

Consultation Strategy



Statement of Community Consultation

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this Document

This document supports the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) prepared by Knottingley Power Ltd. for our proposals to build a new Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power station on a site to the east of Knottingley, West Yorkshire.

It provides enhanced detail on how our commitments made to community consultation in our SOCC will be undertaken in practice.

1.2 Background to our Plans for Consultation

Knottingley Power is planning to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application to the National Infrastructure Directorate (NID), which is part of the Planning Inspectorate (PI), for a new Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power station and ancillary services.

The new CCGT power station will require a new gas pipeline to transport natural gas fuel to the station and an electrical connection to export the electricity generated.

Before submitting its DCO application, Knottingley Power intends to engage in a programme of consultation on the proposals, providing the local community and key stakeholders with an opportunity to become familiar with and comment on our plans.

Our consultation will be conducted in accordance with the SOCC that was published on:

- The 3rd of May 2012 in the Pontefract and Castleford Express; and,
- The 3rd of May 2012 in the Selby Times.

The SOCC describes the way in which Knottingley Power will consult with the local community as required under section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008. Further consultation with statutory consultees (such as Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, and the Environment Agency and so on) will be undertaken under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 in parallel with our Stage 2 consultation on 'Preferred Proposals'.

Our consultation will be undertaken in two stages (namely):

- Stage 1 on Proposals and Options during a six week period starting on the 14th May 2012 ending 25th June 2012;
- Stage 2 on Preferred Proposals and Material Changes during a six week period in winter 2012 (to be publicised closer to the time).

1.3 Finding out about our Strategy

This Consultation Strategy provides more information on the project in section two. In addition, we have included information associated with our proposals and consultation on our Knottingley Power website: www.knottingleypower.co.uk.

The project is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project under the Planning Act 2008. The application to build the new station will therefore be examined by the National Infrastructure Directorate (NID), part of the Planning Inspectorate (PI). The application will then be determined by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

More information on how the application will be examined is given in section three. Further details of the Planning Act process are also provided on the PI website: <http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk>.

Knottingley Power believes that community consultation is an important part of the development process and recognises the value that local stakeholders can add to the project through their local insight and knowledge:

By speaking with local residents, community groups and businesses we can provide information on our proposals and, wherever possible, integrate feedback into our strategy for project development.

Under the requirements of the Planning Act 2008, we are required to undertake public consultation with people living in the vicinity of the site before we submit our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the PI. More information on these requirements is provided in section three.

2 Our Proposals

Knottingley Power is planning to build a new Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power station at a site east of Knottingley, West Yorkshire. The CCGT power station will be capable of generating 1500MW (nominal) of electricity, enough to power around two million homes.

The proposed CCGT power station will be located on a 20 hectare site that includes part of the former Oxiris Chemical Works and adjoining agricultural land.

Please see Appendix A for a site location map.

The planned CCGT power station will use natural gas fuel to generate electricity. Natural gas is the same fuel that is used in many homes for cooking and heating.

To transport natural gas fuel to the proposed power station it will be necessary to construct a new gas pipeline, connecting the power station to National Grid's gas National Transmission System (NTS) .

The nearest NTS pipeline is approximately 8km north east of the site. As part of the project development process Knottingley Power will be considering different pipeline route options.

Please see Appendix B for a map showing the site and the closest national transmission gas pipeline.

The Knottingley Power application for a Development Consent order will include both the Power Station and Gas Pipeline.

A new electricity connection will also be required to allow electricity generated by the power station to be exported to National Grid's electricity transmission network. It is the responsibility of National Grid to assess the most suitable options for making this connection. National Grid will also be responsible for making a separate DCO application for the electrical connection.

A new CCGT power station at Knottingley will bring a number of benefits including job creation, a boost to businesses and opportunities for engineering contractors.

As we develop our proposals for a new CCGT, we will be producing information that sets out further details on the project. This information will be made available to local people and stakeholders. The information will include, but not be limited to:

- Information on the application process;
- Information on Knottingley Power;
- Details on the proposed CCGT power station and ancillary services;
- Explanations on how the technology works and possible impacts of our proposals;

- Environmental information;
- Information on how we will manage health and safety issues.

A new CCGT power station will take approximately 3.5 years to build with construction expected to commence in 2015. Commercial operation of the power station would then start in 2018.

2.1 **Knottingley Power**

Knottingley Power Ltd. is a new company that has been created for the purpose of building, owning and operating a CCGT power station in Knottingley. Knottingley Power is a wholly owned subsidiary of Electricity Supply Board (ESB) group.

ESB is a state-owned electricity company based in Ireland. We have a portfolio of investment projects across the world and currently have projects in over 35 countries, including the UK, Europe, Middle East, Asia and Africa.

ESB, through its subsidiary ESB International, has been in the British energy market since the early 1990s as developer and owner of Corby Power Limited in Northamptonshire (350MW), and the 842MW CCGT plant at Marchwood near Southampton. We are also about to begin construction of the 860MW CCGT at Carrington, near Manchester.

ESB also build, own and operate renewable generation projects. In the UK we own West Durham windfarm (24MW), Fullabrook Down windfarm (66MW) and the under construction Mynydd Y Betws windfarm (37.5MW). For details of these and other ESB projects please visit: <http://www.esb.ie>.

3 The Planning Process for our Proposals

The Knottingley CCGT project is classified as a nationally significant infrastructure project under the Planning Act 2008. In order to build a new CCGT we must therefore first obtain a Development Consent Order (DCO) in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

Applications for DCOs are made to the National Infrastructure Directorate (NID), part of the Planning Inspectorate (PI), who examines the application before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change. It is then the Secretary of State that decides whether to grant the DCO or not.

More information on how the application is examined is given can be found on the PI website: <http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk>

The PI examines applications in accordance with the relevant National Policy Statements (NPSs) (the national policy framework within which an application is evaluated). The NPSs relevant to the Knottingley Power Station are:

- Overarching Energy NPS (EN-1);
- The Fossil Fuel NPS (EN-2) and;
- Gas Supply Infrastructure and Gas and Oil Pipelines NPS (EN-4).

NPS EN-2 provides the basis for decisions on fossil fuel proposals of over 50MW generating capacity such as the proposed CCGT at Knottingley.

Further information and the full content of the NPSs can be found at: http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/meeting_energy/consents_planning/nps_en_infra/nps_en_infra.aspx.

3.1 The Scope of the DCO and Consultation

Knottingley Power intends to submit a DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate for the purpose of constructing a 1500MW CCGT power station and associated natural gas pipeline. The DCO will also incorporate associated infrastructure as is identified during the pre-application consultation and development of our detailed design. This Consultation Strategy and associated SOCC relate specifically to the CCGT and gas pipeline.

The DCO application will not include the electrical connection for the station to the National Grid electricity transmission system which will require a separate application and will be managed by National Grid.

3.2 The Role of the Environmental Impact Assessment

The Knottingley CCGT project is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development under schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, as amended .

Knottingley Power will therefore produce a number of environmental documents, undertake assessments and impact studies that provide information on the possible environmental impacts arising from the project.

These documents will be made available to local people and other stakeholders. During our consultation process we will make available environmental information produced to that point in time allowing consultees to gain an understanding of the possible project impacts and our approaches to mitigating adverse impacts.

These environmental studies will be combined to make an Environmental Statement which will form a key part of our application to the PI

3.3 Pre-Application Consultation

Knottingley Power recognises and supports consultation as a means of engaging with the public and statutory authorities in shaping our project. We are committed to satisfying the Planning Act 2008 requirements which impose a duty on Knottingley Power as the promoter of the project to consult those who would be directly affected by the proposed development. This includes people living in the vicinity of the project, the general public, local authorities and range of other statutory bodies.

Consultation must happen before submitting our DCO application. Our Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) sets out the manner in which Knottingley Power is proposing to consult with the local community as required under section 47(1) of the Planning Act 2008. The SOCC was published on:

- The 3rd of May 2012 in the Pontefract and Castleford Express; and,
- The 3rd of May 2012 in the Selby Times.

Before being published, the SOCC was discussed with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council. All these authorities have been consulted on the content of the SOCC and this Consultation Strategy.

This Consultation Strategy expands on matters set out within our SOCC on our planned consultation with the local community. Further consultation will be undertaken with statutory consultees such as the Environment Agency under section 42 of the Planning Act alongside our Stage 2 consultation on Preferred Proposals (see Section 5) For completeness, both sets of consultees with whom we will consult under section 47 and section 42 are included in appendix G and F to this Consultation Strategy.

4 Principles of Consultation

Knottingley Power strongly believes that an open dialogue with local residents, stakeholders, businesses, groups and clubs will be beneficial for all. By providing the appropriate information, local people can stay informed. This will also help answer questions people will understandably have about the project.

Consultation also means that local people can talk to us, make suggestions and recommendations which, where possible, we can incorporate into the project. This interactive process strives to ensure that the final DCO application will have the lowest impact on the environment and local community, whilst offering the greatest benefits.

4.1 Our Consultation Commitments

In undertaking the consultation with local communities we make the following commitments:

Commitment	Purpose
Discharge our legal requirements	We will ensure that our consultation strategy meets the legal requirements set by Planning Act 2008 and the Localism Act 2011.
Conduct early consultation	Consulting early in the project development process ensures that local people have greatest potential to positively impact our proposals.
Deliver a varied consultation programme	Different people will respond differently to different consultation techniques. Some will prefer to look at plans on the website and provide comments via email. Others will prefer to meet the team and talk through our plans. We will ensure that we make a range of consultation channels available in order to be as inclusive as possible.
Make provision within our strategy to ensure 'hard to reach' groups have an opportunity to participate in consultation	'Hard to reach groups' are those that may be less easy to engage with using traditional consultation techniques. Knottingley Power has therefore, with direction from the relevant local authorities, made provisions within our consultation

Commitment	Purpose
	strategy to ensure these groups have the opportunity to participate, and are not disadvantaged at any point.
Make information available	As we undertake studies relating to the project we will make this information available to the public. This will help local communities understand the impacts of our plans.
Respond to enquires	If people contact us we will endeavour to respond to any enquires. With a project of this nature people will understandably have questions. We will do our best to provide timely answers.
Listen to concerns	Where people identify issues or concerns we will, wherever possible, make arrangements to address that concern through mitigation or design change. Where it isn't possible we will also explain why.

5 Consultation Stages

In order to consult the local community on our proposals for a new CCGT power station, a multi-staged engagement programme has been developed as shown below.

Knottingley Power encourages stakeholders to focus comments and suggestions during the prescribed consultation stages as they will have the greatest opportunity to influence the project. We will however endeavour to take account of further correspondence we receive.

5.1 Initial informal Engagement

There has been some early consultation in respect of our proposals for CCGT at Knottingley to introduce the scheme and discuss the SOCC. We anticipate that informal consultation will continue to play an important role alongside formal consultation periods / processes set out in our SOCC.

In particular, the purpose of our initial informal engagement to date was to draw on the expertise of the relevant local authorities and seek their advice as to the makeup of the community and how consultation should be undertaken.

Formal consultation on our SOCC was completed with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council. The SOCC and consultation strategy was submitted to each council for a 28 day consultation period on the 15th March 2012.

5.2 Publication of Information

Information on Knottingley Power's proposals for the CCGT and our documentation supporting our pre-application consultation process will be published and made available to the general public. Publication will be undertaken as follows:

- On our project website: <http://www.knottingleypower.co.uk> ;
- On CD, available at our public exhibitions on and on request;
- In hard copy format at the offices of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council;
- In hard copy at all public consultation events (see below for dates of our consultation events).

We are also intending to use the following consultation methods with the aim of raising awareness of the consultation programme and engagement in our consultation events:

- Newsletters through key stages of consultation;
- Project website: <http://www.knottingleypower.co.uk>;

- Adverts in the local and regional press;
- Site notices and posters for local venues hosting our exhibitions;
- Meetings with stakeholders;
- Public exhibitions (see below);
- Stakeholder workshops;
- Questionnaire / comments forms;
- Freepost and freephone numbers (see our contact information).

5.3 Consultation Stage One

We propose to run a multi-stage consultation commencing with Consultation Stage 1 (CS1) which will run for 6 weeks starting from 14th May 2012 to 25th June 2012, during which we will invite the views and comments from the local community on our initial project proposals.

We will provide initial information about our proposals, including high level plant design parameters and environmental information available in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

At this early stage of project development, various options will still be under consideration and information on the project will also be developing. We will thus commit to providing information to consultees that is known / available to us at that point in time.

We believe that early consultation is essential to allow the local community a real opportunity to gain information and contribution feedback on our proposals.

During CS1 we will:

- Hold public exhibitions close to the site and pipeline route;
- Send out direct mail to local residents;
- Make available environmental and project information at inspection locations close to the site;
- Launch a project website where project information can be downloaded;
- Launch a freephone number advice line and e-mail address;
- Hold stakeholder briefing meetings; and,
- Publish a community newsletter.

5.4 Consultation Stage Two

Following CS1 Knottingley Power will progress the project design taking into consideration the views and opinions received from the local community and other stakeholders. We will also undertake further

environmental studies and technical analysis. Prior to CS2 our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) will be updated to reflect additional information we have gathered in between the two consultation stages.

CS2 will run for a period of 6 weeks. The precise dates will be advertised in local press closer to the time, but is expected to be held during the winter of 2012.

During CS2 we will:

- Hold further public exhibitions close to the site and pipeline;
- Make available environmental and project information at inspection locations close to the site and pipeline;
- Keep the project website up to date with information and news;
- Continue the freephone number advice line and e-mail address;
- Hold further stakeholder briefing meetings; and,
- Publish further editions of the community newsletter.

5.5 Application Publication and Community Feedback

Following CS2, Knottingley Power will finalise our proposals in readiness for submitting an application to the PI which will have incorporated, wherever possible and practical, the comments and suggestions received throughout the consultation process.

Following our CS2 and having completed our analysis of all of the comments received we will prepare a Consultation Report, to be submitted with our DCO application. We will record and respond (where appropriate) and report on all material issues identified in the consultation process within the Consultation Report. This will include an explanation of the consultation process, information on how our consultation has complied with the Planning Act and associated guidance, a summary of the consultation and responses to key issues.

Before submitting our application to the PI we will make available key application documents. The purpose of this is to inform local people of the results of the consultation exercise and explain how their comments and suggestions have been used to influence our final proposal submission. The following approaches are planned:

- Sending letters to key stakeholders;
- Using media relations;
- Preparing and circulating a newsletter confirming feedback to the consultation; how we have responded to issues and detailing our submitted proposals;
- Updating our website;

- Conducting further stakeholder meetings and presentations.

We will advertise in local press once our DCO application has been accepted. Under section 56 of the Planning Act and Regulation 9 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 we are required to set out a notice of the acceptance of the application by the PI.

At this stage members of the public and stakeholders are invited to register directly with the PI as interested parties where comments on the application can be made throughout the examination process. Further information can be found at <http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/application-process/put-your-case/> , from where the PI Advice Note 8.3: Putting your case to the PI can be downloaded.

Application publication and community feedback is expected to be in Quarter 1 or Quarter 2 of 2013.

6 Scope of Our Consultation – Who we will Consult

6.1 Key Consultees

We will be consulting with communities, groups and individuals 'living in the vicinity of the land', who use the area or who may be potentially impacted in some way by the project. We understand that building a new CCGT power station and associated pipeline is a significant undertaking and that as a result interest in the project may go beyond those that are living in the immediate vicinity of the site.

We have defined three consultation zones within which we will consult with members of the public, including those living, working or otherwise using the area. These geographical zones are intended to allow an appropriate and reasonable focus on communities closest to the site without excluding other more geographically distant parties. This is described in detail below.

In addition to the local communities, other organisations and groups will also be consulted and are also considered important consultees to the process. These include the Environment Agency, Natural England, English Heritage and British Waterways.

The CCGT site is located within the administrative boundary of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council. The proposed gas pipeline will pass into Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council administrative areas. Other key consultees include:

- Officers and elected members of the Local Planning Authorities;
- Parish Councils within Zones 1 and 2 (see appendix C);
- Organisations representing land owners within Zones 1 and 2, such as the National Farmers' Union and Country Landowners' Association; and,
- Community groups that operate close to the site and which have been identified by the Local Planning Authorities.

The extent of the consultation zones has been agreed with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council. Our SOCC, describing these consultation zones was agreed by Wakefield District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council Executive Committees as part of the 28 day consultation on the SOCC which began on the 15th March 2012.

The consultation zones are shown in Appendix C.

6.2 Consultation Zone 1

Consultation Zone 1 (CZ1) will incorporate areas and people that are most likely to be affected by our plans and who may feel personally and directly affected by our proposals due to their proximity to the site and/or pipeline.

We recognise that people who live, work and use the area within CZ1 will have extensive and valuable local knowledge. By speaking to people in this area we recognise there is a considerable opportunity for local input on our project.

It is important that the consultation zones reflect areas of common impact and consequently an arbitrary consultation area is not appropriate.

Consultation Zone 1 (CZ1) therefore covers an area approximately 1.5km from the power station site boundary adjusted such that areas that are anticipated to have common impact are included.

Consultation Zone 1 also incorporates a broad pipeline search area. It is within this pipeline search area that we will consider possible pipeline routes.

6.3 Consultation Zone 2

Consultation Zone 2 (CZ2) covers an area between approximately 1.5km and 5km from the power station site boundary and an additional area around the northern extent of the pipeline search area. As with Consultation Zone 1, the extent of Consultation Zone 2 has been adjusted to reflect natural and human boundaries that group areas of common impact.

6.4 Consultation Zone 3

Consultation Zone 3 (CZ3) encompasses areas located outside CZ1 and CZ2. We understand that interest in a project of this size is likely to cover a wide geographical area.

6.5 Local Communities and Stakeholders

We aim to capture the views and opinions of people living in the vicinity of the proposed site and pipeline route corridors, as well as those people who work in or otherwise use the area, such as individuals, local groups, associations and clubs.

Having consulted with the Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, Selby District Council and North Yorkshire County Council we have identified a variety of interested groups, organisations, associations and 'hard to reach groups' that may have an interest in the proposed development.

'Hard to reach groups' are those that may be less easy to engage with using traditional consultation techniques. Knottingley Power has therefore, with direction from the relevant local authorities, made provisions within our consultation strategy to ensure these groups have the opportunity to participate, and are not disadvantaged at any point.

Part of Consultation Zone 1 includes an area identified by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council as one of the 12 priority neighbourhoods. Knottingley Power will work with Wakefield Together District Partnership to ensure that any specific requirements are addressed to ensure that consultation can be conducted in a meaningful way.

We expect that many individuals will want to engage with us on the project. We will ensure that individuals are given opportunities to make comments and suggestions and will keep a record of all interested parties.

7 How we will Consult

We recognise that different people will want to learn about the project and tell us their opinions in different ways. Some will want to read the website whilst others will prefer to meet the project team in person. In order to have the most effective consultation we will therefore use a whole range of different methods and techniques to engage local people. Each of these methods is explained below.

Many of the consultation methods will provide information in some sort of written form. Building a power station and completing environmental studies will inevitably include technical terms and language. Wherever possible we will try to explain things simply and try to use plain English. This includes giving consideration to the style and reading age of material, minimising the use of jargon and acronyms.

Knottingley Power will consider providing easy read versions of key documents and maps and will work with the Knottingley Partnership to ensure accessibility, including proof reading content.

7.1 Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC)

A Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) has been drafted. The SOCC details the programme for consultation associated with the proposed Knottingley CCGT power station.

The SOCC has been published as required under the Planning Act 2008 in a paper circulating the local area.

- The Thursday 3rd May in Pontefract and Castleford Express; and,
- The Thursday 3rd May of in the Selby Times.

Copies of both the SOCC and Consultation Strategy will also be available on:

- Via the Knottingley Power Website: www.knottingleypower.co.uk;
- At nominated 'inspection copy' locations;
- At the public exhibitions; and,
- Upon request by contacting the project team.

7.2 Project Website

We have set up a website for the project: www.knottingleypower.co.uk. The website is seen as an important consultation tool. The website is not geographically restricted and therefore will be used to consult within and beyond all three consultation zones. The website will:

- Provide information on the project proposals;
- Give project updates;

- Have facilities to download project documentation;
- Include answers to Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs);
- Give information on how to contact the team and submit questions, comments and suggestions; and,
- Enable people to register their interest in the project

7.3 Project Freephone and Freepost

A project freephone number and freepost address will be set up and publicised so that members of the local community can contact the project team to ask questions and make suggestions.

The freephone number: 0800 931 520 will operate during normal office hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (excluding public holidays)

The freepost address is:

Knottingley Power

Freepost RSRZ-BCCY-JYXT

Bellenden Ltd

Unit 18

9 Tanner Street

London SE1 3LE

7.4 Direct Mail

Knottingley Power will directly post project information leaflets to local residents and businesses that have post codes within Consultation Zone 1.

Direct mail will be issued at a number of key milestones during the consultation process. Direct mail will be used to raise awareness of the project locally, providing project information, detailing possible impacts and giving details on how local residents and communities can get involved.

7.5 Project Newsletters

We will be producing project newsletters at least every 3 months starting in May 2012. Project newsletters will cover issues such as design changes, upcoming events and changes in legislation.

Copies of project newsletters will be made available on our website and provided on request by our project team as well as being available free of charge at nominated 'inspection copy' locations (see below).

7.6 Public Exhibitions

We will hold a series of public exhibitions where people will be able to view our proposals, talk to the project team and record their comments.

During the public exhibitions people will be able to sit down with the project team and discuss, either as individuals or as groups, their opinions, suggestions and comments on the proposals. This workshop style approach is intended to provide the greatest opportunity for local people to influence the way the proposed project will be developed.

In advance of the public exhibitions stakeholders may wish to contact the project team and make appointments to discuss particular issues.

Knottingley Power intends to hold two rounds of public exhibitions as part of the consultation process. The first during Consultation Stage 1, and the second during Consultation Stage 2.

Public exhibitions will be held at venues located close to the proposed power station and along the identified gas pipeline route corridors. The date, time and locations of the public exhibitions are given below:

Venue	Consultation	
	Stage 1	Stage 2
Knottingley Town Hall Community Centre Hill Top West Yorkshire WF11 9DG	Wednesday 23 rd May Opening times: 12:00 – 21:00 Sat 26 th May Opening Times: 10:00 – 19:00	Winter 2012 Dates and times to be confirmed
Eggborough Village Hall	Thursday 24 th May Opening Times 12:00 – 21:00 Tuesday 29 th May 12:00-21:00	Winter 2012 Dates and times to be confirmed

Venue	Consultation	
	Stage 1	Stage 2
The Owl Hotel Main Street Hambleton YO8 9JH	Wednesday 30 th and 31 st May 2012 Opening Times 12:00 – 21:00	Winter 2012 Dates and times to be confirmed

The dates and time of exhibitions held during Consultation Stage 2 will be published in local newspaper, on the project website and via project newsletter.

Exhibition venues have been selected based on proximity to the site and gas pipeline, and as venues which communities are familiar with accessing and using.

7.7 Meetings and Workshops

Throughout the consultation process Knottingley Power will meet and make presentations to community groups in the vicinity of the proposed development with a focus on CZ1. Groups include:

- Parish Councils
- Knottingley Stakeholder Groups
- Selby Stakeholder Groups

Knottingley Power is committed to engaging with wider groups, but will prioritise meetings based on proximity to the proposed site and gas pipeline.

7.8 Inspection Copies

Copies of the project information, newsletters, SOCC and other relevant technical documents will be available to view free of charge at the locations close to the site and pipeline route corridors. The location of these inspection copies are given below.

Site	Address	Opening Hours
Wakefield Council	Town Hall Wood Street Wakefield WF1 2HQ	Normal Opening Hours

Site	Address	Opening Hours
Selby District Council	Civic Centre Portholme Road Selby North Yorkshire YO8 4SB	Normal Opening Hours
North Yorkshire County Council	County Hall Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8AD	Normal Opening Hours
Knottingley Library	Hill Top Knottingley West Yorkshire WF11 8EE Tel: 01977 722450	Normal Opening Hours
Pontefract Library	Shoe Market Town Centre Pontefract WF8 1BD	Normal Opening Hours
Selby Library	52 Micklegate Town Centre Selby YO8 4EQ	Normal Opening Hours

Project documentation will also be able to download from the project website: www.knottingleypower.co.uk. Alternatively all project material will be available upon request from the project team.

As far as possible Knottingley Power will provide project material free of charge, however, a charge may be payable for hard copies of the larger technical material; for example the Environmental Statement (ES), to cover printing costs.

7.9 Participatory Appraisal

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council has funding available to train a group of community members from the adjacent Warwick estate in participatory appraisal (PA). PA is a technique where volunteers from the

community are given training to become community researchers in the neighbourhoods. Volunteers have particular awareness of the community, key individuals, locations, groups and networks. Knottingley Power will work with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council to utilise this technique.

7.10 Information Briefings

Information briefings will be provided to community staff such as the Community Development Workers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's). The purpose these briefings is to allow information to be passed on through the staffs day-to-day interactions with the community.

7.11 Languages

All consultation material will be published in English. Knottingley Power will consider requests from local communities, taking advice from the relevant local authorities and NID, to have material published in additional languages. Translation of the larger technical documents in full is unlikely to be possible. Non-technical summaries can be made available in other languages as requested.

7.12 Consultation Report

Before making our application to the NID, we publish a Consultation Report as required under Section 37 of the Planning Act. The Consultation Report will accompany our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) and will outline how we have consulted with local people. Specifically it will detail how we have consulted in line with the SOCC and this Consultation Strategy and outline how we have adhered to Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

Additionally the Consultation Report will

- Provide a summary of responses we have received from local communities and salutatory bodies;
- Provide a description of how the project has been influenced by the suggestions and comments made;
- Where suggestions and comments have not been included in the final DCO application, it will give reasons why;
- Include copies of all correspondence held with consultees.

7.13 Environmental Information

As part of the development process, Knottingley Power will produce a number of technical and environmental assessments to support the project development, consultation and eventual submission for a Development

Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate. A full and up to date list of documents is available on the project website:

www.knottingleypower.co.uk.

As the development is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) project, Knottingley Power will produce a number of environmental documents including:

- EIA Scoping Report will set out the environmental studies to be carried out as we assess the potential impacts of the project;
- Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report will give interim findings of the environmental studies;
- Environmental Statement (ES) will bring together the various environmental studies into a single document that will consider the impacts of the project.

Each of these documents will be structured in accordance with the guidance given in Parts 1 and 2, Schedule 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.

These documents will be used at different stages of the consultation process and will allow local communities and other interested persons to understand the nature, scale, location and environmental impacts. The documents will also outline mitigation measures proposed and main alternatives studied by Knottingley Power to prevent, reduce and where possible offset any significant adverse effects on the environment.

Appendices

Appendix A – Site Location Map

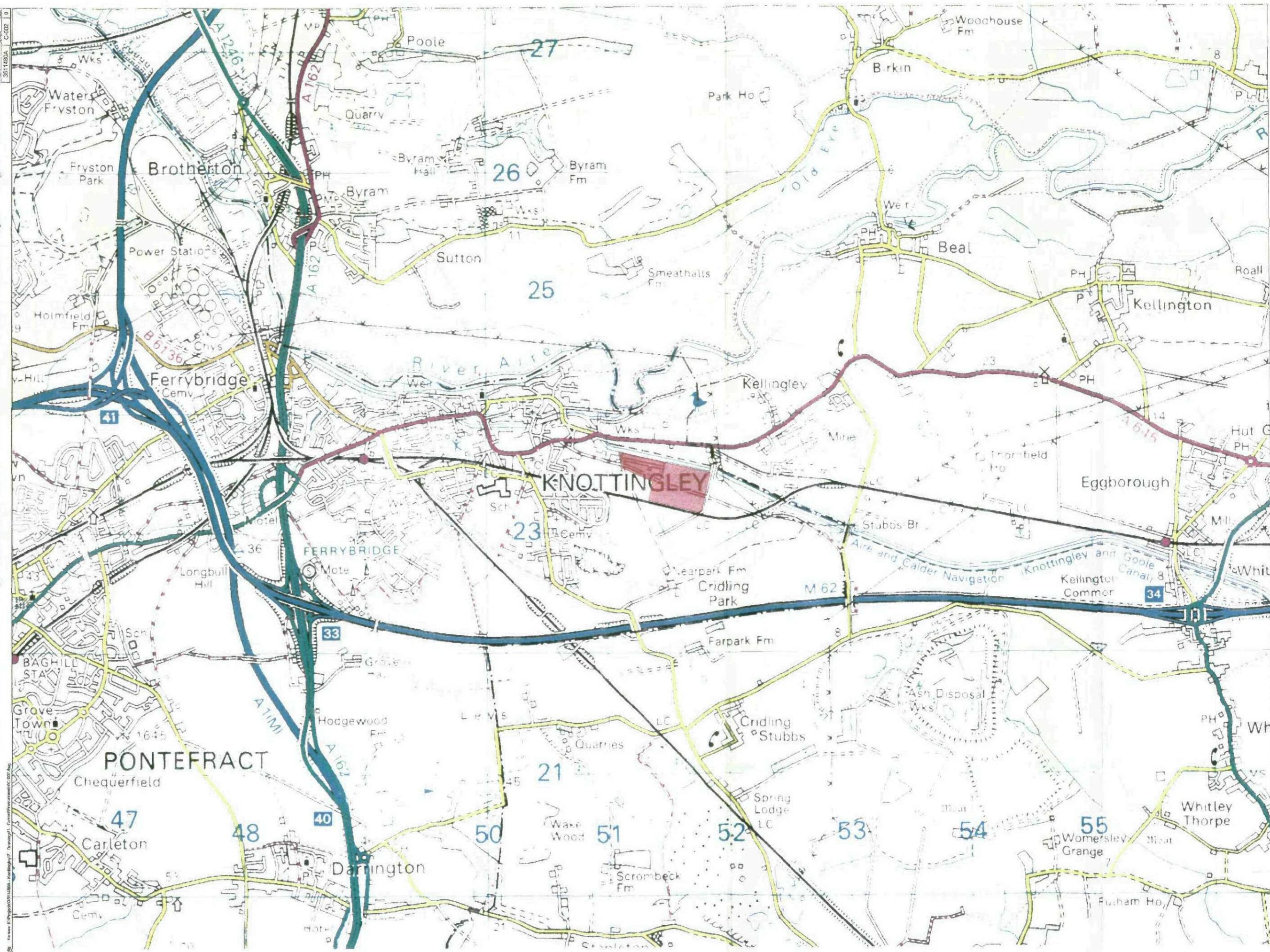
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Appendix B – Site Location Map and Closest National Transmission Gas Line

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Appendix C – Consultation Zone Map

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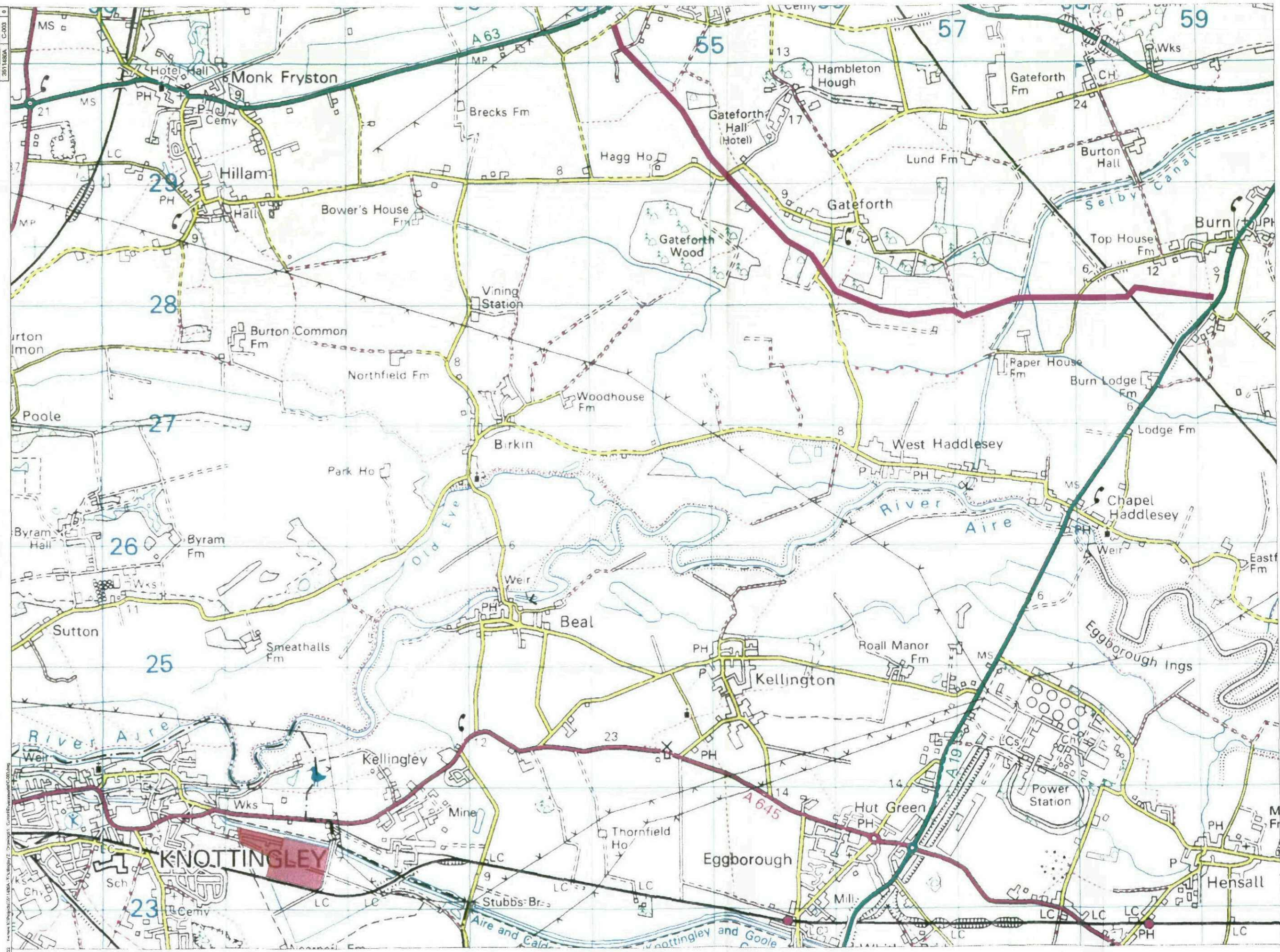
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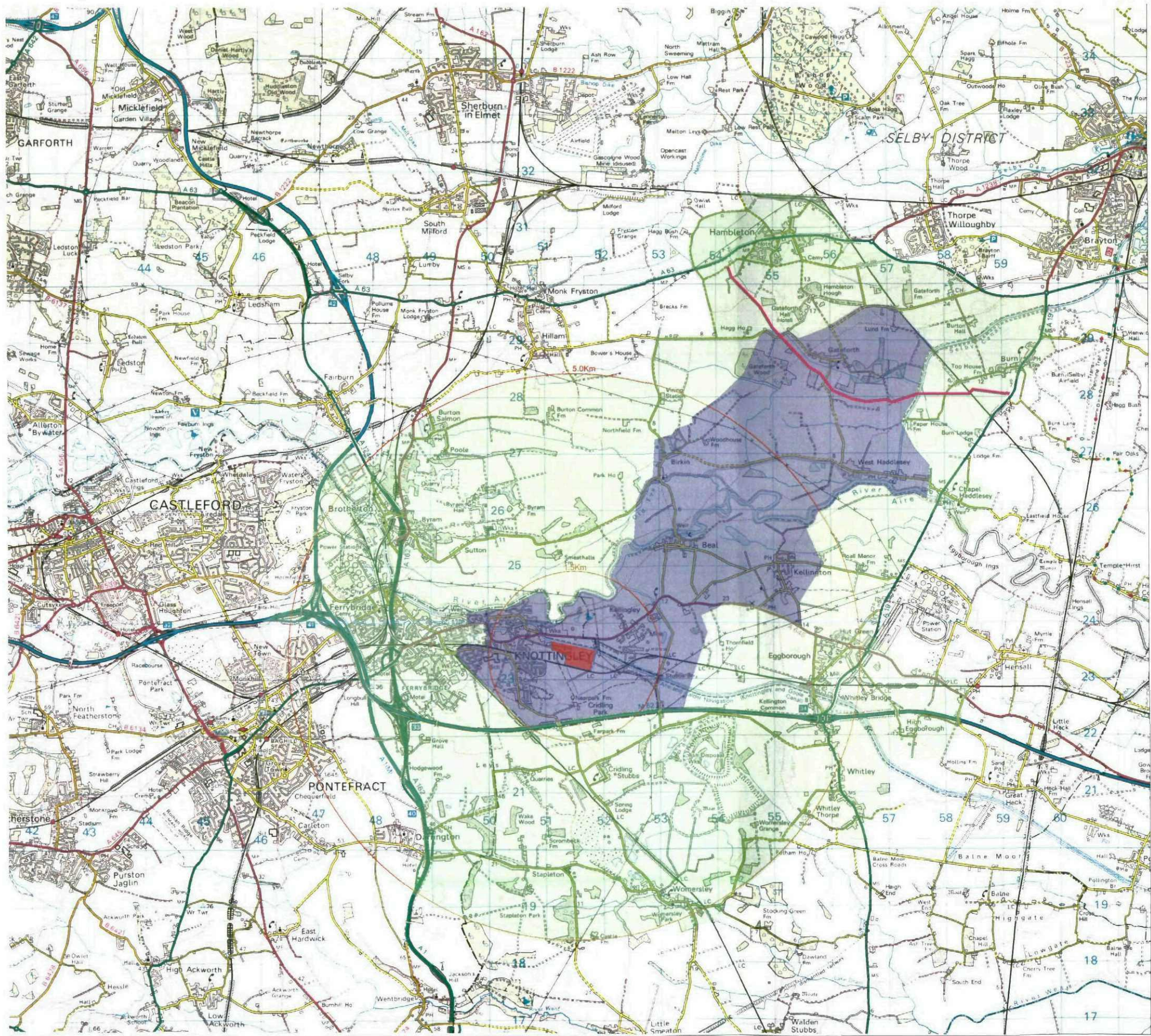
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 - Zone 1
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Appendix D - Legislation and Guidance

In preparing this consultation strategy and accompanying SOCC we must have regard to any guidance issued by either the PI or Secretary of State. In preparing this document the following guidance has been consulted:

- The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009;
- The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009;
- Communities and Local Government guidance on pre-application consultation;
- PI Guidance Note 1 on pre-application stages;
- PI Advice Note 2: Working together on nationally significant infrastructure projects
- PI Advice Note 3: Consultation and notification undertaken by the IPC
- PI Advice Note 8.2: How to have your say on a major infrastructure proposal- the developer's consultation
- PI Advice Note 11: Working with public bodies in the infrastructure planning process (part 1)
- Good Practice Guide to Public Engagement in Development Schemes.
- National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE): Readability Leaflet.
- Wakefield Metropolitan District Council Statement of Community Involvement
- Selby District Council Statement of Community Involvement.

Appendix E – Our Initial Informal Consultation

Initial Informal Consultation	Our Activity thus far
In order to enhance understanding there have been informal discussions to introduce outline proposals and to underpin discussion on the SOCC. We recognise the value of informal discussions around formal consultation and will maintain discussions through our pre-application process.	Knottingley Power has undertaken the following: Meetings with Wakefield Metropolitan District Council on 10/12/2010, 11/05/2011, 13/06/2011, 30/06/2011, 05/01/2012, 13/01/2012 and 29/02/2012 Meetings with Selby District Council on 16/06/2011, 14/12/2011 and 23/02/2012 Meetings with North Yorkshire County Council on 14/12/2011 and 23/02/2012 An introductory meeting with the PI (formally the Infrastructure Planning Committee) 14th March 2012

Appendix F – Our Initial Informal Consultation

Consultation Stage 1: Formal Consultation	Our Proposed Activities
Our proposed scope for CS1 will include a description of: • Our proposals and options for CCGT development at Knottingley; • Opportunities and constraints at the site; • Alternative approaches to the site; • Potential areas of impact and initial proposals for mitigation. Our CS1 programme will start on the 14th May 2012 and close on the 25th June 2012 involving the following key activities: • Consultation launch • Media engagement (local and regional) • Letter despatched to key stakeholders (CZ1) • Newsletter setting out the details of our proposals and consultation process • Website to go live (www.knottingleypower.co.uk) • Stakeholder meetings and presentations • Stakeholder workshops (one for Wakefield Metropolitan District Council and one for Selby Council) • Public exhibitions. These exhibitions will be advertised through the local media and newsletter as well as local site notices • Questionnaire / Comments Forms available at the exhibitions (to be returned on the day or sent back via	Expected Programme: • May 2012 • Publish SOCC with advertising on CS1 • Website goes live • Key stakeholders to be contacted • Media relations and advertising • Freephone number and address available through consultation period May 2012 • Consultation documentation to be made available • Project website (www.knottingleypower.co.uk) • Meetings with key stakeholders • Stakeholder workshops • Public exhibitions • Questionnaires (in hard copy and online format) • Comments from CS1 will be summarised in a report including actions / responses as appropriate. This will be presented on the project website and will feed into the Consultation Report which will be submitted with the DCO application.

Consultation Stage 1: Formal Consultation	Our Proposed Activities
freepost). This will also be available on our website • Freephone number for anyone wishing to provide a verbal response or for questions. At the completion of CS1, we will review all comments and if appropriate, revise our plans accordingly.	

Appendix G – Consultation Stage 2 on our Preferred Proposals and Changes

Consultation Stage 2: Formal Consultation	Our Proposed Activities
Our proposed scope for CS2 will include: • Our preferred proposals for CCGT development at Knottingley; • Re-consultation on any material changes proposed. • Our CS2 programme will be publicised before the start of our consultation using similar methods to those applied at CS1. • We anticipate that our CS2 will take place for a 6 week period during winter 2012 following review of responses to CS1 and selection of out preferred proposals. • At CS2 the wider regional and national community will be notified about the consultation through advertising in The Times and London Gazette.	Expected Programme: • We expect our CS2 to start within 6 months of our CS1 and will involve: • Pre-publicity • Letter to key stakeholders • Newsletter outlining feedback from CS1, how we have responded to key issues and amendments • Updated website • Advertising in the local media • Site notices and posters for local exhibitions • Advertising in a national newspaper and London Gazette (in accordance with S.48 of the Planning Act 2008) • Launch of CS2 • Stakeholder presentations / workshops • Public exhibitions • Questionnaires (in hard copy and online format) • Freephone number and freepost address • Information on consultation in Wakefield Metropolitan District Council offices and public libraries

Appendix H Application Publication and Community Feedback

Application Publication and Community Feedback: Formal Consultation	Our Proposed Activities
Upon completion of CS2 and analysis of all comments we will produce a Consultation Report to accompany our DCO application. When we submit our DCO we also propose to feedback to the local community and stakeholders on our submitted proposals	Our follow-up to CS2 and post submission will include: Media relations Letters to key stakeholders Newsletter (with feedback to the consultation, responses to issues and details on our submission) Updated website Stakeholder meetings

Appendix I Organisations with Whom we will consult under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008

Exclusion from the following list does not preclude a group or organisation being consulted with. Every effort has been made to ensure that the following list is comprehensive and extensive. If groups not included within this list wish to be consulted then we ask that they contact the project team

Community Groups and Organisations	National / Regional and Governmental Organisations
S.E.L.R.A.G	Council for the Protection of Rural England
Yorkshire Against New Coal	Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group
Glasshoughton and Redhill	Health and Safety Executive
Environmental Action Team (GREAT)	Health Protection Agency
P.W.A.G - Pontefract Wind Farm Action Group (PWAG)	Marine Conservation Society
Wakefield Civic Society	Marine and Fisheries Agency
Voluntary Action Wakefield District	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Groundwork Wakefield	National Farmer Union
Salvation Army Community Lunch	Planning Aid
Methodist Lunch Group	National Grid
Community Health Walk Ferrybridge	Sustrans
Community Health Walk	
Slim and Trim	
Keep Fit	
Mature Ladies Keep Fit	
Exercise DVD Showing	
Health Ladies Fitness Club	
Yoga (Knottingley)	
Swimming & Prime Timers	
Various Activities for over 50's	
Crown Green Bowling Club	
Ferrybridge Gold Club	
Line Dancing (Knottingley)	
Adult Tap	
Zumba	
Solo Club Dancing and Bingo	

Afternoon Tea Dance United Reformed Church Drop In Coffee Morning Beulah Court Coffee Morning Elim Pentecostal Church Ferrybridge Community Centre Knottingley Over 60s Club Darby and Joan Over 60s Bingo Recycled Teenagers Craft and Hobbies Crafty Folk Crafty Group Older Active People's Club Warwick Community Group Knit 'n' Natter Stained Glass Group Warwick Community Group Castleford and District Cancer Self Help Group Ferrybridge Tenants and Residents Association Women's Guild CAMEO (Come and met each other) Men's' Group Readers Group Simpsons Lane - ALLOTMENT Broomhill Walk - ALLOTMENT Wormersley Road - ALLOTMENT Missions Room - ALLOTMENT Knottingley Town Hall Community Centre	
Business Groups	Local Conservation and Environmental Groups

Business Link Connexions Confederation of British Industry Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce Yorkshire Forward Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians VOX Yorkshire Forward (CO2 Sense) Wakefield District Partnership: Wakefield Together The Northern Way Selby Chamber of Commerce Yorkshire and Humberside Chamber of Commerce Wakefield Together Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce	Botanical Society of the British Isles Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science Friends of the Earth Open Spaces Society Ramblers Association RSPB The National Trust Woodland Trust RSPB West Yorkshire Council for Protection of Rural England Wakefield Friends of the Earth Greenpeace The Yorkshire Garden Trust West Yorkshire Archaeology Service A.I.R.E: Against Air, Industrial, River and Environmental Pollution
Education	
Roundhill Junior School Ferrybridge Infants School Vale Junior & Infants School England Lane Junior & Infants Lunch Club in School	

Appendix K – Statutory Consultees to be Consulted under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008

Local Authorities for purposes of Section 42(b)

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	Lancaster City Council
Selby District Council	South Lakeland District Council
North Yorkshire County Council	Eden District Council
Leeds Metropolitan District Council	Cumbria County Council
Doncaster Metropolitan District Council	Richmondshire District Council
Kirklees Metropolitan District Council	County Durham County Council
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	Darlington Borough Council
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	Middlesbrough
City of York Council	Redcar and Cleveland
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Hambleton District Council
Harrogate Borough Council	Ryedale District Council
Craven District Council	Scarborough District Council
Pendle Borough Council	
Ribble Valley Borough Council	

Persons as prescribed under Section 42(d) and defined in Section 44

Landowners:

- St Pauls Developments
- To be added as investigations are made

We will consult with any other persons interested in the land subject to the proposed development following diligent inquiry and as required under the Planning Act 2008.

Lessee:

- To be added as investigations are made

Tenants:

- To be added as investigations are made

Occupiers:

- To be added as investigations are made

Consultees as prescribed under Section 42(a) and listed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

<i>Consultee</i>	<i>Application</i>	<i>Named Consultee</i>
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The Welsh Ministers	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	Not applicable
The Scottish Executive	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	Not applicable
The relevant Northern Ireland Department	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Northern Ireland	Not applicable
The relevant Regional Planning Body ¹	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England and Wales	Yorkshire and Humber Assembly
The Health and Safety Executive	All cases	The Health and Safety Executive
The relevant Strategic Health Authority	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England and Wales	Yorkshire and the Humber Strategic Health Authority
The relevant Health Board(a)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	Not applicable
Natural England(b)	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	Natural England
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	- English Heritage - Historic Environment Team of North Yorkshire Council

¹ Regional Planning Bodies and Regional Development Agencies will cease to exist from April 2012 following Localism Act 2011.

The relevant fire and rescue authority	All cases	• North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services • South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services
The relevant police authority	All cases	• North Yorkshire Police Authority • South Yorkshire Police Authority
The relevant parish council, or, where the application relates to land Wales or Scotland the relevant community council	All cases	• Cridling Stubbs Parish Council • Ackwork Parish Council • Darrington parish Council • East Hardwick Parish Council • Featherston Parish Council • Little Smeaton Parish Council • Stapelton Parish Council • Beal Parish Council • Brotherton Parish Council • Byram cum Sutton Parish Council • Fairburn Parish Council • Kirk Smeaton Parish Council • West Haddlesey • Kellington • Birkin • Hambleton • Gateforth • Further Parish Councils as identified during pipeline route study

The Environment Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England and/or Wales	• The Environment Agency – Head office, regulation and licensing • Environment Agency North East Region • Environment Agency area office
The Scottish Environment Protection Agency	All proposal applications likely to affect land in Scotland	Not applicable
The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England	• Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment
The relevant Regional Development Agency	All cases	• Yorkshire Forward • LEPs
The Equality and Human Rights Commission	All proposed applications likely to affect land in England and Wales	• The Equality and Human Rights Commission
The Scottish Human Rights Commission	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	Not applicable
The Commission for Sustainable Development	All cases	• Commission for Sustainable Development
AONB Conservation Boards	All proposed applications likely to affect an AONB that is managed by a Conservation Board	• ANOB Conservation Board
Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales	All proposed applications likely to affect the historic environment in Wales	Not applicable
The Countryside Council for Wales	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Wales	Not applicable

The Homes and Communities Agency(a)	All proposed applications likely to have an effect on its areas of responsibility	• The Homes and Communities Agency
The Joint Nature Conservation Committee	All proposed applications likely to affect the marine environment	• The Joint Nature Conservation Committee
The Commission for Rural Communities	All proposed applications likely to affect rural communities in England	• The Commission for Rural Communities
Scottish Natural Heritage	All proposed applications likely to affect land in Scotland	Not applicable
The Maritime and Coastguard Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect the maritime or coastal environment, or the shipping industry	• The Maritime and Coastguard Agency
The Marine and Fisheries Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect the marine area in England and Wales	• The Marine and Fisheries Agency
The Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect the fisheries industry in Scotland	Not applicable
The Civil Aviation Authority	All proposed applications relating to airports or which are likely to affect an airport or its current or future operation	• The Civil Aviation Authority
The Highways Agency	All proposed applications likely to affect road or transport operation and/or planning on roads for which the Secretary of State for Transport is the highway authority.	• The Highways Agency

Integrated Transport Authorities (ITAs) and Passenger Transport Executives (PTEs)	All proposed applications likely to affect transport within, to or from the relevant integrated transport area of the ITA or PTE	• West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority • South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority • West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive • South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
The relevant Highways Authority	All proposed applications likely to have an impact on the road network or the volume of traffic in the vicinity of the proposal	• North Yorkshire County Council • Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
Transport for London	All proposed applications likely to affect transport within, to or from Greater London	Not applicable
The Rail Passengers Council	All proposed applications likely to affect rail passenger transport	• The Rail Passengers Council
The Disabled Persons Transport advisory Committee	All proposed applications likely to affect access to transport for disabled people	• The Disabled persons Transport Advisory Committee
The Coal Authority	All proposed applications that lie within areas of past, present or future coal mining.	• The Coal Authority • UK Coal
The Office of Rail Regulation and approved operators(a)	All proposed applications likely to affect the rail transport industry	• The office of rail Regulation • Approved operators
The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority	All proposed applications likely to affect gas and electricity markets	• OFGEM

The Water Services Regulation Authority	All proposed applications likely to affect the water industry in England and Wales	• OFWAT
The Water Industry Commission of Scotland	All proposed applications likely to affect the water industry in Scotland	Not applicable
The relevant waste regulation authority	All proposed applications likely to affect waste infrastructure	• North Yorkshire County Council • Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
The relevant internal drainage board	All proposed applications likely to increase the risk of flooding in that area or where the proposals relate to an area known to be an area of flood risk	• Knottingley to Godwall IDB • Selby Area IDB (JBA Consulting Engineers and Scientist at on behalf of the Shire Group of IDB boards)
The British Waterways Board	All proposed applications likely to have an impact on inland waterways or land adjacent to inland waterways	• British Waterways • Canal Board
Trinity House(b)	All proposed applications likely to affect navigation in tidal waters	Not applicable
The Health Protection Agency	All proposed applications likely to involve chemicals, poisons or radiation which could potentially cause harm to people	• The Health Protection Agency
The relevant local resilience forum	All cases	• West Yorkshire Resilience Forum • North Yorkshire Resilience Forum
Relevant statutory undertakers	All proposed applications likely to affect their functions as statutory undertakers	• BT • National Grid electricity • National Grid Gas • Northern Power Grid • Yorkshire Water

The Crown Estate Commissioners	All proposed applications likely to impact on the Crown Estate	• The Crown Estate • Network Rail
The Forestry Commission	All proposed applications likely to affect the protection or expansion of forests and woodlands	Not applicable

In addition to the above, we will consult with any other persons interested in the land subject to the proposed development following diligent inquiry and as required under the Planning Act 2008.