

NEWS RELEASE

HORIZON PROPOSES LOCAL LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW POWER STATION PROJECT

Horizon Nuclear Power this week issued its fourth local community update regarding plans for a new power station near Oldbury.

The newsletter contains information on forthcoming development activity following the timeline announced in March. It also contains information on how the company proposes to maintain regular contact with local groups.

Horizon, a joint venture between E.ON UK and RWE npower, plans to build around 3,000 Megawatts (MW) of new nuclear power on its site adjacent to the existing power station near Oldbury, subject to the right planning and market conditions.

Its latest update includes information on the expected schedule for the site studies and environmental surveys that will be carried out as part of the development process, as well providing a guide to the key milestones for public consultation on the project.

Tim Proudler, Planning and Consents Manager for Oldbury, said: "This is a complex project. Each stage in the process will be driven jointly by the need to conduct thorough investigations to inform our development work and by our commitment to explain the findings of these studies to local people."

Based on current information, the timeline reflects Horizon's intention to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC), or its successor, in 2014. This is effectively the main planning permission for the project and the company expects that permission could be granted as early as 2015.

Depending on design details, this could mean that initial construction work on the non-nuclear parts of the project, including transport infrastructure, drainage and flood protection improvements, could start in 2016. Main construction on the new nuclear plant would begin from 2019, with the plant providing low-carbon electricity for millions of homes and businesses across the region by 2025.

The four page newsletter, which also contains information on Horizon's plans to set up a local Project Liaison Group, is being door-dropped to 14,000 homes on both sides of the river as well as stakeholder groups.

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Notes to editors

Horizon Nuclear Power Ltd, the joint venture established by E.ON UK and RWE npower, is developing proposals for a new nuclear power station at Oldbury.

The company is working to deliver around 6,000MW of new nuclear capacity in the UK by 2025. It has secured land at Oldbury in South Gloucestershire and at Wylfa on Anglesey, North Wales.

Horizon Nuclear Power's £15bn investment programme in new nuclear build could create up to 11,000 jobs across both sites during construction and supply the energy needs of the city the size of Greater London.

Our shareholders have interests in 23 nuclear power stations in Germany and Sweden and jointly own three stations in Germany.

Both the Oldbury and Wylfa sites were included in a list of proposed sites suitable for new nuclear development within a draft Nuclear National Policy Statement. The consultation closed on 22nd February 2010 and the Government hopes to finalise the list later this year.

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