

Aldbrough Community Liaison Group Meeting

Date:	17 th September 2024	Location:	Aldbrough Sports Hall
Date issued:	10 th October 2024	Recorded by:	Rachel Fox
Attendees:		Apologies:	
Michael Gillatt, SSE (MGi)	Rachel Fox, SSE (RF)	Cllr. Samanta Whyte, Mid Holderness Ward Councillor (SW)	
Steve Mattinson, EGPC (SM) - Chair	Tim Isherwood, St Michael's Wood (TI)	Julie Dickinson-Shaw, St. Michael's Church (JDC)	
Avril Crawforth, EGPC (AC)	Caroline Turner, VOICE (CT)	Stewart Allen, Aldbrough Primary School (SA)	
Billie Henry, Equestrian (BH)		Mick Robinson, Aldbrough Sports Hall (MR)	
Paul Dacombe, Equinor (PD)		Cllr John Holtby, Mid Holderness Ward Councillor (JH)	
Sally O'Brien, SSE (SO) - TEAMS			
Janice Harvey, St Michaels Church (JH)	Members of the public		

Contact Details

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Site Security – 01964 527885 (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
	<p>At the start of the meeting, it was requested that a review of the purpose, format/agenda, outcomes and representatives of the group were discussed. Over recent meetings it has felt that the discussions and agenda have become unsuitable given that the dynamics of the meeting have changed over the last 12-18 months.</p> <p>It is felt that there is a preference for each representative to have an individual slot to share updates and ask questions rather than the conversations and agenda to be SSE/Equinor led. To make effective use of the meeting, it is also suggested that any topics that have been extensively covered in previous meetings to be referred to the existing FAQ's or acknowledged that this has been covered rather than take up time that can be utilised with other subjects. The frequency of the meetings was discussed and will continue to be monthly for the remainder of 2024 and will be reviewed in 2025. Any representatives of the CLG groups that no longer wish to sit on the group, or who are no longer active or appropriate should contact SM or RF to discuss future attendance.</p>



ACTION:- SM & RF to work on a 'Terms of Reference' for future meetings. This will include meeting ground rules and guidance on effective management of the meetings. This to be agreed by the group once completed.

1 Operations Update

MGi provided an update regarding ongoing site operations.

MGi updated that the report from the Arboriculturist had been reviewed and any recommendations from the report would be progressed. Future reviews and further reports would be actioned if required. In addition to the recent screening, the West berm area is due to have more trees planted.

ACTION:- Share details of Arboriculturist report to SM & TI – **Complete**, sent by RF on 19/09/24

2 Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder Scheme

SO gave an update on the AHP (Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder) development via a TEAM'S link.

SO shared that the planning application had been submitted and an e-mail to the CLG shared after the submission by RF. The application was still under validation, and once that process was completed and the application live for public comment, a further e-mail will be shared to the group.

SO also talked through the Hazardous substances consent application that has been submitted in parallel to the planning application.

An update was shared on the remaining planting/screening with dates to be agreed for November via external contractor to re-commence the final works. TI asked if the planting along the fence line at the back of the site will be progressed. SO explained that there were still ongoing conversations with the landowners and other options would be looked at. SO offered a walk round to discuss the planting with TI.

ACTION:- Screening plan to be updated and shared.

CT asked for the last presentation from the May 'AHP Information Session' in May to be put onto the website. This is now **complete**.

3 Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage Scheme

PD provided an overview of current and expected activity relating to the AHS (Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage) development project.

PD updated that following the Statutory Consultation that closed on the 31st of August a report would be produced that would be submitted with the DCO application. The report would demonstrate the themes and key topics raised. The feedback would also include the responses from all stakeholders including statutory bodies, local Parish councils and ERYC/HCC.

CT asked if the information would detail individual responses and PD responded that it would not detail exact details, but a breakdown of themes.

Any suggestions of ideas to improve the project would be reviewed and incorporated where possible.

MGi did point out that other feedback such as the location change of the wellheads had been accommodated.

PD then talked through upcoming surveys, the first being trial trenches. A discussion was held regarding the depth on the trenches and machinery to be used.

UXO (Unexploded Ordnance) and Seismic surveys that have been proposed were discussed at length. Landowners had received letters from Dalcour Maclaren regarding the outline of the surveys and a request for access to complete the surveys.

PD talked through the process for both surveys explaining the reasoning behind the need for them and how they would be carried out.

The proposal of an appraisal well was also discussed. A question was raised as to whether this would take less or more time to drill than one of the planned wells, and if it could be used as one of the 9 proposed wells. PD commented that it would take less time, but if it were to become one of the proposed 9 wells that it would then take the same amount of time to drill as the others.



	<p>Feedback was that the letter received by landowners was confusing and did not answer many of the questions that needed to be addressed. A suggestion was made that for future correspondence a draft copy be shared to a few of the community to give feedback on the wording and information and clarity of the ask. This is noted. Questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns around land with livestock and how it will impact on animals. • What access would be required and for how long? • If landowners agree to access does this mean that the surveys could be carried out at any time within the six months? • Why is the survey area so large – is this for planning for further caverns? • Impact and damage to ground and crops. • Compensation amounts for access. <p>PD advised that individual landowners would be contacted following this meeting and any specific questions would be addressed by Dalcour Maclaren and the Seismic/UXO teams following an initial reconnaissance to the area. This would give necessary detail that allows for questions to be answered.</p> <p>A concern was raised by BH regarding the size of the survey following a presentation that had been seen several years ago that mentioned potential expansion of the number of caverns. This was taken away for BH to share with the group as the SSE/Equinor attendees were not aware of the presentation.</p> <p>Post Meeting Update:- BH has shared this to the wider group and is being investigated by Equinor to give some background/context of the presentation that is dated 2019. The proposed AHS project is for up to 9 caverns only and this presentation does not reflect the AHS project or position.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AOB</p> <p>RF gave an update on the Community Benefit fund and the progress of the application round and next steps. There had been 7 applications to date that were being assessed.</p> <p>MG stated to the group that it needed to be made clear that the Community Benefit Fund was in no way linked to the development projects or is a 'compensation' fund and was for the existing site. This has been made clear during the consultation events and in previous meetings, but there still seems to be some confusion. The group acknowledged that this was clear.</p> <p>The DBD team shared that an archaeological talk will be held on the 20th of September at Ullrome. Details have been shared by RF via e-mail.</p> <p>The topic of individual compensation for any project impact was raised. This was requested in lieu of a community benefit fund as it was stated that there was no community in Garton or Grimston for any proposed fund to be used. Several suggestions were made from TI & SM as to how this could look, including SSE/Equinor share allocation and assistance with energy costs. This mirrors the suggestion made from the VOICE group previously and has been noted. The projects are not yet at Financial Investment Decision (FID) or construction stage, so any benefit funds will be addressed and consulted on at this point.</p> <p>CT requested that a follow up visit from SSE Thermal & Equinor senior representatives was made. RF advised that a response from Finlay McCutcheon (SSE Thermal MD) who e-mailed the VOICE group advising that an appropriate time to meet would be facilitated at the right time. He also advised that ongoing feedback and engagement should continue via the CLG and current contacts. The request is noted and will be shared.</p> <p>SM requested that the CPRE (Countryside Charity) be allowed to join future attendance at CLG meetings. It was advised that they do not represent a local community group or reside in the local area and represent a wider overarching entity. Whilst the charity does have a representative for the North & East Yorkshire who attends the Garton Parish Council, it is not felt appropriate that they are a member of the CLG. SM advised that they could attend as a public member should they wish to.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Questions & Comments</p> <p>A member of the public raised concerns regarding protection of marine life re brine discharge from the proposed project. MG mentioned one University of Hull study that was carried out some years ago, but</p>



	this is within the scope of the current Environmental Impact Assessment by ERM. The Environment Agency will be the governing body on this matter.
6	Date and Time of Next Meeting
	The next meeting will be Thursday 17 th October at Garton Conference Centre from 19:00 until 20:30

