

NOTES FROM MEETING HELD AT SUTTON VILLAGE HALL ON 28 MARCH 2017 WITH SCOTTISH POWER ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ALONG THE B1083

Andrew Reid (SCC) introduced the meeting.

Joanna Young for ScottishPower (SP, part of Iberdrola, a Spanish-owned company) opened the presentation outlining SP's four windfarm projects: East Anglia One (EA1), East Anglia Three (EA3), East Anglia Two (EA2) and East Anglia One North (EA1N).

EA1N will be adjacent to the EA1 windfarm in the North Sea and will be built at a later date, to be announced.

EA1 will produce 714MW, EA3 1,200MW, EA2 800MW and EA1N 800MW of power.

EA1 (£2.5 billion project), which is the first of the four, will have 2 sea-bed cables running 73km from the farm to the landfall site at Bawdsey. At the landfall site it will be fed into transition pits and change to six cables taking power across the countryside to Bramford from where it will feed into the National Grid.

Regarding the on-shore cable route, the contractors are still to be appointed. There has been a delay as the archaeological surveys have shown up more than expected and a final survey has still to be undertaken.

The cable route will require a working corridor of 35m to 50m. This will allow sufficient space for top soil, sub soil, the trenches and haul road. This corridor has already been marked across fields in the Bawdsey area by blue posts. This indicates to farmers the area directly affected by the project.

The remaining notes are in the form of bullet points:

- SP proposes to drill under the River Deben to a depth of 15m
- It is anticipated that it will take 44 days to build haul roads across from the landfall site to the drilling area for the Deben river drill.
- Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) will have equipment and materials delivered by a maximum of 30-tonne vehicles over a 4 to 6 month period.
- Cables will be on huge drums with 2 kilometre lengths which will be stored at Felixstowe and transported to the appropriate points along the route. The Bawdsey landfall site will be at the beginning of this route which will require 12 cable drums.
- Residents will be kept informed by SP as each stage of the project is planned.
- The landfall site drilling will run from the field on the cliff top (approximately 180m back) to 1 to 1.2 kilometres out to sea. At this point it will join up with the sea-bed cables.

- Les Cotton (local contractor) is responsible for any land-drainage for the project.
- SP will commission an aerial survey by drones before and during the construction period. This will be done at 3-monthly intervals when work is being undertaken.
- The cable trench will be 1.5 to 1.7m deep.
- SP have a 5-year landscape management plan in place. Any trees or hedgerows that they remove will be replaced on a 2 for 1 basis.
- All road passing places and lay bys constructed by SP will be removed at the completion of the project.
- There will be no extra wide loads transported on our roads around Bawdsey.
- The maximum amount of vehicle movement in Bawdsey (and surrounding area) will be 134 in a single day. Much of the time it will be less.
- It is estimated that over a 2-month period the vehicle movement will be between 80 and 90 vehicles a day.
- Each of the passing places will be 6 metres wide. These will necessitate road closures to construct. Residents will be notified and consulted prior to commencement.
- Ferry Road may be closed for up to 15 minutes during passing place or lay-by construction.
- No studies have been undertaken by SP regarding any future additional vibration damage to housing caused by the increased traffic volume. However, should residents experience damage SP will endeavour to rectify this.
- EA1 will have a 2-year construction window to complete the work on EA1 and will give a 1-month notice prior to commencing the project.
- The offshore drilling has not at this time been awarded.

Andrew Reid closed the meeting at 1930hrs with a vote of thanks to SP.

After the meeting it was agreed with Joanna Young and members of the team that another meeting would be convened in Bawdsey to firm up any areas not covered that evening. A list of questions to be submitted to Joanna prior to this meeting to enable her to come with prepared answers.

CLIs Richard Tricker and Andrew Rouse