



EDF Energy was granted Section 36 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform on 30 October 2007 to construct and operate a new gas fired power station at West Burton.

As part of our commitment to keeping the public informed about the project, we shall send out a quarterly newsletter to update you on progress and activities relating to the project.

The next three months

The number of people on site has now reached its peak and as our civil contractor, Kier, start to demobilise, our mechanical and electrical contractor, Amec, continue to increase the equipment installation, piping and electrical cabling works.

The chimneys for Unit 1 and 2 were completed during August. Unit 3 chimney is progressing and will be completed in the next few months.

We are also focusing on completing the drainage systems and ensuring that all the new buildings are weathertight in time for winter.



Aerial view of the site

In addition, we are finalising plans to build the permanent tarmac roads around the site, which will help with traffic management during the winter months

Upcoming major work

We have started commissioning some of the plant systems on Unit 1, which will be an ongoing sequential process.

Commissioning of Unit 1 will culminate in the 'first firing' of the gas turbine in early 2011; this is when gas is injected into the gas turbine and ignited.

As we progress through the commissioning process, we will pressurise the gas pipe in a controlled manner and bring gas on to the site. When this occurs, the already stringent site safety rules and procedures will be enhanced even further.

The erection of Unit 2 and 3 is also progressing, and we will repeat the same testing and commissioning processes as for Unit 1.

Save today. Save tomorrow.



Oversize loads

The last of the oversized loads to be transported to site were delivered in August and the transport contracting company are in the process of reinstating hedge rows and street furniture.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience over the past months.

Bird survey

Birdsong tends to decrease from the end of June, but song thrushes, blackbirds, robins and some warblers are still in good voice around the site.

The young of green and great spotted woodpeckers have been recorded near the North end of the site over the last quarter. There has also been an increase of linnets raising their young around the ponds.



Common kestrel

Two buzzards and kestrels were also seen hunting in the same area. As there is an abundance of rabbits, mice and voles in the area we can safely assume that the raptors will be nesting close by.

Charity donations

As part of our 'Zero Harm' safety incentive scheme, to date we have donated a total of £20,000 to local charities chosen by the work force.



Site employees presenting a cheque of £1,000 to Brain Glasper of the Breakaway Fund

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