

## Keuper Gas Storage Project Local Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Item	Summary	Actions
<b>Meeting</b>	Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP) Local Liaison Group (LLG)	
<b>Details</b>	Tuesday 1 November 2022, 6pm – 7pm, via MS Teams	
<b>Attendees</b>	<p>Richard Stevenson, INOVYN            John Beecroft (Byley Parish Meeting)            Simon Moorhead (Byley Parish Meeting)            Andrea Stott (Byley Parish Meeting)            Hazel West (Allostock Parish Council)            Steven Holmes (Cheshire West and Chester Council)            Lewis Jones, Font Comms (Chair)</p> <p>Apologies:            Janet Ward, INOVYN            Paul Spare (Davenham Parish Council)            Tony Roberts (Lach Dennis Parish Council)            Julia Wilson (Allostock Parish Council)</p>	
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>	
	Chair Lewis Jones (LJ) welcomed attendees to the meeting and provided introductions.	
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Review and agreement of minutes</b>	
	LJ noted that several members had difficulty joining the last quarterly meeting in May, but that the minutes had been circulated. He committed to attaching the May minutes to attendees following the meeting.	LJ
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>KGSP Construction Progress Update</b>	
	<p>Richard Stevenson (RS) provided an update on the progress of construction of the consented KGSP. He explained how good progress had been made to deliver the updates to the roads, as discussed at previous meetings.</p> <p>The work is complete at Yatehouse Lane, including resurfacing, repainting of lines on the road, re-planting of the hedgerow further back and installation of Cheshire railings around the entrance. John Beecroft (JB) said that there had been comments from residents pleased about the work done and the railings installed.</p> <p>RS said that it was hoped similar work would commence on Drakelow Lane before Christmas – which would be ideal to enable the hedgerow to be planted in winter. RS added that the work would require a full road closure, but the length of the closure would be kept to a minimum. He added that the ability to allow Uniper vehicles through, to avoid them being diverted elsewhere, would be explored.</p> <p>Simon (SM) and Andrea (AS) asked to receive a copy of the roadwork plans. LJ committed to sending these with the minutes.</p> <p>RS explained the hedgerow was being planted back from the entrance in order to increase visibility – a requirement of the consent to support residents entering the site as well as any emergency vehicles etc. He</p>	LJ

	<p>reiterated that whilst these junctions had been improved, vehicles associated with the KGSP would not be routed through Byley and would access the site via the existing entrance on King Street.</p> <p>AS asked how long the build period would be. RS explained that the overall programme would be around 8-10 years. However, he explained this is not continuous work, it is focused work at different parts of the site and a mix of activities including initial drilling of the caverns; solution mining; and then installing gas storage infrastructure. RS said this was a phased and considered approach, with impacts on the surrounding areas minimised throughout.</p>	
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Hydrogen consultation and information</b>	
	<p>RS provided an update on progression of the non-material change to the DCO, to provide the option of storage hydrogen.</p> <p>SM asked whether the project had been accelerated as a result of the current energy climate. RS said that the Project did feature as a priority project in the Government's Growth Plan, alongside HyNet North West, however there had been a change in Government since its publication.</p> <p>He explained that creating more energy storage remains a national priority. RS explained that the UK has less gas storage than other countries, for example Germany. He added that hydrogen storage is a good way of storing renewable electricity – with 3.7TWh wasted in 2020 for example. He added that KGSP would be the equivalent of 1000 times the size of the world's largest battery storage facility in California, providing the ability to store renewable energy when it's not needed and release it at times of heightened demand.</p> <p>AS asked about the safety of storing hydrogen. RS provided an overview of the safety features that will be in place at the storage facility, including control systems and independent fail safe systems. He explained that the safety record of gas storage is very good, with hydrogen already stored in this way in the UK.</p> <p>RS outlined the required permitting, including the Hazardous Substances Consent, which is required to operate. He noted that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has already provide an opinion that there is no change in safety risks associated with change from natural gas to hydrogen on the application for the KGSP. The application is now with Cheshire West and Chester Council for consideration and decision. The operation of the facility would be also be governed by the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) legislation, with pre-construction and pre-operation reports required. Steven Holmes (SH) said that the council was considering the application and responding to one stakeholder enquiry about the application.</p> <p>AS said the KSGP represented further industrialisation of the area and asked whether there would be lots of transport movements and noisy testing of sirens. RS said all of the construction and operation transport will be routed via the existing entrance on King Street, not via Byley, and that there shouldn't be testing of sirens more than once a week from the gas processing plant.</p> <p>RS outlined how the team was carrying out community consultation ahead of submission of the non-material change, which would be before Christmas. The consultation involved writing to surrounding residents and businesses, and holding a drop-in event at Byley Village Hall. JB said</p>	

	some residents had raised questions about safety and he had encouraged them to attend the event to speak to the team.	
<b>Item 5</b>	<b>Interim Community Environmental Fund 2022</b>	
	LJ confirmed that the last approval for a project was for the Lach Dennis planters, which had been communicated to the applicant. He committed to re-sharing the guidance and application forms, with the fund still open and funds available to support eligible projects.	LJ
<b>Item 6</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 31 January 2022. A calendar invitation with dial-in details will be issued to members.	LJ
<b>Item 7</b>	<b>Any other business</b>	
	N/A	

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