



Progress Power Limited

The Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order

Notice under Section 56 Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 9 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice of acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order to construct, operate and maintain the Progress Power Project, former Eye airfield, Eye, Mid Suffolk, England

Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010060

The DCO Application for the Project

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change has accepted an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") made by Progress Power Limited ("PPL") of 33 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0PW under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application"). The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) on Monday 31st March 2014 and accepted for examination on Friday 25th April 2014. The reference number applied by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to the Application is EN010060.
2. The Application seeks consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of a new gas fired thermal generating station of up to 299MW and integral electrical and gas connections on land at the former Eye airfield, Eye, Mid Suffolk, England in the County of Suffolk and within the administrative boundary of Mid Suffolk District Council (the "Project").
3. The Project comprises the following elements:
 - a. The Power Generation Plant - a simple cycle gas turbine gas fired 'peaking' power generating plant. To generate up to 299 MW, between 1 and 5 gas turbine generators would be used, each with its own emission flue stack between 25m and 30m in height. The Power Generation Plant would include the gas turbine generators; a banking compound; a natural gas receiving station and gas treatment compound; a black start generator; water tanks; and support buildings, structures and equipment.
 - b. The Electrical Connection – a new underground electrical cable connection to export electricity from the Power Generation Plant into the National Electricity Transmission System (the Cable). This would be composed of a new underground cable circuit connection of approximately 1.6 kilometres, and a new Access Road, with a new road junction off the A140 (the A140 Junction), and a new Electrical Connection Compound comprising of a new substation and sealing end compound.
 - c. The Gas Connection - a new underground gas pipeline connection to bring natural gas to the Power Generation Plant from the existing high pressure gas network National Transmission System located off Potash Lane. The Gas Connection would include an Above Ground Installation comprising of a Pipeline Inspection Gauge ("PIG") Trap Facility alongside a Minimum Offtake Connection, and an approximately 1.7 kilometre gas pipeline laid to the gas receiving installation within the Power Generation Plant.
4. The Power Generation Plant, together with the integral Gas Connection and Cable, form the nationally significant infrastructure project, with associated development comprising the Electrical Connection Compound, Access Road and A140 Junction.
5. The DCO will, if granted, authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project and would, amongst other things, make provision for the following:
 - a. Tree and hedge removal along the routes of the Electrical Connection and the Gas Connection.
 - b. Replacement and compensatory planting, landscaping and ecological mitigation.
 - c. The temporary prohibition or restriction of use of public footpaths during the construction works described above.
 - d. Creation of new permanent accesses from the highway network for the Project, modification of existing accesses and creation of other temporary accesses along with temporary lane closures and streetworks.
 - e. The permanent and temporary compulsory acquisition of land and rights in land for the Project.
 - f. Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the Project.
 - g. The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project.
 - h. Such ancillary, incidental and consequential works (including demolition), provisions, permits consents, waivers or releases as are necessary and/or convenient for the successful construction, operation and maintenance of the Project.
6. Due to its nature and size the Project is classified as EIA development under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. The Application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.
7. A copy of the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps (including the draft Development Consent Order and the Environmental Statement) are available until Friday 6th June 2014 for inspection free of charge at the following libraries (opening times vary):

Diss Library Church Street Diss IP22 4DD (01379) 642609	Open: Mon, Thur & Fri 9am-5pm; Tue & Sat 9am-1pm; Wed 9am-1pm & 2pm-7:30pm; Closed Sundays and bank holidays.
Eye Library Buckshorn Lane Eye IP23 7AZ (01379) 870515	Open: Tue & Sat 9:30am-1pm; Wed 9:30am-1pm & 2pm-5:30pm; Thur 2pm-5:30pm, Fri 9:30am-1pm & 2pm-7pm; Sun 10am-3pm; Closed Mondays and bank holidays.

8. The documents will also be available until Friday 6th June 2014 for inspection free of charge at the main office of Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Department at 131 High Street, Needham Market, IP6 8DL, (01449) 724611 or (01449) 724612. The main office is open weekdays from 8:30am to 5pm and closed weekends and bank holidays. Mid Suffolk District Council request 24/48 hours' notice for viewing planning applications.
9. The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps are also available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/progress-power-station/>
10. A reasonable copying charge may apply, up to a maximum of £1000 for a paper copy of the full suite of documents and £20 for an electronic copy on CD-ROM. Copies of individual documents are also available on request. The documents can be obtained by contacting the Applicant via the following details: Freepost RTEY-JYYB-ERSR Progress Power Limited, 49 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD, or info@progresspower.co.uk

Making representations about the Project

11. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be acquired and completed online by following the relevant link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/progress-power-station/>
12. If you would like to request a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should then be sent to: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference number for the Application (EN010060) should be quoted in any correspondence.
13. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.3: How to register and become an interested party in an application (April 2012) provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes>
14. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 5pm on Friday 6th June 2014. Representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate.