

West Burton C Power Station

The West Burton C (Generating Station) – Land to the north of the West Burton B Power Station, Nottinghamshire

Stage 1 Pre-Application Consultation

Statement of Community Consultation

The Planning Act 2008- Pursuant of Section 47



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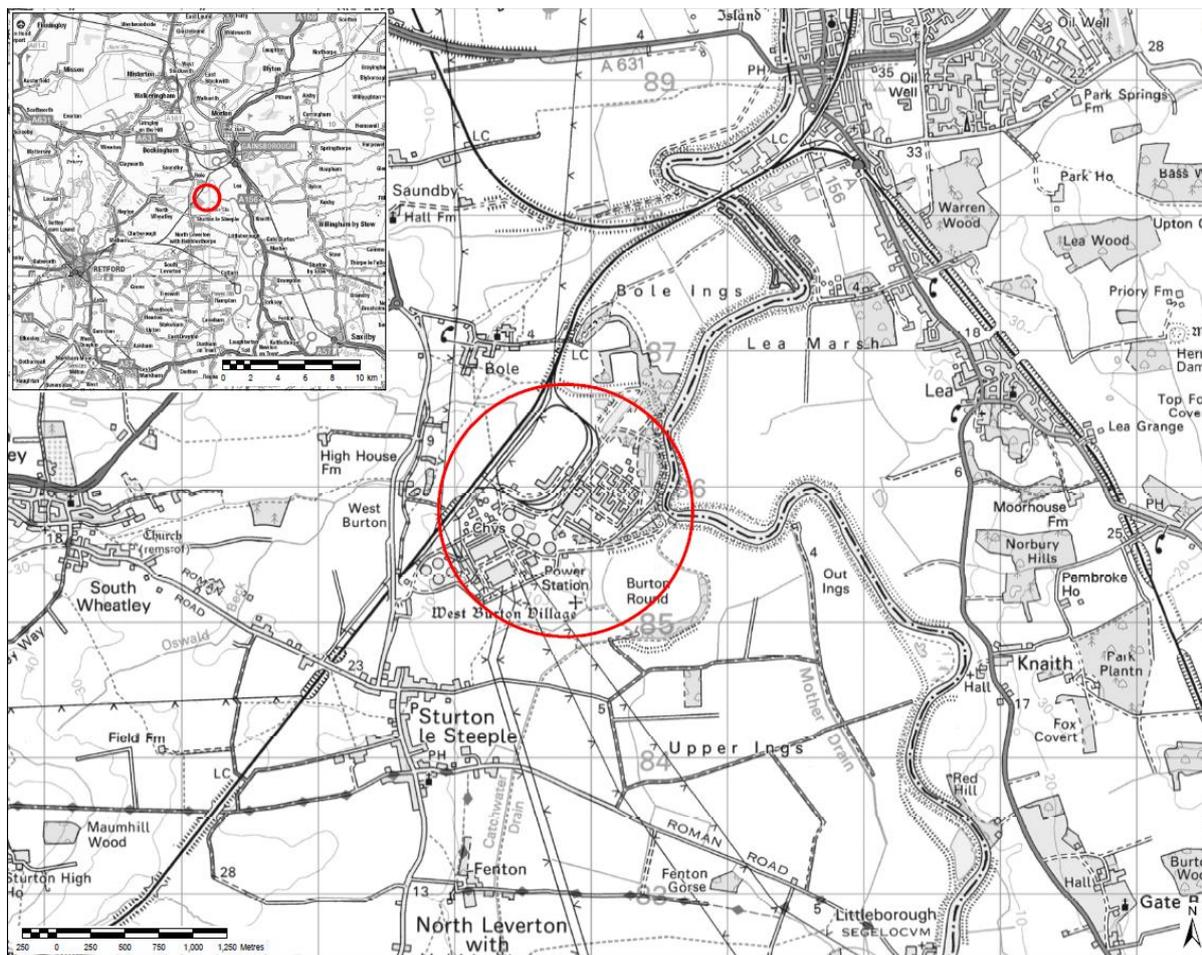
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1. Introduction

This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) (the Statement) is published in connection with a proposed gas-fired power station project (the Project) of up to 299MW, to be known as West Burton C (WBC), Nottinghamshire. WBC would be located on land within the wider West Burton Power Station Site alongside the operational West Burton A coal-fired power station and the West Burton B gas-power station, approximately 3.5km to the south of Gainsborough and 1km to the north of Sturton-le-Steeple (refer to **Figure 1**) in Nottinghamshire. The Project is being promoted by EDF Energy (West Burton Power) Limited (EDF Energy).

Figure 1: Vicinity of the West Burton C Site



The generating capacity of the proposed power station would be in excess of 50MW, therefore, the Project is classified as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' (NSIP) under the Planning Act 2008 (The 2008 Act). This means a Development Consent Order (DCO) is required to build and operate the power station, and consent will be sought from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

This Statement details how individuals and other interested parties living and working in the vicinity of the Project will be informed and consulted on the proposals to construct, operate and

decommission the Project prior to an application for development consent being made. This Statement has been prepared pursuant to section 47 of The 2008 Act, and the consultation described will be undertaken in accordance with sections 42 and 48 of The 2008 Act respectively. In preparing this SoCC, EDF Energy has consulted Bassetlaw District Council (BDC), Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) and has had regard to their responses.

Section 5 of this Statement details how stakeholders can access this and other consultation documents. This is also detailed in the notice publicising this Statement, which will be published in the Retford Times, Gainsborough Standard, The Times and London Gazette between 7 September and 14 September (inclusive) (see **Appendix 1** for a copy).

2. Scope and Structure of the SoCC

This Statement sets out how EDF Energy proposes to consult local communities, residents and organisations at its formal consultation stage, ahead of submitting its application for development consent. This Statement details:

- the background of the Proposed Development (**Section 3**);
- the context of the planning process (**Section 4**);
- how EDF Energy will engage, consult and help the local communities, residents and organisations about what particular aspects of the Project may mean for them, including details of the activities that will be undertaken to disseminate information (**Section 5**);
- how EDF Energy will publish the required preliminary environmental information relating to the Project (**Section 6**); and
- how people can engage with EDF Energy to help shape the Proposed Development (**Section 7**).

3. West Burton C Project

The Project would comprise the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a gas-fired power station with a capacity of up to 299MW. The Project is intended to meet short periods of peak demand through flexible generation. It is anticipated that it would operate at times of peak demand, therefore it would not run all year round.

4. The Planning Process

EDF Energy will apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) under The 2008 Act for development consent to construct, operate and decommission the Proposed Development. The Planning Inspectorate, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, will process and examine the application before making a recommendation whether or not to grant a DCO. The Secretary of State will make the final decision.

The Government's policies in relation to NSIPs are set out in the National Policy Statements (NPSs). The Project is being developed having regard to the relevant NPSs, in particular EN-1 (Energy) and EN-2 (Fossil Fuel Electricity Generating Infrastructure). National policy in EN-1 (Energy) recognises that *'gas will continue to play an important role in the electricity sector'*. As the need for this type of

Project has been established by national policy, the principle of developing gas-fired power stations is not a matter for stakeholders.

In accepting the application, the Planning Inspectorate must be satisfied that adequate pre-application consultation has been conducted. Pre-application consultation is essential in enabling EDF Energy to understand the views of the public and other stakeholders and respond, where possible, to address feedback. EDF Energy’s application for development consent will include a Consultation Report setting out the feedback received, how regard has been given to the feedback, and how the consultation has been carried out in accordance with this SoCC and the requirements of The 2008 Act.

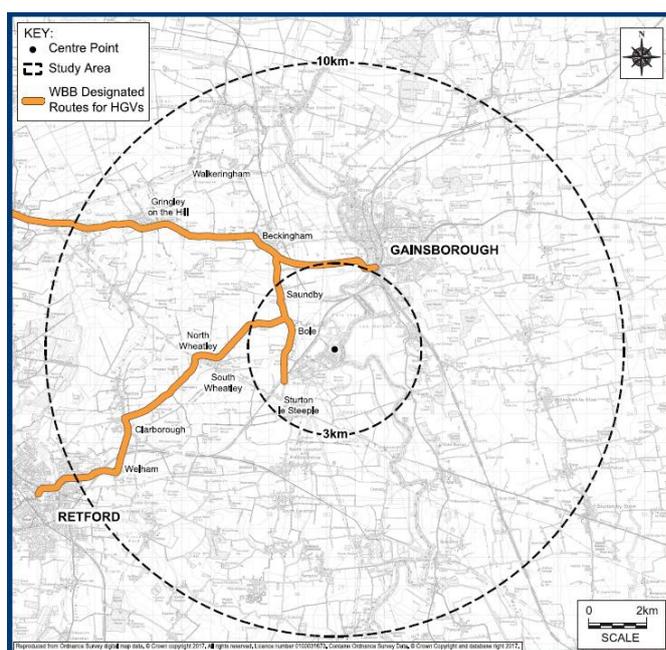
5. Approach to Consultation

EDF Energy undertook informal consultation and engagement with the local community ahead of commencing its formal (statutory) consultation under The 2008 Act. EDF Energy may supplement with further stages of limited, focused, informal or statutory consultation if necessary.

EDF Energy undertook its informal consultation in July/August 2017. Thereafter, EDF Energy prepared further information to consult on as part of its formal consultation, which includes Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) (refer to **Section 6**). The responses to the formal consultation will inform the evolution of the Proposed Development and the scope of the technical assessments.

As part of its formal consultation, EDF Energy is consulting all of those ‘living in the vicinity of the land’, as required by The 2008 Act, which includes: (i) all those living within the 3km Core Consultation Zone; and (ii) all those living within the villages along the two main roads that would be used to access the WBC Site during the construction, operational and decommissioning periods, within 10km of the Site. Refer to **Figure 2** for details.

Figure 2: Extent of Consultation Zone



For the informal consultation, EDF Energy sent a newsletter to those householders, businesses, parish councils and ward members within the Consultation Zone described above and held one exhibition at Sturton Hall in Sturton-le-Steeple (within the Consultation Zone). All information detailed in the newsletter and at the exhibition was published on the Project website (www.westburtonc.co.uk).

During the formal (statutory) consultation, which is being held between 7 September and 16 October, EDF Energy will send a newsletter to those householders and businesses within the Consultation Zone described above, and hold three exhibitions within the villages within the Consultation Zone. All information detailed in the newsletter and other consultation documents (including the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and Non-Technical Summary) and at the exhibitions will also be published on the Project website. A questionnaire will also be available for stakeholders to capture any feedback.

EDF Energy's Project team will also be available to attend parish council meetings or other local community events, at reasonable request, during the consultation period.

EDF Energy will also ensure that any hard to reach groups within the Consultation Zone, which have been identified by the local authorities, are contacted at the same time as sending out the newsletters for the consultations.

EDF Energy will deposit copies of formal consultation documents at the following locations during the period of the consultations:

- Retford Library (Churchgate, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 6PE), open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 6pm, Saturday 9.30am – 4pm and closed Sunday;
- BDC's office – Worksop (Queen's Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S80 2AH), open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm (except Bank Holidays);
- BDC's office – Retford (17B The Square, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 6DB), open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm (except Bank Holidays);
- Gainsborough Library (Cobden Street, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 2NG), open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 9am-1pm; and
- West Lindsey District Council's office (Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA), Monday to Tuesday and Thursday to Friday 9am-5pm and Wednesday 10am-5pm.

EDF Energy will also notify those in the Consultation Zone once the application for development consult has been submitted, via a newsletter and press notice in a national newspaper, the London Gazette for one week and two local newspapers (i.e. the Retford Times and Gainsborough Standard) once each for two consecutive weeks.

The Project website will also be regularly updated, to ensure all the relevant materials are easily available. Requests for information about the Project in other formats (for example large print or braille) will be considered upon request.

Details of how communities can contact EDF Energy are as follows:

- Post to FREEPOST WBC CONSULTATION (no stamp is required)
- Email to enquiries@westburtonc.co.uk
- Call us on 0800 520 2524

6. Related Consultations

During its consultation period, EDF Energy will monitor all other major consultation exercises being undertaken in the local area at the same time (including any at the West Burton Power Station Site itself). Effort will be made to coordinate the pre-application consultation with other projects, where possible, to avoid confusion and/or consultation fatigue.

7. Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI)

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be undertaken for the Project to identify any likely significant effects on the environment. Following the completion of the EIA scoping exercise, EDF Energy is undertaking its EIA and will report the findings in an Environmental Statement that will be submitted as part of the application for development consent. The environmental topics to be covered include: air quality; traffic and transport; noise and vibration; ecology; landscape and visual amenity; ground conditions and hydrogeology; flood risk, hydrogeology and water resources; cultural heritage; socio-economics; sustainability and climate change. Once the application has been submitted all relevant documents will be made available on the West Burton C project page of The Planning Inspectorate's website at the appropriate time (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/west-burton-c-power-station/>).

The consultation materials will include environmental information. As part of the statutory consultation, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) is provided in support of the formal consultation. This includes details of the baseline environment, the preliminary assessments of the likely significant environmental effects (positive and negative) of the construction, operation and decommissioning periods of the Project and a preliminary view of potential mitigation measures, where required. The Environmental Statement, and Non-Technical Summary, will be submitted as part of the application for development consent.

8. Next Steps

EDF Energy will consider all consultation responses before submitting its application to the Secretary of State. A detailed Consultation Report, explaining the consultation that has taken place, and how responses to the consultation have influenced the final proposals, will accompany the application to the Secretary of State for development consent.

Appendix 1: Proof of Public Notice

West Burton C Power Station Project

SECTION 42, 47 (6) (a), 48 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

NOTICE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) FOR THE WEST BURTON C POWER STATION PROJECT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



1. Notice is hereby given that EDF Energy (West Burton Power) Limited ('EDF Energy') of 40 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7EN, intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order (DCO) (the Application) under Section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 (The 2008 Act) to authorise the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a new gas-fired peaking plant power station of up to 299 megawatts (MW) at the existing West Burton Power Station Site (Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 9BL), to be known as West Burton C (the Proposed Development).
2. EDF Energy has a duty to consult the local community under Sections 42 and 47 of The 2008 Act and has produced a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) which sets out how EDF Energy will undertake its consultation. Additionally, EDF Energy has a duty to publicise the proposed application under section 48 of The 2008 Act in line with Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. This notice outlines the main details of the Application and where a copy of the consultation documents can be viewed.
3. The Proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:
 - 3.1 The construction, maintenance and operation of a gas-fired power station with electrical output capacity of up to 299MW and associated buildings, structures and plant, including:
 - one or more OCGT units with stack(s), transformers(s), air inlet filter house, exhaust gas diffuser and generator;
 - associated switch gear and ancillary equipment;
 - a switchgear building;
 - gas receiving area, gas treatment and control facilities, compression station, and gas pipeline to the West Burton B (WBB) Gas Reception Facility;
 - electrical connection to an existing 400kV switchyard within WBB, with an extension to the existing switchyard;
 - diesel generator and associated diesel fuel tank;
 - workshop, store, control, electrical, administration and welfare buildings;
 - above ground water storage tanks and associated infrastructure;
 - storm water attenuation system or similar;
 - internal access roads and car parking;
 - landscaping, fencing and security provisions;
 - construction laydown areas and a rail offloading area from the existing rail loop that is present on the West Burton Power Station Site;
 - auxiliary cooling equipment/systems; and
 - other minor infrastructure and auxiliaries/services.
 - 3.2 Temporary stopping up of streets and rights of way.
 - 3.3 The grant of a deemed marine licence in connection with a potential new outfall to the River Trent.
 - 3.4 The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project.
 - 3.5 Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.
4. The Application is for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development and is being prepared under The Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2009. The findings of the EIA of the Project will be reported in an Environmental Statement that will accompany the Application. The information compiled so far about the environmental impacts of the Proposed Development is detailed in a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report and Non-Technical Summary (NTS). The PEI Report, NTS, SoCC and community newsletter are referred to as 'the consultation documents' and include plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development. These are all available to download free of charge from the Project website (www.westburtonc.co.uk) and available for view free of charge between 7 September and 16 October 2017 at the following locations:

Deposit Location	Opening Hours (may be subject to change)
Gainsborough Library - Cobden Street, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 2NG	Monday to Friday 9am-5pm; and Saturday 9am-1pm
Retford Library - Churchgate, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 6PE	Monday to Friday 9.30am – 6pm; and Saturday 9.30am – 4pm
Bassetlaw District Council's office: Worksop - Queen's Buildings, Potter Street, Worksop,	Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm
Bassetlaw District Council's office: Retford - 17B The Square, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 6DB	Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm
West Lindsey District Council's office - Guildhall, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough, DN21 2NA	Monday to Tuesday 9am-5pm; Wednesday 10am-5pm; and Thursday to Friday 9am-5pm

5. A hard copy of all the consultation documents is available on request for a copying charge of £150. Requests should be made to enquiries@westburtonc.co.uk
6. If you wish to provide comments, please do so by 5pm Monday 16 October either:
 - By post to FREEPOST WBC CONSULTATION (no stamp is required)
 - By email to enquiries@westburtonc.co.uk
7. Alternatively, if you wish to speak to a member of the Project team please call us (0800 520 2524) or visit one of our exhibitions:
 - Thursday 14 September 2017 (2pm to 7pm) at **Sturton Hall** (Sturton Hall, Brickings Way, Sturton-le-Staeple, DN22 9HY);
 - Friday 15 September 2017 (2pm to 7pm) at **Beckingham Village Hall** (Southfield Lane, Beckingham, DN10 4QA);
 - Saturday 16 September 2017 (10am to 3pm) at **Knaith Park Village Hall** (79 Willingham Road, Knaith Park, Gainsborough, DN21 5ET).
8. Comments will be analysed by EDF Energy and its consultants. Copies of any responses received 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. Responses will be held securely by EDF Energy and its consultants in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and application for development consent, and except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.