

Consultation Update

What is Consultation? Statutory



 As part of the DCO application process, there is a requirement for statutory consultation with various interested parties.

| Consultation Strand | Consultees |
|---------------------|---|
| s47 | The local community and non-statutory interest groups. |
| s42 | Statutory consultees as defined by the Planning Inspectorate: includes local authorities and government bodies such as the Environment Agency, landowners and significantly affected persons. |
| s48 | Publicity (notices published in regional and national newspapers) |

- Minimum PPL could do is to consult for a period of <u>28</u> days with the above consultees.
- Consultation Report brings out the key themes and concerns raised during consultation and explains how PPL has addressed them. A public document.

Applicant must undertake **fair and reasonable** pre-application consultation

What is Consultation? Non-statutory

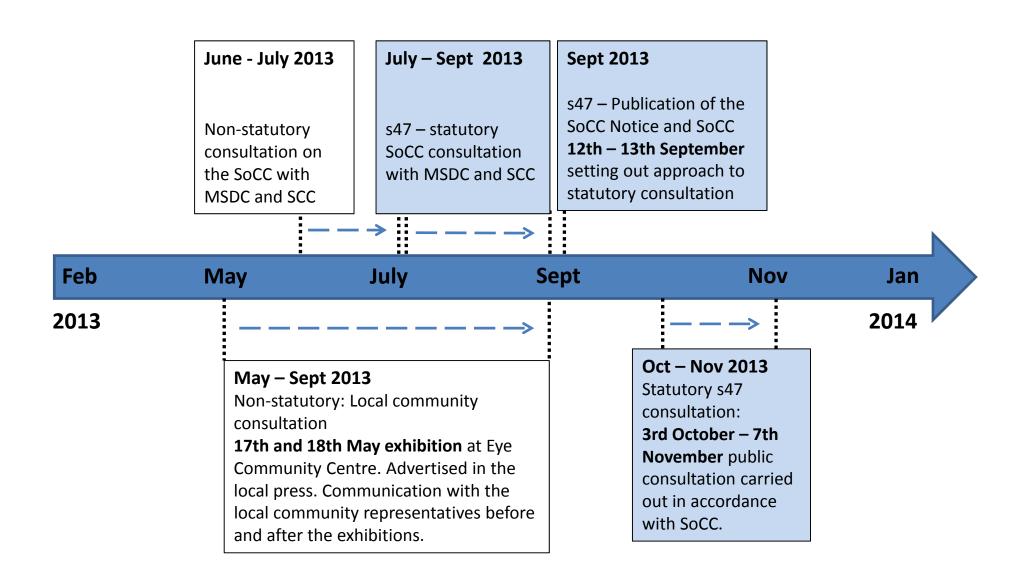


Activities additional to the statutory requirements of the Planning Act 2008

- A developer may engage with the local community and any affected parties in a number of different ways but is not legally required to do so. This could be done by:
 - Meetings with local authorities, including Parish Councils
 - Non statutory exhibitions
 - Press releases, radio and TV interviews
 - etc
- This form of consultation at an early stage is a great way of understanding the key local concerns and may inform the evolution of the Project design.

Local community consultation timeline





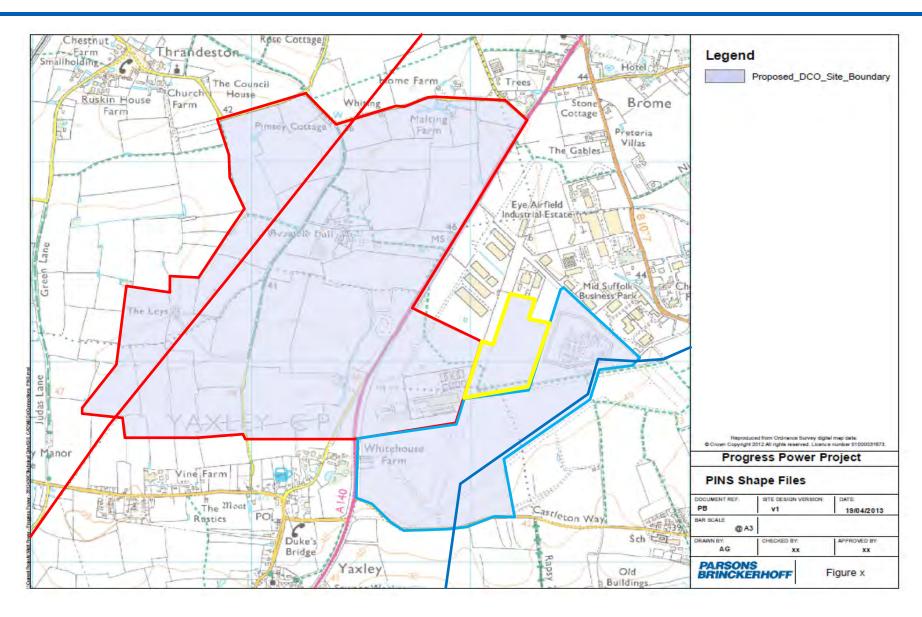


...and then there's Environmental Impact Assessment consultation

- Scoping
- Survey
- Assessment
- The first deliverable after the Scoping Phase is the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – this is a snap shot in time of where we are in the development process
- The PEIR was used as the basis for statutory consultation

Scoping Phase of Project – May 2013





Scoping Phase of Project – May 2013



| Item | Options |
|-----------------------|---|
| Technology | CCGT, SCGT, Gas Engines, CHP |
| Stack Height | Between 30 m and 90 m |
| Stack(s) | 1 – 5 |
| Gas Connection | 5 routes - between 200 m and 2 km |
| Electrical Connection | OHL or Underground Cable ~ 1.5 km to 400 kV network |

Non-statutory Consultation

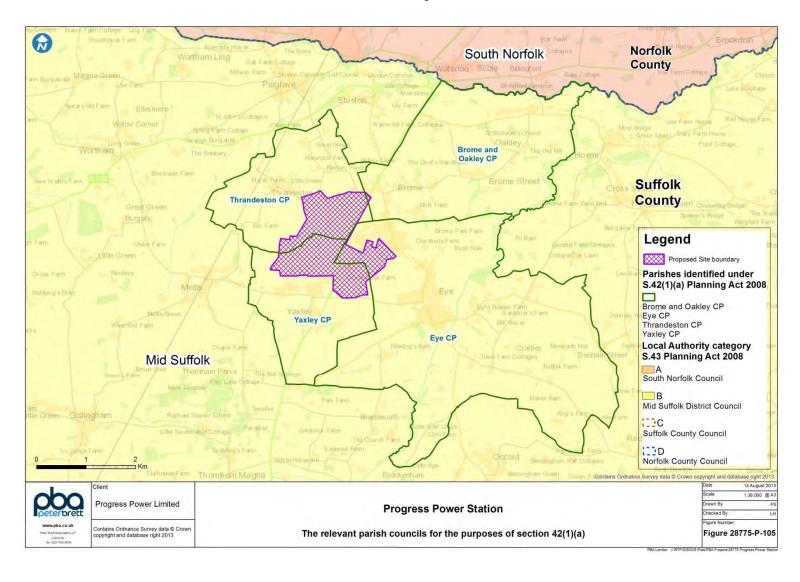


- Scoping Report submitted to Planning Inspectorate PINS on 17 May
- Engagement with MSDC, SCC, EA, EH, NE and a number of other statutory consultees including Thrandeston, Yaxley, Brome and Oakley and Eye Parish Councils (meeting held in early June).
- Scoping Opinion received from PINS on 26 June
 - Almost 80 Statutory Consultees

Scoping Phase of Project – May 2013



Parish Councils that are Statutory Consultees



Non-statutory Local Community Consultation



- Introduced Project to the public in May 2013 as soon as we were able to.
- Purpose was to begin raising awareness of Project proposals.
 - PPL appreciate the inherent tension in undertaking early consultation whilst also providing sufficient information to enable consultees to comment.
 - Hence clear descriptions of options under consideration and explaining the on-going nature of the design development and consultation processes

Non-statutory Local Community Consultation



Examples of some of the activities undertaken

| Meetings | |
|----------|--|
| 25/04/13 | briefing meeting with MSDC councillors and senior officers |
| 17/05/13 | meeting with SCC councillors |
| 05/06/13 | meeting with councillors from statutory Parish Councils regarding the EIA Scoping Report |

| Written | |
|----------|---|
| 02/05/13 | written notification of project to SCC councillors, the constituency MP and MEP |
| 03/05/13 | written notification to parish council clerks close to the site |
| 06/05/13 | letters to all 52 businesses located on Eye Airfield |

Non-statutory Local Community Consultation



| Adverts / Posters | |
|--------------------------|--|
| w/c 6 th May | advertisements in the Diss Express, Bury Free Press, EDP and EADT |
| w/c 13 th May | advertisements repeated as above |
| w/c 6 th May | posters on local parish noticeboards and in local shops in the Eye area giving notice of the exhibitions |

| Press Relations | |
|-----------------|---|
| 06/05/13 | press release to local media, including the Diss Mercury, Bury Free Press, Eastern Daily Press (EDP), the East Anglian Daily Times (EADT) and BBC East; the release resulted in media reports (print, TV, radio and social media) about the project and the planned exhibitions |

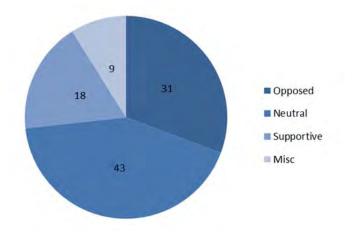
| Public Exhibitions | |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 17/05/13 | exhibition at Eye Community Centre |
| 18/05/13 | exhibition at Eye Community Centre |

Non-statutory Consultation



Local Community Exhibitions Feedback

- 137 people attended the May 2013 local community exhibitions.
- 100 feedback forms were completed and returned.



- Environmental Impacts
- Detailed Information
- Detailed Design

May 2013 local community consultation – respondent's feelings on the outline proposals

May 2013 local community consultation – dominant themes



Examples of further activities undertaken

| Date | Activity and consultee |
|------------|--|
| 13/06/2013 | Introductory meeting with the Planning Inspectorate. |
| 22/07/2013 | Meeting with the Planning Inspectorate to discuss: Approach to the Project description and Approach to the draft DCO. |
| 29/08/2013 | Meeting with MSDC Councillors and Officers; SCC Councillors and Officers; Eye Town Council Councillor. Providing an update on Project developments since May |
| 18/09/2013 | Eye Town Council Meeting 9 Eye Town Councillors were present, as well as the Clerk of Eye Town Council, MSDC Councillor Flatman and 15 members of the general public. The Eye deputy Mayor chaired the meeting. |
| 25/09/2013 | Meeting between PPL and Dr Dan Poulter MP and Adam Burt (constituency officer). |
| 25/09/2013 | The PPL Project director attended a Suffolk Association of Local Councils (North) meeting at Eye Town Hall and gave a presentation about the Project. |

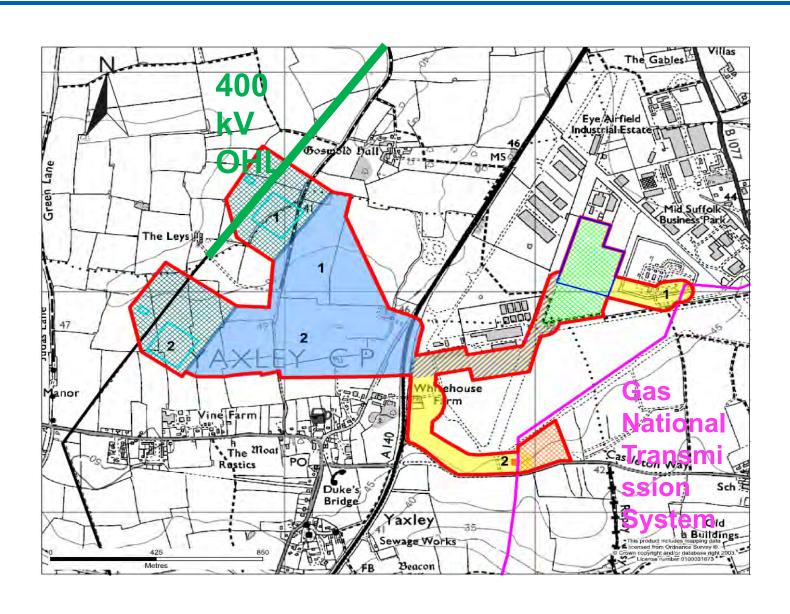




| Item | Options May 2013 | Options September 2013 | |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Technology | CCGT, SCGT, Gas Engines, CHP | SCGT | |
| Stack Height | 30 m – 90 m | 20 m – 30 m | |
| Stack(s) | 1 – 5 | 1-5 | |
| Gas Connection | 5 routes - between 200m and 2km | 2 routes between 200m and 1.6km | |
| Electrical Connection | OHL or Underground Cable ~ 1.5km to 400kV network | Underground Cable | |

PEIR Phase of Project – September 2013

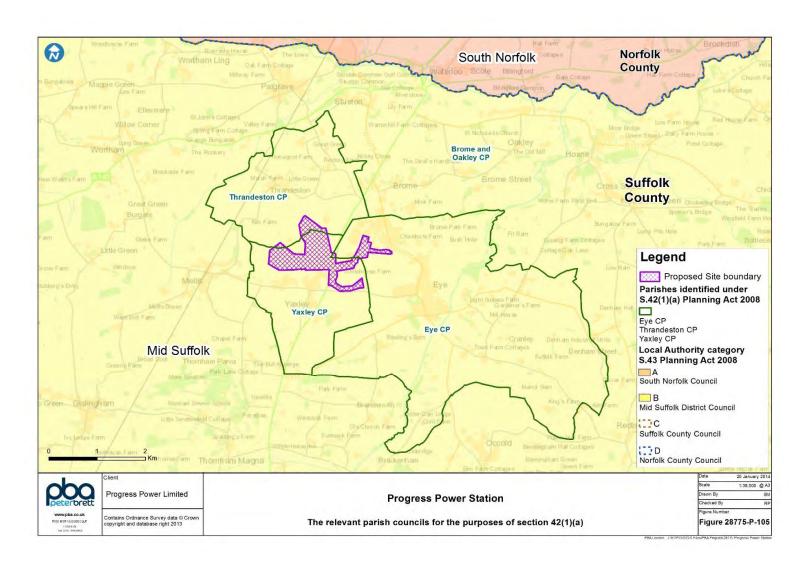




PEIR Phase of Project – September 2013



Parish Councils that are Statutory Consultees



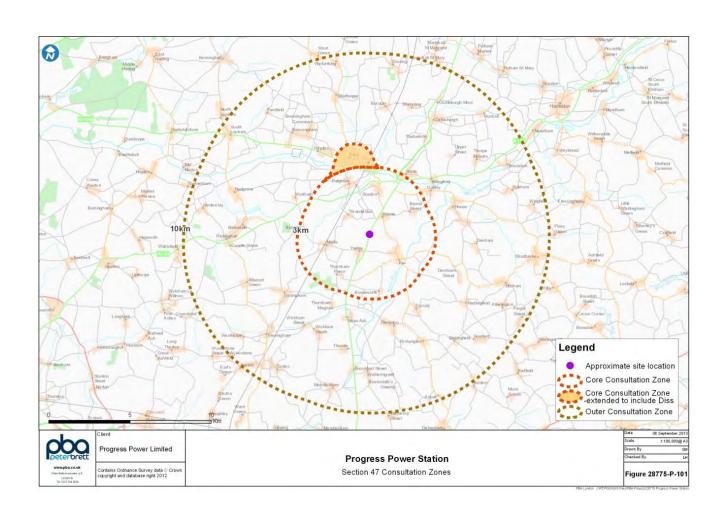
Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)



- Sets out PPL's overall approach to local community consultation.
- Developed in consultation and agreed with MSDC and SCC:
 - Exhibition locations
 - Consultation activities
 - Zones of Consultation
 - the Core Consultation Zone (CCZ)
 - Outer Consultation Zone (OCZ)
- SoCC notice published in local newspapers in Sept 2013
- SoCC available at local community venues and online

Consultation Zones





Core Consultation Zones (CCZ) and Outer Consultation Zones (OCZ) as agreed with MSDC and SCC

Statutory Consultation



Aim of consultation

- The aim of the consultation as set out in the SoCC was to seek views on:
 - the Project, including the location and layout of the proposed power generation plant;
 - the options for the location and layout of the electrical connection compound;
 - the route options of the gas connection; and
 - the findings of the preliminary environmental studies including construction and operation impacts, for example, the visual impacts of the Project.



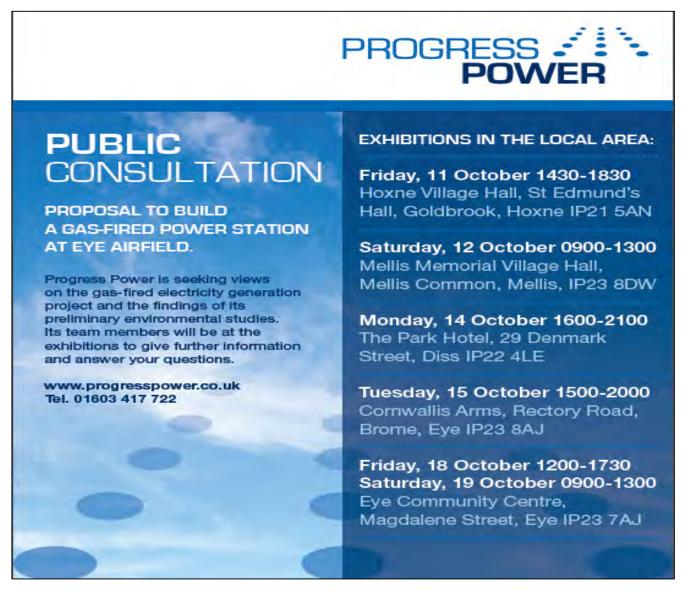
Delivering the SoCC

Thursday 3rd October 2013 – Thursday 7th November 2013

- PPL delivered consultation in line with the SoCC
 - 35 days, in excess of 28 day minimum
 - Exhibitions
 - Availability of PEIR and PEIR NTS at local libraries and council offices
 - Adverts in newspapers
 - Local radio reports
 - Local press articles and twitter
 - Posters and leaflets in local community venues as well as schools and Parish noticeboards
 - Letter to MP and neighbouring MPs
 - Leaflet distribution
- PPL is aware some households reported not receiving a leaflet
 - Extra hand delivery of leaflets to villages that were hosting exhibitions
- Added exhibition date at Yaxley in response to parish councillor and local community requests. Included a further press release



Consultation exhibition timetable





Exhibition attendance

| Location | Date | Attendance | Distance to PGP | Distance to Substation |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Hoxne Village Hall (Outer Consultation Zone) | Fri 11 Oct | 10 people | ~5.2 km | ~6.2 km |
| Mellis Memorial Hall | Sat 12 Oct | 79 people | ~3 km | ~1.2 km |
| Park Hotel, Diss | Mon 14 Oct | 21 people | ~3.8 km | ~3.7 km |
| Cornwallis Hotel, Brome | Tue 15 Oct | 20 people | ~1.2 km | ~1.7 km |
| Eye Community Centre | Fri 18 Oct | 50 people | ~1.2 km | ~2.5 km |
| | Sat 19 Oct | 55 people | | |
| Yaxley Village Hall (additional exhibition) | Mon 21 Oct | 97 people | ~1.3 km | ~0.5 km |



Exhibition attendance



Exhibition at Mellis Memorial Village Hall



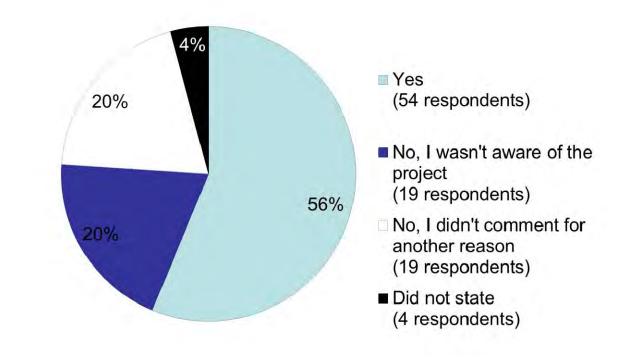
Exhibition at Eye Community Centre



Summary of feedback

157 responses were received from the local community

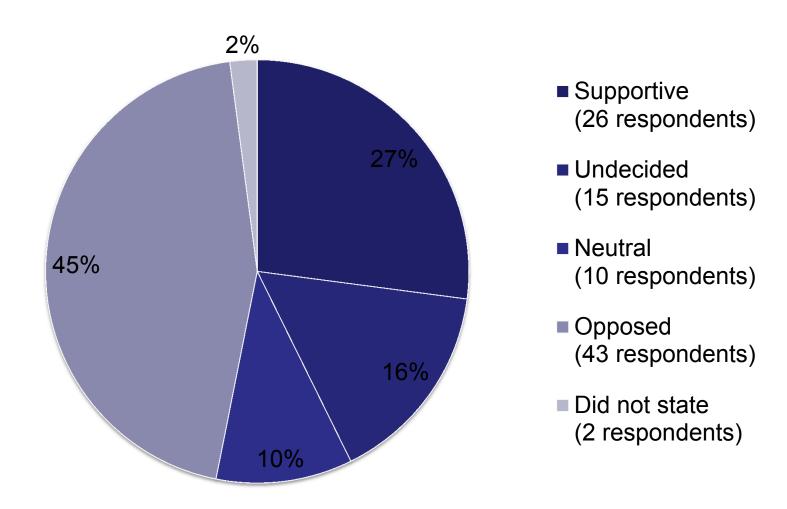
| Feedback medium | No. |
|--|-----|
| Exhibition feedback forms | 72 |
| Freeform responses (via email or letter) | 68 |
| Freepost response form on the leaflet | 24 |



Whether respondents commented during the previous phase of consultation



Feelings towards the Project





The 3 key themes during the consultation were:

- Traffic, Transport and Access
- Landscape and Visual Impact
- Noise and Vibration
- The biggest concern related to Traffic, Transport and Access

Information Update



Electrical Connection Access Arrangements and Electrical Connection Compound Location

- Following the review of responses received during the Project's period of statutory consultation PPL is publishing Supplementary Access Information and details about the proposed location for the Electrical Connection Compound.
- The non-statutory information update period runs from 6
 February 6 March 2014.
- Information available on PPL website and at local libraries and MSDC's Needham Market Office.