



Protos Community Forum

Minutes of the meeting 14th July 2021

7.00pm Zoom meeting

Present:

Voting Members:

Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council
 Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly, Elton Parish Council
 Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council
 Cllr. Felicity Davies, Frodsham Town Council
 Cllr. Lynn Riley, Frodsham Ward
 Cllr. Chris Basey, Frodsham Ward
 Cllr. Graham Heatley, Gowy Rural Ward

Advisers:

Lois Kay, Peel NRE
 Myles Kitcher, Peel NRE
 Richard Barker, Peel NRE
 Richard Bates, Peel NRE
 Joe Harper, Sisk
 Andy Smith, Covanta
 Dawn Hewitt, Environment Agency
 Phil Goodwin, Environment Agency
 Phil Bridges, Environment Agency

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Apologies	Clare Wright, Thornton Le Moors Parish Council Margaret Parker, Gowy Rural Ward	
Absences	Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston No Little Stanney and District Parish Council representative due to retirement of Roy Greenwood. Expect replacement for next meeting	
Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 14 th April 2021 were accepted as a true record by Sarah Temple and Seconded by Graham Heatley	



Matters Arising	Andy Smith, Covanta had responded to local resident on questions raised at last meeting	
Protos update	<p>Plot 10b – Plastic to Hydrogen Facility</p> <p>A section 73 application has been submitted to gain consent for proposed changes to the facility. This hasn't yet been validated by the council, as soon as it is, this will be uploaded to the Protos website and Forum members notified.</p> <p>The Section 73 application seeks permission for changes to the approved layout and elevations which have arisen from detailed engineering design of the facility and the need to undertake earth works to accommodate the ground levels at the site. Additionally, the application also seeks to increase the number of HGVs allowed to access the facility each day in order to provide flexibility for the delivery of hydrogen to potential future customers.</p> <p>To avoid any increase in the overall number of HGVs accessing the Protos development, the number of HGV movements associated with each plot will be altered to reallocate the movements and increase the proportion of movements permitted to access the hydrogen production facility (located at Plot 10b). This will be subject of a separate application for a non-material amendment to Condition 9 of the Protos permission, which it is anticipated will be determined in advance of or alongside this application.</p> <p>Substations</p> <p>The construction of the two substations on land to the east of plot 11 and the associated infrastructure continues and is still on target to complete in line with programme, despite some delays caused by flooding during February and a culmination of contributory factors including Covid and ways of working, delivery delays, obtaining kit and materials.</p> <p>The Construction is split into 2 Projects,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contestable Works: This includes a Substation and connection to the 132 KV supply from the newly installed pylon which connects into the Overhead line. This part of the build shall be fully adopted by SPEN upon completion. The interconnecting 132KV supply cable to the Pylon is now installed. Commissioning of all internal HV control and switching systems is ongoing in readiness for SPEN energisation in the Autumn. Fencing around the site is 99% completed and landscaping works within the site boundary is progressing. 2. Private works: This comprises a new Substation and power distribution equipment to provide 11KV and 33KV to the 	Lois to notify members when S73 submitted



	<p>Protos tenants. All Major Equipment and Switchgear is now installed on site and system commissioning is still underway. Smith Brothers are the main contractor for both projects.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the first connection 'Phase 1' enabling 50MW of export and circa 6MW of import will be available by 3rd quarter 2021 with provision into plot 10B (Plastic to Hydrogen) in time for their connection scheduled for December 2021</p> <p>The final completion date for all the works (as SPEN will continue their non contestable works following the completion of the substations – including upgrades to their existing infrastructure at Frodsham and Capenhurst) is October 2023 when there will be 124MW of total export capability and 57 MW of import/supply. Which will coincide with the completion of the Covanta's facility.</p> <p>Other Facilities Final negotiations are in progress with Enviroo for the PET recycling facility on Plot 13.</p> <p>No updates for the biomass and timber recycling facilities – business as usual.</p> <p>Additional ditchworks are ongoing in Snipe Haven nature area to encourage water voles.</p> <p>Community Update Newsletter July edition was circulated in early July which has been promoted on the Protos website and twitter page using paid promotion, but again ask that this is shared by forum members. There is now a form which members of the community and interested parties can sign up to on the community page of the website to receive a notification each time a community newsletter is issued.</p> <p>Air Quality Peel have been working with Ricardo AEA and Sarah Temple on the first annual monitoring report which will be online and interactive nature (with PDF version also being produced). This is close to completion and will be shared with forum members and made available on the website shortly.</p> <p>Questions: Lynn Riley asked if/how data from Helsby monitoring data could be coordinated with Frodsham data. ST confirmed that the CWaC monitoring in Frodsham is related to road traffic. The data being captured at Helsby is specific to Protos developments and detailed in the independent report</p>	<p>Members to share newsletter and info about sign-up</p> <p>Lois to share AQ report (members, website, CWaC EPU)</p>
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	<p>commissioned by the sub-group of the Protos forum (copy available on the website)</p> <p>The data from Helsby will be shared directly with CWaC Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) and through the Ellesmere Port AQ forum.</p> <p>Graham Heatley posed question around how particular businesses/industry can be attributed to changes in air quality. GH to speak directly to Martin Doyle (CWAC EPU)</p> <p>Lynn Riley asked for update on green travel plan. Lois Kay confirmed that Peel are working on wider masterplan. Noted the discussion held at the last meeting and will be providing an update a future meeting. Lynn Riley provided information about funding for flexible route bus services and asked that this is circulated amongst local Parish Councils and considered by Peel. She highlighted that it would be cost-effective for Peel to demonstrate their commitment to sustainable travel by incorporating bus stops into the road infrastructure being built at the moment.</p> <p>Andy Eardley asked about dust arising from plot 3 – Richard Bates confirmed that the operator of plot 3 has a new dust suppression system</p> <p>Chris Jackson, local resident – has commented that cycle routes are quite overgrown. Lois Kay confirmed that maintenance regime in place. And CWT are on site undertaking site visits. Access will always be maintained along the public right of way. Encouraged photos to be sent by local residents to community@protos.co.uk if they notice a particular issue. Lois will send the maintenance program to Andy Eardley.</p>	<p>Graham to contact EPU</p> <p>Peel to share green travel plan with forum and consider current opportunities</p> <p>Lois to send maintenance program to Andy Eardley</p>
<p>Phase 2 Infrastructure works presentation from Joe Harper</p>	<p>Presentation from Joe Harper (copy shared with minutes).</p> <p>Phase 2 works are currently 26 weeks in, with 40 weeks remaining. Due to complete Spring 2022. The work will include 3-4 weeks of piling,</p> <p>Questions: Graham Heatley queried why drainage works haven't been completed first.</p>	

	<p>Joe confirmed that these will predominantly follow completion of the roads. Will be undertaking drainage works in a phased approach.</p> <p>Are Interceptor pits being installed? Ecology areas incorporate a SUDS Sustainable drainage system and attenuation built into them. During construction phase, any fuel storage areas are beyond 30 m from any watercourses.</p> <p>Richard Bates confirmed that for the individual development plots this would be part of the planning and permitting for each development plot.</p> <p>Andy Smith confirmed Covanta's storage vessels are designed in such a way they are contained drainage systems with bunding, any surface water will go through interceptors before going into water courses, which is in line with the permitting and national legislation.</p> <p>Phil Bridges (currently regulates the biomass facility), confirmed that as part of any permit application, if any water bodies are potentially affected, operators would have conditions added to their permit. Richard Bates added that Peel ensure that anyone operating at Protos has the required EA permits. Dawn Hewitt, planning officer for the EA, confirmed that they are in liaison with CWaC regarding all planning applications. ST asked that they ensure they take into account the cumulative impact of developments. Dawn also confirmed that it is responsibility of lead flooding authority to deal with surface water issues (Note - this is CWaC)</p> <p>Andy Eardley asked if the flooding under Station Road bridge is being resolved as part as phase 2 infrastructure works?</p> <p>Richard Bates confirmed that this has been found to be a maintenance issue and will be monitored.</p> <p>Richard Bates to arrange a further discussion and site meeting with Andy Eardley outside of the forum on this matter.</p> <p>Lynn Riley raised her concerns that green infrastructure should be being built into phase 2 works.</p> <p>ST responded that Peel have confirmed they will be giving an update on this matter in due course and her point about possibly missing current opportunities had been noted..</p>	<p>Richard Bates to contact Andy Eardley</p>
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	<p>Felicity Davies asked whether wildlife corridors are part of the design.</p> <p>LK offered a specific briefing to Felicity as she is new to the forum but confirmed that Protos does form part of the Goway Living landscapes corridor. In addition to the wildlife areas being created at Protos, hedgerows were being retained where possible to enable wildlife movement.</p>	
<p>Presentation on the Energy from Waste Facility, Plot 8, Protos from Andy Smith Covanta</p>	<p>Presentation from Andy Smith (copy shared with minutes).</p> <p>Questions: Graham Heatley queried how decibels from piling vary between on site and in the adjacent residential area. Andy Smith confirmed that monitoring in village locations is below the permitted levels and confirmed there are some changes in noise and where it is heard depending on weather conditions and location of the piling.</p> <p>Sarah Temple asked if data from this residential monitoring could be shared. Regular manual measurements on site and in community locations are a snapshot at a point in time. These measurements do pick up all noise and not just noise from Protos plot 8. Hoping to be able to collate data in a form which will be interpretable. Covanta have been in touch with CWAC Environmental Protection and hosted a visit. CWAC EPU have confirmed that Covanta are not exceeding the limits and are using the best possible equipment and appropriate noise mitigation. Covanta have revisited programme and increased from 2 to 3 piling rigs to get the works done more quickly</p> <p>Andy Eardley - Where is noise monitor in Elton? Confirmed that in a location where a resident had made complaint about noise. Highfield area.</p> <p>Main contractor has launched construction project website. Employment opportunities and supply chain opportunities information can be found on this website.</p> <p>Joe Harper confirmed Sisk are also using the same methods of piling and noise monitoring</p>	<p>Covanta to collate/share noise monitoring data with forum</p> <p>Forum members to publicise</p>

<p>Presentation on Plastic Park Planning application from Richard Barker, Peel NRE</p>	<p>Presentation from Richard Barker (copy shared with minutes).</p> <p>Andy Eardley - Will plastic be brought in via Manchester Ship Canal? Anticipate most of it will come in by road. Due to nature of material it is not easily bulked up. The proposal is to incorporate a hydrogen fuelling station which could be used by occupiers at Proto and we are keen to link with local authorities around use of this fuel for their fleet.</p> <p>Martin Dickinson. Asked to confirm what the 173 vehicle movements is for. Richard Barker confirmed that this is 173 HGV movements per day in and out of the plastic park being applied for.</p> <p>Martin Dickinson asked how many vehicle movements for the whole Protos site. Lois Kay to get back to Martin on this.</p> <p>Graham Heatley asked - Will washing of plastics take place on site and how will this be managed? And what will be done to ensure Microplastics/granular materials don't get into watercourses? Due to detail of questions, agreed that these will be responded to following the meeting.</p> <p>Pauline O Reilly advised that some residents are concerned about fire risk with hydrogen, is there a pipeline taking this away? RB confirmed there will a small pipeline to the dispensing facility but the main output from hydrogen facility will be tankered out.</p> <p>Dawn Hewitt requested confirmation of type of application. Richard Barker confirmed that the plastic park will be a detailed planning application being made in August. Dawn requested a pre application consultation. Richard Barker confirmed that Peel more than happy to set up a meeting with the EA.</p> <p>Richard Barker also offered individual presentations to any Parish Councils who may want these</p>	<p>Lois to confirm</p> <p>Richard Barker to respond to Graham</p> <p>Richard Barker to set up meeting with EA</p>
<p>Benefit fund update from Sarah Temple</p>	<p>A Benefit Fund meeting was held on 23rd June which included a presentation from Diane Clarke, from Passion for Learning. That organisation have received funds from the Community Benefit Fund the last 2 years to run Enrichment Club schemes at Elton Primary School.</p>	

