fuel source for the new power station (natural gas) would be supplied via a new underground gas pipeline. This would run north from the site for approximately 4.7 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 village. An 'Above Ground Installation' ('AGI') would be





constructed where the gas pipeline connects to the NTS. This would accommodate the necessary plant and equipment to connect the gas pipeline to the NTS.

The Project includes other associated works, including electrical connections to the existing National Grid substation at the coal station site so that the electricity generated by the new power station can be exported to the electricity network, as well as cooling water infrastructure connections and other works.

The main components of the Project (further detail is provided within the PEIR) include:

- a combined cycle gas turbine plant (up to three CCGT units), including turbine and heat recovery steam generator buildings, emissions stacks, cooling towers, administration/control building, other ancillary buildings, plant and equipment;
- a peaking plant fuelled by natural gas (comprising open cycle gas turbine units or reciprocating engines), including turbine building, emissions stack and ancillary plant and equipment;
- a black start plant fuelled by natural gas, including diesel generators (for start-up prior to gasfiring), diesel fuel storage tanks and unloading area;
- other ancillary buildings, including administration and control buildings, enclosures, plant, equipment, storage tanks and works, including gas receiving area and compression building; cooling water pump house, treatment plant, storage basins and pipework; demineralised water treatment plant and storage tanks; emergency diesel generators; gate houses; workshops and stores; fire-fighting equipment, building and fire water storage tanks;
- an underground gas pipeline connecting to the NTS of approximately 600 millimetres in diameter and approximately 4.7 kilometres in length running from the coal station site, northward to the connection point with the NTS;
- an AGI and connection to the NTS, including maintenance building, enclosures, plant and equipment, car parking, security fencing, lighting and vehicular access;
- an electrical connection to the existing National Grid 400 kilovolt substation, including above and below ground electrical cables;
- works to the existing cooling water pipelines and to the intake and outfall structures within the River Aire;
- access works (including potentially to highway adjacent to the Project site), internal vehicular roads, car and HGV parking areas, hard standing and pedestrian and cycle routes and facilities;
- alterations to the existing rail infrastructure within the coal station site, including new rail sidings, crossovers and ancillary equipment;
- utilities connections, including electricity, gas and towns water; surface water management and foul drainage systems; security fencing; external lighting; and landscaping; and
- construction laydown areas and compounds.

In accordance with the EU Carbon Capture and Storage ('CCS') Direction, which came into force in June 2009, the Overarching National Policy Statement ('NPS') for Energy (NPS EN-1) and the NPS for Fossil Fuel Generating Infrastructure (NPS EN-2), the power station would need to be designed to be 'Carbon Capture Ready' ('CCR'). In addition to this, land would also need to be set aside adjacent to the power





station to accommodate any future carbon capture plant, should the deployment of such technology become viable in the future. The power station would also be design to be 'Combined Heat and Power ('CHP') Ready'.

The Proposed Application would seek the authorisation of the above works through a DCO in addition to other powers, including, if required, the compulsory acquisition of permanent land and/or rights in land required for the Project, and/or the temporary occupation of land required for the Project. Other powers that the DCO would seek, if found to be required, include the extinguishment and/or overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land required for the Project; the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project; a deemed marine licence for those parts of the Project within or affecting the tidal section of the River Aire; and tree and hedgerow removal, amongst other matters.

These powers would be set out in the draft DCO and explained in an Explanatory Memorandum, both of which would form part of the Proposed Application.

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

Due to the nature and size of the Project, EPL is undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA'). Therefore the Project is classified as EIA development under the EIA Regulations. The Proposed Application will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement ('ES'). The ES will provide a detailed description of the Project and its environmental effects, as well as the other matters required by the EIA Regulations.

Information so far compiled about the Project's environmental effects is contained within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') and a non-technical summary. The PEIR is provided on the CD that is enclosed with this letter.

#### **The Consultation Documents**

The CD that is enclosed with this letter contains the following consultation documents in order to assist you in considering and commenting on the Project:

- A copy of this letter.
- A site location plan.
- A plan showing the extent of the Project site outlined in red.
- A plan showing the selected location for the gas-fired power station within the coal station site.
- Plans showing the indicative layout of the power station.
- Indicative 3D visualisations of how the power station would appear.
- A plan showing the selected route corridor for the gas pipeline and location of the AGI.
- The PEIR and non-technical summary, setting out the findings of the environmental assessments of the Project that have been carried out to date.
- A copy of the notice that will be published pursuant to section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the Act (referred to above).





A hard copy of all the consultation documents is available on request for a maximum copying charge of £150.00. Hard copies of individual documents are also available on request. The consultation documents can be obtained by:

Writing to: Eggborough CCGT Consultation, c/o Dalton Warner Davis LLP, 21 Garlick Hill,

London, EC4V 2AU

**Emailing:** consultation@eggboroughccgt.com

In addition to the above consultation documents, the consultation materials that are being made available to the local community pursuant to section 47 'Duty to consult local community' of the Act can be accessed via the Project website: <a href="http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/">http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/</a>

A number of number public exhibitions will be held within the vicinity of the site and surrounding area during the week of 16 January 2017. Details of the exhibitions are provided below:

#### **Public Exhibitions**

DATE	VENUE	TIME
16 January 2017	Eggborough Village Hall, 8 Cannon Hall Lane, Eggborough, Goole, DN14 OUS	2:00 to 9:00pm
17 January 2017	Eggborough Sports & Leisure Complex, Eggborough Power Station, Goole, DN14 OUZ	2:00 to 9:00pm
18 January 2017	Knottingley Town Hall, Hilltop, Headlands Ln, Knottingley, WF11 9DG	2:00 to 9:00pm
18 January 2017	Selby Town Hall, York Street, Selby, YO8 4AJ	2:00 to 9:00pm
19 January 2017	Burn Methodist Church, Main Road, Burn, Selby, YO8 8LJ	2:00 to 9:00pm
20 January 2017	Snaith Sports Hall, Pontefract Road, East Yorkshire, Snaith, DN14 9LB	2:00 to 9.00pm

The consultation documents and materials provide information on the following:

- the comments received to the Stage 1 consultation and changes made to the proposals since then;
- the decisions that have been made regarding the location of the gas-fired power station and the route corridor for the gas pipeline;
- the layout of the gas-fired power station and the size and appearance of its main buildings;
- the environmental effects of the proposals and how these would be prevented, reduced and where necessary, mitigated; and
- the next steps for the proposals.





# **Responding to the Consultation**

Comments in response to the consultation can be submitted by the following means:

Post: Eggborough CCGT Consultation, c/o Dalton Warner Davis LLP, 21 Garlick Hill, London, EC4V

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E-mail: consultation@eggboroughccgt.com

Website: http://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk/

All comments on the proposals should be submitted no later than the end of Friday 17 February 2017.

## **Next steps**

Following the close of the consultation on Friday 17 February 2017, EPL will review the comments received and have regard to these in finalising the proposals in advance of submitting the DCO application to the SoS.

EPL intends to submit the DCO application in late spring/early summer 2017. The examination of the application would take place during the autumn/winter 2017/18 with a decision expected to be made by the SoS in autumn 2018.

Yours faithfully

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**DALTON WARNER DAVIS LLP on behalf of EPL** 

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Section 48 notice

CD of consultation documents

#### The Eggborough CCGT Project

The Planning Act 2008 - Section 48

The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 - Regulation 4

The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 - Regulation 11

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) FOR THE EGGBOROUGH CCGT PROJECT

- 1. Notice is hereby given that Eggborough Power Limited ('EPL') ('the Applicant') of Eggborough Power Station, near Selby, North Yorkshire, DN14 OBS, intends to submit an application ('the Proposed Application') to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') under Section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') to authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of a new gas-fired generating station with a capacity of up to 2,500 megawatts ('MW') and associated development, including a new underground gas pipeline to the National Transmission System ('NTS') and other infrastructure connections (together 'the Project').
- 2. The site for the Project ('the Project Site') covers an area of approximately 157 hectares and comprises land including that within the operational area of the existing Eggborough coal-fired Power Station site (the 'coal station') (owned by EPL), a corridor of land running north from the coal station to the NTS west of Burn at or near ordnance survey grid reference: SE 579280 and a separate corridor of land running north from the coal station to the River Aire at or near ordnance survey grid references: SE 578260 and SE 584251.
- 3. The proposed DCO would, amongst other matters, authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of:
  - 3.1 a combined cycle gas turbine ('CCGT') plant (comprising up to three CCGT units), including turbine and heat recovery steam generator buildings, emissions stacks, cooling towers, administration/control building, other ancillary buildings, plant and equipment;
  - a peaking plant fuelled by natural gas (comprising open cycle gas turbine units or reciprocating engines), including turbine building, emissions stack and ancillary plant and equipment;
  - a black start plant fuelled by natural gas, including diesel generators (for start-up prior to gas-firing), diesel fuel storage tanks and unloading area;
  - 3.4 other ancillary buildings (including administration and control buildings), enclosures, plant, equipment, storage tanks and works, including gas receiving area and compression building; cooling water pump house, treatment plant, storage basins and pipework; demineralised water treatment plant and storage tanks; emergency diesel generators; gate houses; workshops and stores; fire-fighting equipment, building and fire water storage tanks;
  - an underground gas pipeline connecting to the NTS of approximately 600 millimetres in diameter and approximately 4.7 kilometres in length running from at or near ordnance survey grid reference: SE 580241 to SE 579280.
  - 3.6 an above ground installation and connection to the NTS at or near ordnance survey grid reference: SE 579280, including maintenance building, enclosures, plant and equipment, car parking, security fencing, lighting and vehicular access;
  - 3.7 an electrical connection to the existing National Grid 400 kilovolt substation within the coal station, including above and below ground electrical cables;
  - 3.8 works to the existing cooling water pipelines and to the intake and outfall structures within the River Aire at or near ordnance survey grid references: SE 578260 and SE 584251;

- 3.9 access works (including potentially to highways adjacent to the Project site), internal vehicular roads, car and HGV parking areas, hard standings and pedestrian and cycle routes and facilities;
- 3.10 alterations to the existing rail infrastructure, including new rail sidings, crossovers and ancillary equipment;
- 3.11 utilities connections, including electricity, gas and towns water; surface water management and foul drainage systems; security fencing; external lighting; and landscaping;
- 3.16 construction laydown areas and compounds; and
- 3.17 carbon capture and storage reserve space.
- 4. The Proposed DCO would also seek, if required, the compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights in land required for the Project and/or the temporary occupation of land for the Project. Other powers that the DCO would seek, if found to be required, include the extinguishment and/or overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land required for the Project; the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project; tree and hedgerow removal; the temporary stopping up of public footpaths during construction works; permanent and temporary changes to the highway network for and in the vicinity of the Project site; a deemed marine licence for those parts of the Project within or affecting the tidal section of the River Aire; the construction, operation and maintenance of associated development, including, but not limited to those items listed in paragraph 3; and such ancillary, incidental and consequential works, provisions, permits, consents, waivers or releases as are necessary and/or convenient for the successful construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.
- 5. The Project is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development under The Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2009. The findings of the EIA of the Project will be reported in an Environmental Statement that will be submitted with the Proposed Application.
- 6. Information so far complied about the Project's environmental impacts is contained in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report and a non-technical summary. These documents and other documents relating to the Project, including plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project ('the consultation documents') are available to view or download free of charge from the Project website: <a href="https://www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk">www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk</a> and for inspection free of charge from 12 January to 17 February 2017 at the following locations during the hours set out (opening hours may be subject to change):

Locations	Opening Times	
Snaith Library, 27 Market Place, Snaith, Goole,	Tues - 2pm - 7pm; Thurs - 10am - 5pm; Sat - 10am - 12noon	
DN14 9HE		
Knottingley Library, Knottingley Sports Centre,	Mon & Fri - 1pm - 5pm; Tue - 9.30am - 6pm; Wed - 9.30am -	
Hill Top, Pontefract Road, Knottingley, WF11	5pm; Thurs & Sat - 9.30am - 1pm	
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Selby Library and Information Centre, 52	Mon - 9.30am - 7.30pm; Tues, Wed & Fri - 9.30am - 5.30pm;	
Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ	Thurs & Sat - 9.30am - 12.30pm	
Askern Library, Station Road, Askern,	Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat - 10am - 1pm; Tue & Thurs - 10am - 6pm	
Doncaster, DN6 0JA		
Sherburn-in-Elmet library, Finkle Hill,	Mon & Tues - 9.30am - 5pm; Thurs - 9.30am - 6pm; Fri -	
Sherburn-in-Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6EA	9.30am - 1pm; Sat - 9.30am - 12.30pm	
Eggborough Power Station Sports and Social	Weds - 5pm - 9pm; Thurs 11am - 2pm & 5pm - 11pm; Fri -	
Club, Eggborough, Goole, North Humberside,	11am - 9pm; Sat - 11am - 9pm; Sun - 11am - 5pm	
DN14 0OZ		
North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall,	Mon to Thurs - 8am - 5pm; Fri - 8am - 4.30pm	
Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD		
Selby Council (Contact Centre), Market Cross	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri - 9.30am - 4pm; Wed - 10am - 4pm	
Shopping Centre, Selby, YO8 4JS		

- 7. A hard copy of all the consultation documents is available on request for a maximum copying charge of £150.00. Hard copies of individual documents are also available on request. A CD of the documents is available on request for a charge of £15.00. The documents (or a CD) can be obtained by writing to: Eggborough CCGT Consultation, c/o Dalton Warner Davis LLP, 21 Garlick Hill, London, EC4V 2AU.
- 8. If you wish to respond to this notice, or make representations in respect of the Project, these should be sent to EPL. Please include your name and an address where any correspondence relating to the Project can be sent. Representations may be submitted in the following ways:

Post: Eggborough CCGT Consultation, c/o Dalton Warner Davis LLP, 21 Garlick Hill, London, EC4V

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E-mail: consultation@eggboroughccgt.com

Website: www.eggboroughccgt.co.uk

- 9. Your comments will be analysed by EPL and copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities. We will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and will be held securely by EPL in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.
- 10. Please note that all responses must be received by EPL no later than the end of 17 February 2017.

**Eggborough Power Limited**