

Aldbrough Virtual Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date:	11 th May 2023	Location:	Aldbrough Sports Hall
Date issued:	25 th May 2023	Recorded by:	Rachel Fox
Attendees:		Apologies:	
Michael Gillatt, SSE (MGi)	Rachel Fox, SSE (RF)	Steve Mattinson, EGPC (SM)	
Stewart Allen, Aldbrough Parish Council	Janice Harvey – St Michaels Church		
Avril Crawforth, EGPC (AC)	Tim Isherwood (TI) (Public)		
Mick Robinson, Aldbrough Sports Hall (MR)	Julie Dickinson-Shaw, St. Michael's Church (JDC)		
Paul Dacombe, Equinor (PD)			
Sally O'Brien, SSE (SO)			
Aaron Hammond, Aldbrough Parish Council (AH)	Public Attendance		

Contact Details

Rachel Fox – Stakeholder Manager – 07467 652088 / rachel.fox@sse.com – (Monday to Friday 08:30 – 16:30).

Site Security – 01964 529451 (24 hrs a day)

Purpose of Meeting

- The Community Liaison Group will include representatives from the SSE, ERY Council, Aldbrough and Garton Parish councils and other relevant local interest groups.
- The Community Liaison Group shall provide a forum in which consultation can take place to consider the effects and issues which may arise from the development during its implementation and operation.
- The Community Liaison Group shall meet on a regular basis being at least once every six months.
- Meeting of the Community Liaison Group shall be open to members of the public, as observers.
- SSE shall nominate a Liaison Manager to act as point of contact; they will be a member of this Community Liaison Group.

Above is an extract taken from the Section 106

Meeting Notes

Item	Discussion
1	Site Operations Update
	<p>MGi started the meeting by giving some background on the CLG, why and how it was formed, and the purpose and importance of the meetings. The ongoing relationship between the SSET & the CLG is key in sharing information and gaining feedback from the community.</p> <p>MGi provided an update regarding ongoing site operations including confirmed site outage dates.</p> <p>RF updated the CLG on a recent issue with a crane & HGV delivery that created some traffic problems on the route taken to Aldbrough. This was followed up with the relevant supplier and they clarified that the usual route submitted for larger loads had been rejected by the ERYC/Humberside Police. The site team have asked for advance notice of any future route changes and have reiterated the need to follow the issued map to site rather than the post code.</p> <p>ACTION: Preferred route of the upcoming taker movements and relevant documentation to be shared.</p>
2	Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder Scheme
	<p>SO shared an update on the AHP development.</p> <p>Pathfinder newsletters were discussed, a number of hard copies were brought to the meeting. It was raised by the CLG that they had not been received to the home addresses.</p>

	<p>ACTION: SSET to follow up with distribution company to understand when and how they had been delivered. The newsletter is available on the Pathfinder web page and a number distributed to the Grimston community. Further hard copies can be supplied on request.</p> <p>The key dates for the project were covered with detail on the project partners.</p> <p>SO shared information on the Government Net Zero Hydrogen Fund application for Pathfinder, and the next steps of when further shortlisting and selections will take place.</p>
3	Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage Scheme
	<p>PD provided an overview of current and expected activity relating to the AHS development project including an up-to-date timescale.</p> <p>A background on the project was shared, detailing the area to be used, the previous planning granted and how the area looks currently with existing screening that is established around the boundary.</p> <p>ACTION: PD to look at the proposed King Charles III coastal path route and feedback to the CLG – the route planned from Filey to Easington which passes through Aldbrough is still in the planning phase.</p> <p>It was raised that the condition of gates that are located to the access created to the beach are now in a poor state and are also open. The CLG asked if they could be looked at and repaired or replaced.</p> <p>ACTION: SSET to carry out and inspection of the gates, make safe if required and look at options for replacement if required.</p>
4	Questions and Comments
	<p>Action updates were provided on open/ongoing matters:</p> <p>ACTION:- SSET to look at reviewing the cabins and any options to reduce visibility. Update 18/05 – A number of options have been looked at, with the potential to use camouflage netting. Update: green netting has been placed over some of them and the site team have walked the bridleway and took photos, and this has had a dramatic effect and will continue to be placed over the others.</p> <p>ACTION:- SSET to share some further information on cavern creation and the sea water extraction process. Update 11/05 – The relevant technical team have been engaged to give further detail. The initial feedback is that the flow and rate of seawater extraction is low meaning marine life will have the ability to swim away from the pipe. There also is a fine mesh located at the end of the pipe used to prevent marine life being impacted.</p> <p>ACTION:- A representative for St Michael's Wood to be identified by the CLG and name shared to RF to allow an invitation to be sent out for future meetings. An invitation is already extended to an ERYC individual. RF to follow this up with a separate communication Update 11/05 – Tim Isherwood agreed to act as CLG representative, this will be updated for future meetings. Numerous communications have been sent to ERYC from SSE to request attendance at CLG meetings. The requests/invitations will continue, but requests from local Parish Councils & CLG members would add weight to the request.</p> <p>There were a number of questions asked to the SSET team throughout the presentations and at the end of the meeting. The questions were ranging from understanding the cavern creation process to general project questions. Some of the questions are captured below and there will be the opportunity to speak to the wider SSET Pathfinder project team and ask questions relating to Pathfinder at the upcoming public face to face consultation dates detailed below:</p> <p>Hedon Town Hall – Tuesday 6th June 14:30 – 19:00</p> <p>East Village Meadows, Garton – Wednesday 7th June 14:30 – 19:00</p> <p>Aldbrough Sports Hall – Thursday 8th June 14:30 – 19:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is happening with the existing coastal pipework? Can it be removed? The pipe infrastructure that is exposed at the clifftop may potentially be used in the Pathfinder project for brine discharge. This option is currently being assessed in the Pathfinder project's engineering design process. If this option is progressed, the pipework will be refurbished to ensure it is usable and not exposed at the clifftop. Any works done at the clifftop will have to ensure no further damage to the clifftop. If this option is not progressed, an alternative plan to either rebury or remove the pipework will be investigated, noting the priority objective of not impacting the clifftop any more than it currently is.



- If the Pathfinder project doesn't receive the NZHF grant, will it still progress?
This is currently under review and no decision either way has been made.
- Will there be an impact to the coastal erosion?
No.
- Are the caverns like mine shafts and what impact will they have on my property?
No, the creation of the salt caverns is through a process of solution mining, i.e., drill to the depth of the salt layer, some 1 mile beneath the surface, pump in seawater, dissolve the salt and return the brine to the sea (all with the right consent and controls).
- Will the caverns be below my property?
No.
- Will there be any further screening or tree planting?
Yes, we have already shared output from the survey for the Pathfinder project and planting will start in November, as per our specialist contractor's instructions and will also consider diversification of trees, subject them to be successful in this coastal environment.
The Hydrogen storage project will also consider what planting / screening is required ahead of the development.
- What will the above ground infrastructure look like and how big will it be?
Pathfinder, all equipment will be within the existing site boundary – as we know more on the exact locations we will share. We do not want a repeat of the communications for the Phase 1 development when the community were led to believe that it would look like farm buildings and grain silos.
- Will the monopile located in the sea be removed/replaced?
We are looking at the decommissioning of this with all the relevant authorities and what is in the best interest for the environment.
For the Hydrogen storage project, new infrastructure would be developed. As/when the design is ready, we will share this.
- Will any drilling impact on local properties?
We have shared our and your experiences from the development of Aldbrough phase 1.
- Why is the scoping boundary so large?
For the Pathfinder project, the scoping boundary includes the area of land where the project will be developed (within the existing site fence line) and potential land areas that may need to be used temporarily for laydown of equipment and use of the brine discharge pipe infrastructure. PD explained that the EIA Scoping boundary for the Hydrogen storage project was expected to be larger than the final application boundary, this was mainly because the location of the new caverns had not yet been decided.
- Is the related infrastructure all within the existing boundary?
For the Pathfinder project yes, though there is potential that some land will be used during construction for equipment laydown, etc. When this information is confirmed later in the design phase, it will be shared. The Hydrogen storage project will be outside of the existing site boundary mainly on land that was proposed for the previous AGS Extension (Phase 2).

DBD Project Attendance

Rachel Palmer the Community Engagement Manager for the SSE Renewables DBD project team attended the meeting to answer any initial questions relating to that project. Some of the attendees had received letters regarding surveys on their land. Other attendees asked questions relating to the potential locations for the DBD project, timelines of activities and any links to the existing GS site.

Contact information for Rachel Palmer is below. This can be used for any further information on the DBD project specifically including any questions relating to letters sent to landowners.

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Next Meeting

The option of a walk around of the external boundary of the site was offered as an alternative to a sit-down meeting in June. This invitation would be open to existing CLG members and a small number of the public, with numbers and attendees agreed ahead of the walk round to ensure that enough SSET employees are available to facilitate.

5 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The proposed date is Thursday 22nd June at 7pm and will be held either in person at the Aldbrough Sports Hall or a meeting point for an external site walk round – to be confirmed.



