



Abergelli Power Limited

Notification of Hearings under Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 and Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008

Notice of Hearings relating to the Application for a Development Consent Order for the Abergelli Gas Fired Generating Station Order

Planning Inspectorate reference: EN010069

1. Notice is hereby given that hearings will be held, at the date, time and location set out below, by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ("Secretary of State")) for the examination of the application made by Abergelli Power Limited ("APL") of Drax Power Station, Drax, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 8PH for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for the Abergelli Gas Fired Generating Station (the "Application"). The Application was made under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 25th May 2018 and accepted for examination by the Secretary of State on Thursday 21st June 2018. The reference number applied by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, to the Application is EN010069.

Summary of the Project

2. APL proposes to construct and operate an Open Cycle Gas Turbine ("OCGT") peaking power generating station (the "Power Generation Plant") of up to 299 Megawatts ("MW") and new connections to the gas and electricity networks on land at Abergelli Farm, Swansea, Wales (the "Project"). The Application seeks consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Power Generation Plant (the "authorised development"). In addition, the Application seeks to authorise the acquisition of land and rights over land, and the extinguishment or suspension of, or interference with, interests in or rights over land in order to facilitate the construction and operation of the Project.
3. The Power Generation Plant would comprise the following elements:
 - Generating Equipment including one Gas Turbine Generator with one exhaust gas flue stack and Balance of Plant (BOP) (together referred to as the "Generating Equipment") which are located within the "Generating Equipment Site";
 - An Access Road to the Project Site from the B4489 which lies to the west, formed by upgrading an existing access road between the B4489 junction and the Swansea North Substation (the "Substation") and constructing a new section of access road from the Substation to the Generating Equipment Site;
 - A temporary construction compound for the storage of materials, plant and equipment as well as containing site accommodation and welfare facilities, temporary car parking and temporary fencing (the "Laydown Area"). A small area within the Laydown Area will be retained permanently (the "Maintenance Compound");
 - Ecological Mitigation Area – area for ecological enhancement within the Project Site Boundary; and
 - Permanent parking and drainage to include: a site foul, oily water and surface water drainage system.
4. The authorised development comprises an onshore electricity generating station in Wales with a capacity of over 50 MW and therefore it constitutes a nationally significant infrastructure project ("NSIP") under section 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008. Accordingly, it requires development consent under section 31 of the Planning Act 2008.
5. The Gas Connection and Electrical Connection comprise development associated with the NSIP ("Associated Development"). However, as the Project is a generating station in Wales below 350 MW, development consent cannot be granted for Associated Development pursuant to section 115 of the Planning Act 2008. Accordingly, APL will apply for planning permission for consent to develop the Gas Connection and Electrical Connection.
6. The Generating Equipment, Laydown Area, Access Road, Maintenance Compound, Ecological Mitigation Area and permanent parking and drainage are together known as the "Power Generation Plant". The Power Generation Plant, Gas Connection, and Electrical Connection, together with all access requirements are referred to as the "Project".
7. The land upon which the Project would be developed, or which would be required in order to facilitate the development of the Project, is referred to as the "Project Site". The Project Site is approximately 35 ha in area.
8. The DCO will, if granted, authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of the authorised development and would, amongst other things, make provision for the following:

- a) The compulsory acquisition by APL of land and rights over land including the power to create new rights and impose restrictive covenants over land, required for the Project and the power to take possession of and use land temporarily for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Project;
- b) The suspension or extinguishment of private rights or restrictive covenants over land required for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project;
- c) Tree and hedge removal within the Project Site as required;
- d) Landscaping and ecological mitigation works;
- e) The temporary stopping up or management of the public highway and public rights of way and street works as described in the Application;
- f) Alterations to the public highway network and the construction of temporary and permanent accesses to the Project as described in the Application; and
- g) The application and/or disapplication of relevant legislation as may be required.

Hearings

9. An Issue Specific Hearing will be held on the following date, times and location:

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Location
Wednesday 10 th October 2018	Issue Specific Hearing: Draft Development Consent Order	Arrival: 1.30pm Start: 2.00pm	Village Hotel Swansea , Langdon Rd, Swansea SA1 8QY

10. At each issue specific hearing interested parties are entitled (subject to the Examining Authority's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the particular issue to be considered. Interested parties include any person that has made a relevant representation to the Examining Authority in accordance with Section 102(4) of the Planning Act 2008, as well as APL, and various persons and bodies prescribed by statute.
11. Should the consideration of the issues take less time than anticipated, the hearing may be concluded as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing then it may be necessary to continue the session for longer on the day or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting.
12. Any hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties of the date, times and location for each hearing.
13. For additional information on these hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the hearings and how and when to make written submissions, please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website, where procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/abergelli-power/>

Copies of the Application

14. 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 for inspection free of charge at the following places (opening times may vary):

Locations	Opening Times
Swansea Central Library Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea, SA1 3SN	Mon Closed Tues – Fri 8.30am – 8pm Sat & Sun 10am – 4pm

15. The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps are also available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/abergelli-power/>
16. Copies of the Application form and the accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, may be purchased from APL by using the contact details at the end of this notice. A paper copy of the full suite of Application documents can be obtained for a reasonable copying charge up to a maximum of £500. Alternatively, an electronic copy of the full suite of Application documents can be obtained for £25. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply.

Further Information

17. Further information about the Application, the hearings and how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or from APL, using the following contact details:

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