

Keuper Gas Storage Project Local Liaison Group Minutes of Meeting

Item	Summary	Actions
Meeting	Keuper Gas Storage Project (KGSP) Local Liaison Group (LLG)	
Details	Tuesday 10 May 2022, 6pm – 7.30pm, via MS Teams	
Attendees	Richard Stevenson, INOVYN John Beecroft (Byley Parish Meeting) Steven Holmes (Cheshire West and Chester Council) Rebecca Eatwell, Font Comms (Chair) Adam Baddeley, Progressive Energy Apologies: Janet Ward, INOVYN Paul Spare (Davenham Parish Council) Tony Roberts (Lach Dennis Parish Council)	
Item 1	Welcome and introductions	
	Chair Rebecca Eatwell (RE) welcomed all attendees to the meeting of the KGSP LLG, with attendees introducing themselves in turn.	
Item 2	Review and agreement of minutes	
	Members agreed the draft minutes as an accurate record of the meeting in February 2021. RS explained that there would be upcoming road closures in a few weeks time on Drakelow Lane for a couple of days. RE noted that an action – to add further information on hydrogen to the KGSP website – had been carried over, and would be complete as part of the next step of engagement on the DCO.	RE
Item 3	HyNet update	
	Adam Baddeley (AB) from Progressive Energy provided the group with an update on HyNet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A storage licence has been awarded to Eni to allow permanent storage of CO2 in offshore fields in the Liverpool Bay • Statutory consultation on the HyNet CO2 pipeline is complete, with submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application expected in late Summer/early Autumn • A Town & Country Planning Act (TCPA) application has been submitted to Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWAC) for a hydrogen production plant at Stanlow and is due to be determined soon • Vertex Hydrogen, a joint venture between Essar Oil UK and Progressive Energy, has been announced to bring forward the hydrogen production plant • Non-statutory consultation on the hydrogen network DCO has been completed by Cadent who are the HyNet partner leading on this element. A further statutory consultation will take place before the end of the year. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HyNet has been selected under 'Track 1' of Phase 1 business model support for CO2 infrastructure and is in negotiations with Government Government is still evaluating responses to Phase 2 regarding hydrogen production at Stanlow <p>AB went on to explain how hydrogen storage is an integral part of the HyNet system and will help manage peaks and troughs in demand.</p>	
Item 4	KGSP progress update	
	<p>RS provided an update on construction at KGSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brownhayes Drive / Yatehouse lane junction is mainly complete (civil road works) with installation of the fencing outstanding. The original spec did not call for any road markings but we now feel based on traffic observation, that some white lines are required to delineate the road from the junction. Cheshire West and Chester Highways have been contacted. Work at land off King Street is nearly complete. (This is not really visible from highway as it is on INOVYN land). Work at Drakelow Lane is still to commence. We have netted the hedgerow to allow us to remove later and complete the work, hopefully will be started towards end May. <p>JB asked whether white lines would be painted on Yatehouse Lane as it's not clear where the road ends. RS explained that while the original specification agreed with CWAC didn't call for them INOVYN have noticed it's a problem and therefore have approached the CWAC highways team to ask if white lines can be painted.</p>	
Item 5	Interim Community Environmental Fund 2022	
	<p>RS ran through the documents that had been circulated to the group in advance that set out a proposal for how the Interim Community Fund would run.</p> <p>The initial fund value will be £10,000 with an application period open from 1st April 2022 through to the end of December 2023.</p> <p>RS explained that this initial fund would be administered by INOVYN with the LLG voting on applications.</p> <p>RS said that an application has been received from JB and that this would be circulated to all LLG members who would be asked to vote via email.</p> <p>JB pointed out that the application form wouldn't allow electronic signatures to be added. RE agreed to look into this.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>RE</p>
Item 6	Update on hydrogen progress	
	<p>RS provided an update on the plans to amend the existing gas storage DCO to allow hydrogen storage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material and documentation for the Planning Inspectorate and LPA for the change approval has been prepared Environmental consultants ERM are undertaking their final assessments. To recap, the change includes relocating a compound (gas connection compound) and office building, from original location 	

	<p>to new locations that were going to be construction laydown and a carpark so the environmental impact of this change is very small. No new kit, just in a different place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERM, author of the original Environmental Statement, will assess the changes against all the relevant criteria. • Results expected in next few weeks. We will then be able to formally consult with wider public, LPA and parish councils and submit the change application. <p>JB asked about the potential for hydrogen cars. RS explained that while Cheshire East has waste trucks fuelled by hydrogen at a refuelling station in Middlewich, the infrastructure didn't currently exist for hydrogen cars. He said that hydrogen is best suited to 'back to base' vehicles such as taxis, buses, HGVs and waste trucks.</p>	
Item 7	Date of next meeting	
	<p>It was agreed the next meeting will be held in September but that details of the consultation on the DCO amendment would be shared with the group for information when available.</p>	
Item 8	Any other business	
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