



## Protos Community Forum

### Minutes of the meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

7.00pm Zoom meeting

#### Present:

#### Voting Members:

Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council  
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council  
 Cllr. Mark Parry, Little Stanney and District Parish Council  
 Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly, Elton Parish Council  
 Cllr. Graham Heatley, Gowy Rural Ward

#### Advisers:

Lois Kay, Peel NRE  
 Richard Bates, Peel NRE  
 Jason Hurst, Sisk  
 Andy Smith, Covanta  
 Phil Bridges, Environment Agency

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Apologies	Jane Gaston, Peel NRE	
Absences	Cllr. Ian Anstice, Frodsham Town Council Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council Cllr. Paul Bowers, Helsby Ward Cllr. Chris Basey, Frodsham Ward Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston Cllr. Margaret Parker Gowy Rural Ward Cllr. Lizzie Wiffen, Thornton Le Moors Parish Council	
Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 were accepted as a true record	
Matters Arising	Peel to continue investigation and notifying forum about Station Road drainage: RB provided verbal update on the matter – investigations still ongoing but with a defined plan. Peel have had a team on site undertaking a hand dig however after reaching 1.5m deep they had to stop due to safety. We cannot use an excavator in the area easily due to services in the vicinity. We now suspect that the chamber is 3+metre deep and so are in the process of	Peel to continue investigation and notifying forum

	<p>obtaining a quote from a company called Metrorod, who have equipment that can be put into the pipe and can core out if there is a metal plate slowing the flow.</p> <p>Station Road railings - AE and TL have received confirmation from CWaC that the railings are the council's responsibility.</p> <p>Protos website - LK confirmed that updates have been made to the Protos website to provide links to external websites for the ERF and to provide information about the ERF liaison group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.protos.co.uk/destination/businesses-at-protos/">https://www.protos.co.uk/destination/businesses-at-protos/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.protos.co.uk/community?p=community-consultation">https://www.protos.co.uk/community?p=community-consultation</a></li> </ul> <p>Plot 8 ERF liaison group - AS confirmed date of the rescheduled first meeting of the ERF liaison group is the 8<sup>th</sup> November. Around 6 – 8 attendees expected. Peel will attend this first meeting. The EA will attend meetings during the commissioning stage of the development.</p> <p>Chester Zoo contact details - MP provided LK with contact details</p> <p>Overgrown vegetation in Goldfinch Meadows - LK discussed concerns with Chris Jackson directly in July. LK noted that since then some vegetation management works have been identified as being required.</p> <p>(Further discussion between AE and LK relating to a tree which appears to be failing and my need taking down. The tree is located on land owned by Peel adjacent to Station Road, which is outside of the consented Protos site)</p>	<p>LK to arrange for tree contractor to review</p>
<p>Energy from Waste Facility, Plot 8, Protos from Andy Smith Covanta</p>	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p> <p>ST noted that a new drone and camera footage video has now been issued by Covanta. The link was shared with members via email.</p>	



<p>Phase 2 works update from Jason Hurst, Sisk</p>	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p> <p>ST noted that a link to drone footage was shared within the Sisk project update.</p> <p>AE asked for confirmation that the bridleway diversion is temporary.  RB confirmed that this is only a temporary diversion in place whilst SPEN do a 33KV cable diversion. They are awaiting the SPEN energisation (hope in next few weeks) after which reinstatement of the affected section of the bridleway can take place. Noting that a specialist contractor will be required to complete the reinstatement of the bridleway surface finish. Current programme is that the bridleway will reopen in November however subject to SPENs completion on site.</p> <p>ST – noting that Sisk infrastructure works are planned to be completed by the end of this year, asked if JH from Sisk will be attending the next meeting.  JH advised that he expects that Sisk will be finishing up on site in the new year following completion of the bulk of the works this year.  RB noted that Sisk are also doing some electrical installation works in addition to the phase 2 infrastructure contract also in parallel.</p> <p>AE – raised that water has started collecting again on grinsome road under station road bridge following heavy rain.  RB confirmed that Peel undertake monitoring and cleaning of the system and noting that the system may have silted up in recent weeks that the team will arrange for maintenance as required.</p>	<p>Peel to continue monitoring and cleaning of the gullies.</p>
<p>Protos update</p>	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p> <p>ST – What is InBECCS?  LK responded explaining that it is the Ince Bioenergy Carbon Capture and Storage project which is planned for the Ince biomass facility. This project which has received funding in 2021 and 2022 from the Department of Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy's (BEIS) seeks to help to scale Bioenergy Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS), utilising a world-leading, chemical solution from C-Capture, to capture over</p>	<p>.</p>



	<p>7,000 tonnes of carbon every year. C-Capture has a unique technology, which offers a safe, low-cost way to remove carbon dioxide and is well suited to large-scale capture of CO2. Further detail can be found within the below press releases.</p> <p><a href="#">Ince Biomass plant chosen as site for innovative carbon capture technology project (protos.co.uk)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Ince Bio Power secures funding for carbon capture demonstration project, in win for net zero ambitions in North West (protos.co.uk)</a></p> <p>ST asked if any information on timings for other elements of the plastics park beyond Enviroo and Powerhouse energy. LK advised that currently no further update on any of the other elements of the consented plastic park.</p>	
Benefit fund update from Sarah Temple	<p>*Confidential update note* circulated in advance of the meeting</p> <p>LK passed on thanks from Jane for the invite that Peel had received to attend the Elton allotments open day in August. Jane and her family had very much enjoyed learning about the development of the allotment plots over the last few years. ST asked if PO'R and AE could obtain from photos/quotes from Elton projects to support in pulling together content for the protos community newsletter.</p>	PO'R and AE to get photos and quotes from Elton projects
AOB	No AOB	
Date of next meeting	<p>Provisional date of <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b> proposed for the next meeting. 7PM on Zoom</p> <p><b>(provisional dates of 2023 meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> April (a week later than the normal three month spacing to accommodate easter holidays)</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> October)</li> </ul>	

## Protos Phase 2

### Progress and Updates Since Last Meeting

- Road construction is 95% completed and the initial layers of asphalt have been installed on the roads and footpaths.
- Works on TANG Bridge has commenced with 1 of the 3 spans in place
- Fencing to the Ecology areas has completed and bird watching screen erected
- 90 000 hours worked without any reportable lost time incidents.
- Utility works around Grinsome Road and Road 1 continuing allowing for future investment in the plots
- Diversion route for the Bridleway established and signed.
- Achieved 'Excellent' Status from Considerate Constructors Scheme in the last audit.

### Lookahead

- Final Wearing course of the roads planned for in late Autumn 2022
- Safety fencing Planned to be installed Late Autumn 2022,
- We will commence planting to the ecology areas from mid-November by local sub-contractor Craven
- Demolition works to the abandoned and derelict building on the Berth to commence in Autumn
- Additional Utility works around Road 1 to continue until Christmas to enhance the Plots and park
- Tang Bridge remaining spans to be installed in the coming months

**Latest Drone Footage:** <https://youtu.be/vpEF378i2o4>



**Fig 1:** Tang Bridge – Southern Span

**Protos Phase 2**



**Fig 2: Eco Area C – fenced and ready for planting**

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## ***Protos Energy Recovery Facility Project***

### **Project Update for Protos Community Forum – October 2022**

#### Site Progress Since Last Meeting

- Completion of fuel storage bunker construction;
- Continuation of main building foundations – total of c.23,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete poured to date;
- Continuation of structural steel (c.1,700 tonnes) and precast concrete structures (c.4,500 tonnes);
- Continuation of flue gas treatment system installation;
- Commencement of pre-assembly and installation of boiler components;
- Delivery of steam turbine and other key equipment items;
- Average site workforce of around 220 persons per day; and
- Over half a million hours worked without a single lost-time accident.

A further video showing progress on site since February 2022 will be published on the Covanta YouTube channel and the project website shortly.



#### Look-ahead

- Continuation of erection of structural steel & pre-cast concrete structures;
- Continuation of erection of Line 1 & Line 2 boilers;
- Completion of flue gas treatment system installation;
- Commencement of electrical installation; and
- Delivery and installation of generator, flue gas stack and other key equipment items.

#### Other Items of Interest

- The EA has concluded a period of public consultation on our application for a Variation to the Environmental Permit for the operation of the facility. Assessment of the application is ongoing and a final decision is pending.

#### Further information

- Supply-chain opportunities: <https://protoserf.com/supplier/>
- Employment enquires: <https://protoserf.com/jobs/>
- Project Newsletter: <https://protoserf.com/e-newsletter/>

**Protos Progress Update – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022****Plastics Park**

Decision notice has now been issued following approval of the application at committee.

**Plot 1**

No further update - Peel NRE are in discussions with a couple of occupiers interested in taking plot 1 for use as a plastics re-processing facility

**CO2**

We have submitted a pre-application request to CWAC to discuss our plans for linking CO2 emitters at Protos to the Hynet CO2 pipeline.

**Plot 13 – Enviroo, Plastic Recycling Facility**

Subject to agreements, currently expect to start later this year.

**Substations**

No further update - The construction phase of the two substations on land to the east of plot 11 and the associated infrastructure continues and is now completed despite some delays caused by a culmination of contributory factors including Covid and ways of working, delivery delays, obtaining kit and materials. The construction was split into 2 Projects both with the same main contractor; Smith Brothers:

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. Commissioning of all internal HV control and switching systems is now complete. The site is now fully secured, SPEN has now taken over technical control of the building in readiness of connection to the 132KV supply that is due to happen imminently upon completion of legal documentation.
2. Private works: This comprises a new Substation and power distribution equipment to provide 11KV and 33KV to the Protos tenants. All Major Equipment and Switchgear is now installed on site and system commissioning is still ongoing.

It is anticipated that the first connection 'Phase 1' enabling 50MW of export and circa 6MW of import will be available by 3rd quarter 2022 with provision into plot 10B (Plastic to Hydrogen) in time for their connection. 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 Energy from Waste plant.

**Materials Management**

## Protos Progress Update – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

No further update. Ongoing activities as previously advised: We continue to carry out preparatory work with pre-development clearance and stabilisation of development plots to facilitate their availability for potential developers. This involves the creation of working platforms through the importation of naturally occurring construction fill materials (in accordance with Environmental regulations and planning requirements under the outline consent.)

### Newsletter

Newsletter focussing on community benefit fund projects, plastic park planning approval, and the InBECCS project will be issued in late October/early November.

### Estate Management

We continue to report fly tipping to CWaC. We ask users of the area who notice fly tipping to please let us know by sending photos and description to [community@peel.co.uk](mailto:community@peel.co.uk)

Gritting contract in place on Grinsome Road and Protos estate roads.

Ongoing security patrols by Securitas.

The Grinsome Road CCTV Tower is awaiting BT connection. The other towers will be installed over the next year when services are installed for adjacent development plots.

### Air Quality

The draft air Quality (AQ) monitoring report for 2021 for the Helsby AQ monitoring station which didn't include analysis of the Toxic Organic Micro Pollutants (TOMPs) due to delays in the facility where this data is processed, was uploaded to the Protos website following the July meeting

At the time of writing this update, we expect the updated version to be with us in the next few days. This will be shared with forum members and will be uploaded to the website replacing the draft version

This will be available in both an interactive and a PDF version.

### Nature Areas

Management and monitoring of Goldfinch meadows and Snipe Haven is ongoing. Cheshire Wildlife Trust will commence monitoring and surveying of phase 2 ecology areas in April 2023.