

SLOUGH MULTIFUEL PROJECT

May - June 2022

|| Stage 2 Consultation

The Slough Multifuel Extension Project comprises works to increase the efficiency and output of the consented Slough Multifuel Facility generating station, an energy from waste plant currently undergoing construction on the Slough Trading Estate.

The existing Slough Multifuel Facility planning permission, granted in 2017 under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (the 'Consented Development'), allows for an electrical capacity of up to 50 megawatts (MW). The Slough Multifuel Extension Project ('the Project') proposes works needed to achieve up to 60MW peak electrical output (MWe).

As the electrical output would exceed 50MW the Project requires development consent (granted in the form of a Development Consent Order or 'DCO').

Following our initial (Stage 1) consultation in Autumn 2021, we are holding a further Stage 2 Consultation to seek views of the local community and other stakeholders on our more developed proposals and assessments for the Project. The Stage 2 consultation for the Slough Multifuel Extension Project will run until [5pm on Friday 17 June 2022](#).

SSE Slough Multifuel Limited, a joint venture between SSE and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP) is constructing a new Multifuel Plant at the Slough Heat and Power (SHP) site on the Slough Trading Estate.

Following completion of the demolition works and enabling works, the main construction work began in May 2021 and is expected to be completed in early 2024. The Slough Multifuel Facility will use pre-processed waste derived fuel (WDF) to generate electricity that can be exported to the electricity grid network.

Once complete, the Multifuel Plant will also provide steam to the SHP heat networks, which provide steam and hot water to neighbouring businesses on the Slough Trading Estate.

|| Why are we consulting?

Before the efficiency and electrical output of the Slough Multifuel Facility can be increased, we need to apply for and obtain various permissions, including a DCO from the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under the Planning Act 2008.

Consultation is a key part of the DCO process and it is a statutory requirement of the Planning Act 2008 to consult people living within the vicinity of the project and to have regard to their views in preparing the application to be submitted to the SoS.

The application submitted to the SoS must be accompanied by a consultation report detailing what has been done to consult the local community (and other stakeholders and interested persons) and how peoples' views have been taken into account.

This consultation is our final stage of consultation (our Stage 2 Consultation) and will run to 17 June 2022. We are planning to submit our application for a DCO to the SoS during Q3 2022.

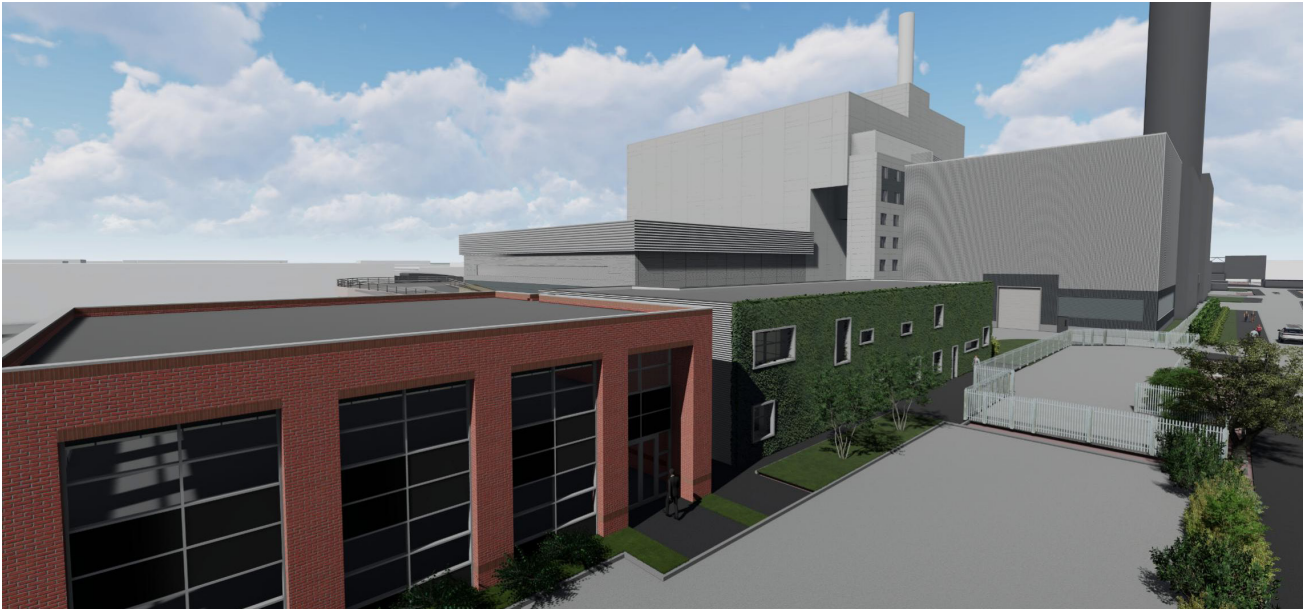


The Slough Multifuel project currently under construction

|| What does the Extension Project consist of?

The purpose of the Project is to extend the generating capacity of the Consented Development from 50MWe to 60MWe.

The Project includes different and additional technology within the buildings being constructed for the Consented Development that can generate a higher peak output from the same fuel throughput due to better efficiency, along with some small external works (namely an external above ground pipe run on a consented pipe rack alongside other consented pipes).



The above image depicts what the completed Multifuel plant will look like.

|| Is there a need for the Proposed Extension Project?

There is a national need for new low carbon energy generation facilities and waste management facilities, which is further reflected in local planning policy.

The need for new electricity generation capacity of all types is set out in government policy – the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (NPS EN-1). This explains that the Government is implementing a variety of reforms in order to promote investment to replace ageing coal-fired and nuclear power infrastructure with safe, secure, affordable and increasingly low carbon supplies of energy.

Energy from waste is considered by the Government to be a renewable form of generation, as the principal purpose of the combustion of waste (as fuel) is to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill in accordance with the Waste Hierarchy and to recover useful energy from that waste. The Project would represent an efficient addition to the UK stock of energy from waste power stations; it allows more energy to be generated from the same throughput of Waste Derived Fuel.

|| Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

We have carried out a number of environmental surveys for the Project, including air quality monitoring and habitat and species surveys. These supplement the ongoing surveys that took place to inform the Consented Development and subsequent environmental permitting work.

While some of the work is still ongoing, a Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report has been prepared detailing the work done to date and the conclusions identified for each environmental topic, as well as the work to be undertaken before the DCO application is submitted. The PEI Report also contains a Non-Technical Summary (the PEI Report NTS).

The PEI Report and PEIR Report NTS can be accessed online on the Project Website and Virtual Exhibition Page – details of which are provided at the end of this letter. A copy of the PEI Report will also be available to view at two public exhibition events, detailed in the remainder of this letter.

More information

For more information on the project, construction activities at the site, please visit:

<https://www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel>

II How can I find out more?

Exhibition Events

We are consulting on the Slough Multifuel Extension Project in the coming weeks. Following our initial (Stage 1) consultation in Autumn 2021, we are holding a further Stage 2 Consultation to seek views of the local community and other stakeholders on our more developed proposals and assessments for the Project. The Stage 2 consultation for the Project will run until 5pm on 17 June 2022.

We are also planning to arrange online webinars, joinable via phone or Microsoft Teams, to hear more about the Project and ask questions. Details of the webinars (and how to join them) will be posted on the Project Website (www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel) during May 2022.

Other means of finding out more about the consultation include:

- the Project Website: www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel - all the consultation materials will be uploaded to the Website;
- a virtual consultation portal (hosted on the Project Website) replicating a public exhibition; and
- a freephone service through which people can make an appointment to speak to a member of the project team about a specific issue or topic.

Venue:

Project Meeting Room, SSE Offices,
683/5 Stirling Rd at Edinburgh Ave,
Slough SL1 4ST

Public Consultation Dates:

Wednesday 18th May, 15.00-19.00
Wednesday 25th May, 10.00-14.00



The above information is also available to download from our Project Website

|| How can I submit comments?

You can submit your comments on the Stage 2 Consultation by the following means:

- Completing the attached Feedback Form and returning it to the Freepost address below.
- Completing an online version of the Feedback Form available on the Project Website: www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel
- By post to Freepost Slough Multifuel
- By email at thermalenquiries@sse.com
- Leave a message on **0800 335 7003** – If you would like us to call you back, please include your name and number as part of your message.

Comments must be received no later than [5pm on Friday 17 June 2022](#).

The comments received to the consultation may be made public. Please view the Privacy Policy at the bottom of the enclosed Feedback Form for more information. The SSE general privacy policy can also be viewed here: <https://www.sse.com/privacy-notice>

Also available to view as part of this consultation (online and at the exhibition events) are the following materials:

- Our Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEI Report') and its Non-Technical Summary ('NTS')
- A plan showing the location of the Slough Multifuel Site and the DCO boundary
- Details of how to join our upcoming webinars

The above information is also available to download from our Project Website: www.ssethermal.com/energy-from-waste/slough-multifuel

|| What happens next?

We will consider the comments received to the consultation and document how we have taken account of peoples' views within the Consultation Report that will form part of our DCO application. The Consultation Report will be made available on the Project Website once the application has been submitted. We are planning to submit our application during Q3 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter

Privacy Notice

This is the privacy notice for the Slough Multifuel Extension Project.

What personal data will we collect?

You may provide us with the following categories of personal data:

- Name
- Email address
- Postal address
- Telephone number

Our General Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice is subject to the full terms of SSE's General Privacy Notice – a copy of which is available here:

<https://www.sse.com/privacy-notice>

How we will use your personal data?

We will use your personal data for the following purposes:

- to record accurately and analyse any questions you raise or feedback you have provided;
- to report on our consultation and notification, detailing what issues have been raised and how we have responded to that feedback;
- to personalise communications with individuals we are required to contact as part of future consultation or communications; and
- to deliver documents you have requested from us.

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Thank you for reading this newsletter. We would like to encourage you to provide your feedback. Please complete the form below, detach the page from the rest of the newsletter and put it in the post to arrive with us by 5pm on 17th June 2022 (no stamp required) or use the other methods described in the newsletter.

For further information on privacy and data collection, please refer to the 'Privacy Notice' on the final page of the accompanying newsletter or visit www.SSE.com/privacy-notice

1. Where did you find this Feedback Form? Please tick any that apply.

- Newsletter
- Project Website
- Virtual Exhibition
- Other

2. Which of our consultation methods have you used? Please tick any that apply.

- Newsletter
- Project Website
- Virtual Exhibition
- Attended a Webinar
- Attended a Public Exhibition in person
- Used the Freephone telephone line
- Used the consultation email address
- Used the Freepost address

3. Are you satisfied with the consultation methods that have been used and were you able to find the information you wanted? Please tick one of the following and leave any comments you have in the box below.

- Yes
- No

4. Please provide any other comments you have on the Project and this consultation below.

5. If you would like us to provide you with updates on the Project, please tick your preferred method and provide the relevant contact details in the box below.

- E-mail address
- Post (full name and address)