

## Aldbrough Community Liaison Group Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>Location:</b>	Aldbrough Sports Hall
<b>Date issued:</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	<b>Recorded by:</b>	Rachel Fox
<b>Attendees:</b>		<b>Apologies:</b>	
Michael Gillatt, SSE (MGi)	Rachel Fox, SSE (RF)		
Steve Mattinson, EGPC (SM)	Janice Harvey, St Michaels Church (JH)		
Avril Crawforth, EGPC (AC)	Tim Isherwood, St Michael's Wood (TI)		
Mick Robinson, Aldbrough Sports Hall (MR)	Julie Dickinson-Shaw, St. Michael's Church (JDC)		
Paul Dacombe, Equinor (PD)	Cllr Samantha Whyte, Mid Holderness Ward Councillor (SW) *part meeting*		
Sally O'Brien, SSE (SO)	Stewart Allen, Aldbrough Parish Council (SA)		
Rob Cussons, SSE (RC)	Billie Henry, Equestrian (BH)		
Rachel Palmer, SSE (RP)	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
<b>1</b>	<b>Heritage Hedging Screening</b>
	<p>Ed Stanford from Heritage Hedging attended the meeting to discuss the proposed Pathfinder additional screening and planting to be completed this coming winter. A map was shared showing species list and priority of planting. Some feedback shared from the CLG related to the species used and potential alternatives.</p> <p>It was raised by the CLG as to whether there had been any requests for additional screening from the Aldbrough community. It was confirmed that no requests or concerns had been raised.</p> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> It was agreed following a request from TI that Ed will carry out a walk round with TI to discuss the planting and any feedback. A request for a map showing the red line boundary and the planting options was received.</p>
<b>2</b>	<b>Operations Update</b>
	<p>MGi provided an update regarding ongoing site operations.</p> <p>SM advised that there had been some confusion as to whether the opportunity at the end of the CLG meeting for the public to ask questions had been removed. MG confirmed this was not the case.</p>

It was agreed that the meeting time would be concluded at 21:00 going forwards which will give enough time to run through the standard agenda and incorporate a slot for public questions.

### 3 Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder Scheme

SO shared an update on the AHP development.

An update was given on the current position of the Net Zero Hydrogen Fun application. The project has been shortlisted to the next phase. Any progress or updates on the funding would be shared. This is hoped to be by the end of the calendar year.

SM asked a question around the number of funding applicants. SO confirmed that 17 applicants were shortlisted and that DESNZ (Department of Energy Security & Net Zero) had confirmed that they will be looking to award funding to projects totalling to 250MW with a combination of projects. They indicated that value for money would be a key decision factor.

BH asked a question regarding investment versus return on the project. SO advised that this would be dependent on if the project proceeds, timescales, Government funding support and the project investors.

### 4 Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage Scheme

PD provided an overview of current and expected activity relating to the AHS development project including an up-to-date timescale.

PD advised that the stage 1 public consultation online event was live, and it was noted that invitations to the upcoming public consultation events had been received via post to residents' home addresses.

The 'virtual' room will be live from the 4th of September to the 29th of September and face to face events at the following locations:

**East Village Meadows, Garton – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14:00 – 19:00**

**Aldbrough Sports Hall – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14:00 – 19:00**

**Sproatley Village Hall – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 13:00 – 18:00**

TI raised that the feedback forms used at the recent Pathfinder project consultation events were too small. RF confirmed that this had been changed for future events.

BH asked as to why the AHS red line boundary map showed property that wasn't owned by SSE/Equinor? PD responded that the land would only be used by agreement only. This could mean land purchase by agreement.

### 5 DBD Update

Following a request at the last CLG meeting, the Dogger Bank D project team were in attendance at the meeting.

RC talked through the DBD project slide sharing that the 1st stage public consultation would be from the 26th of September to the 7th of November with face-to-face events and a webinar for those unable to attend the in-person events. The full details would be shared soon.

TI asked if the DBD team would be attending subsequent meetings to provide updates? RP confirmed that this would be the case but would be reviewed ongoing and if separate communications to the current CLG format were needed that this would be addressed and communicated.

The National Grid connection into Lincolnshire was discussed and RC advised that they were waiting on NG to advise on a way forward.

RC stated that they were getting an understanding of the community concerns and what matters, including screening.

SM asked when the final decision would be made on the location of the project. RC said that he couldn't give a specific date at this stage, but that he expected refined plans for a Hydrogen Production Facility

	<p>proposal to be shared during the second stage of public consultation in 2024. This would be informed by the first stage of public consultation and further technical studies.</p> <p><i>For clarification: The opportunities for the offtake option for Dogger Bank D (electrical transmission or hydrogen production) continue to be explored in parallel. At this stage, the project team are progressing to take forward both opportunities to DCO submission.</i></p> <p>Contact information for Rachel Palmer is below. This can be used for any further information on the DBD project.</p> <p>Rachel Palmer – <a href="mailto:Rachel.palmer@sse.com">Rachel.palmer@sse.com</a> M: +44 (0) 7467 397742</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Questions and Comments</b>
	<p>Questions received from the public &amp; CLG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing surveys – A comment was raised that local residents should be verbally contacted / consulted when surveys are taking place as they may have local knowledge that they can share.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> The Project Teams agreed to share this action with their environmental consultants for future surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 106 – what is the existing commitment via the phase 2 land and how will new projects impact on this?</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> SW advised that she would look into this via East Riding Council and feedback. PD also agreed to investigate and advise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church farm access. This is currently SSE/Equinor owned land, why is this retained and not sold? - The land is owned by SSE/Equinor and there is no reason/requirement at present to sell. TI asked for confirmation that the access would not be used for vehicular access to the site or developed in any way. MG stated that there were no plans for this.</li> <li>• Ste Michaels Wood – TI queried what might happen to St Michaels Wood post 2033 and requested an agreement can be made to ensure the wood cannot be changed in the future.</li> <li>• Cavern distance &amp; location – This request and questions was covered in the Q&amp;A's produced but will be reviewed.</li> <li>• Compensation to individuals and businesses – This is noted.</li> <li>• AHS public consultation information - 'Decarbonise for tomorrow' there appears to be some conflicting statements.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:-</b> PD to review public consultation storyboards and feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What volume of water will be required for the Hydrogen production across the projects and where will it come from? - As the project development progresses this will be determined and shared.</li> <li>• Subsistence concerns regarding surrounding properties, comparing mining subsistence – MGi explained that the caverns were very different to mining as the caverns always remained at a minimum pressure and were not empty. This would be the same should the caverns be decommissioned.</li> <li>• 'Greenwashing' concerns were raised.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>AOB</b>
	<p>RF advised that another set of questions had been received from on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September from the VOICE group.</p> <p>MGi shared that two of the local Mid Holderness Ward Councillors, John Holtby and Samantha Whyte had attended the site prior to the CLG meeting. This walk round followed the same format and content that the CLG &amp; public had in June.</p> <p>THE CLG agreed that the contact details of the CLG members could be shared with RP to enable communications to be sent directly from the DBD project team.</p>



	RF advised that the CLG minutes were shared for comment and any omissions or amendments should be fed back to enable the minutes to be revised. If no comments are received it is presumed that they are accurate.
<b>6</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>
	<p>The proposed date is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm until 9pm.</p> <p>The above date is extended out due to the AHS public consultation running until the 29th of September and the upcoming DBD public consultation.</p>

