

Aldbrough Community Liaison Group Meeting					
Date:	17 th October 2024		Location:		Aldbrough Sports Hall
Date issued:	28th October 2024		Recorded by:		Rachel Fox
Attendees:				Apologies:	
Michael Gillatt, SSE (MGi) - Chair		Rachel Fox, SSE (RF)		Cllr. Samanta Whyte, Mid Holderness Ward Councillor (SW)	
Mick Robinson, Aldbrough Sports Hall (MR)		Tim Isherwood, St Michael's Wood (TI)		Julie Dickinson-Shaw, St. Michael's Church (JDC)	
Avril Crawforth, EGPC (AC)		Caroline Turner, VOICE (CT)		Steve Mattinson, EGPC (SM) - Chair	
Billie Henry, Equestrian (BH)		Stewart Allen, Aldbrough Primary School (SA)		Janice Harvey, St Michaels Church (JH)	
Paul Dacombe, Equinor (PD)					
Sally O'Brien, SSE (SO)					
		Members of the public			

Contact Details

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

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

RF confirmed that JDC would be stepping down form her role at the CLG, she felt that this was an appropriate time given the recent meeting review & refresh. A thank you from the group was to be minuted as Julie has been on the group for several years and has contributed acting as Vice-Chair. Suggestions for a replacement to be discussed and decided within the group.

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. (Ongoing)

1 Individual Updates

CT (VOICE) asked why the existing cavern locations had been shared on-line via the Hazardous Substances Consent application for Pathfinder yet had not been shared to the CLG when requested. MG acknowledged that this had been his decision as Site Director but had not anticipated that the locations would be available through the application. TI asked if the planned new nine caverns would also be detailed? MG/PD confirmed that would be the case when the application for Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage is made in due course.



CT asked for further information regarding a comment on the Pathfinder project Hazardous Substances Consent application from 'Public Protection' stating that there were significant issues with the application.

ACTION:- SO to investigate comments and provide feedback.

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 reports would be actioned if required. In addition to the recent screening, the West berm area is due to have more trees planted.

TI (St Michael's Wood) confirmed that the area identified on the land leased would be suitable for a copse to be planted to shield the site view on the bridleway. Additionally pond clearance in St Michael's Wood would be taking place shortly.

No other updates.

2 Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder Scheme Update

SO gave an update on the AHP (Aldbrough Hydrogen Pathfinder) development.

SO shared that the planning application was still under validation with ERYC and notification would be shared once available for public comment.

An update was shared on the planting/screening which is attached to the presentation.

TI asked that if agreement could not be reached with the landowner could SSE land be used and the fence line pushed back. SO stated that would not be within the AHP project remit and would be a site decision, but conversations with the landowner would continue.

CT asked if the gap at the front of the site from Jean Turner's viewpoint was to be reviewed. TI thought that this had been done but would take time for the trees to cover the gap. SO said that she would look follow this up.

ACTION:- SO to review with the current situation with the landscaping team.

3 Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage Scheme Update

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

PD updated that there were archaeology surveys taking place, but this would be dependent on weather.

An update on Seismic surveys progress was shared with PD explaining that there were approx. 60 landowners that have been contacted for access to carry out the surveys. It was confirmed that the survey time would be approx. 3 weeks in total. A date for a 'demo' day was to be agreed and this would be shared once confirmed.

BH raised the Equinor presentation that had been shared following the last meeting and asked why it mirrored the area identified for Seismic surveys. PD talked through the area identified and explained the detail of the surveys and why the area was the size that was shown on the diagram. The presentation from 2019 was linked to the potential at that time for the whole of Northern England to have Hydrogen in homes.

Additional discussions took place regarding the survey area and the detail behind the technology used to carry out the survey.

MG stated that the application for the AHS project is for up to nine caverns and this to be minuted to ensure no further confusion.

TI asked if information from ERYC team regarding costal erosion was available yet? PD confirmed this had not been published (by the Environment Agency) although an indicative figure had been given to the project team to work with and the document should be published in 2025. PD also reiterated that the biggest concern from the coastal team would be that any development is safe for the duration of the asset.

4 AOB

TI asked for clarification as to when the development project planning could potentially be grated so that conversation around 'compensation' could take place. PD advised that planning for Aldbrough Hydrogen Storage could be granted at the end of 2026/early 2027.



A general conversation was held regarding future information sessions for CLG meetings. Potential subjects to include Hydrogen safety. This to be discussed in future meeting to agree dates.

MR asked if there were any updates regarding the King Charles Costal path.

ACTION:- PD to share contact at ERYC to the group.

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5 Questions & Comments

A member of the public raised that some of the planning maps were not clear enough. CT advised that there was the option to view the maps in larger definition online.

It was mentioned that a new bridge had been erected on East Newton drain, it was discussed and neither SSE nor Equinor have completed this works. It was suggested that this could be part of the King Charles Costal path project.

6 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday 14th November at Garton Conference Centre from 19:00 until 20:30