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The Liaison Forum met last on 3 September 2008. This fifth newsletter provides both a summary of the Forum's discussion and an update on construction of Lissett Airfield Wind Farm. The next and final scheduled meeting of the Forum will take place at 6.30pm on Monday 10 November at Rickaby Hall, Ulrome. As the usual reminder, whilst the initial invitation list was to Councillors and the local parish councils, all residents in the vicinity of the wind farm or with links to the site are most welcome to join and contribute.

FORUM MEETING SUMMARY AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

The turbine supplier has advised of a potential delay in a component for the machines. The currently scheduled commencement date of 20 October for turbine erection is therefore currently under threat. Following a request from the Contractor to extend the working day for the specific activities related to the foundation concrete pours, an application was made to East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) and Public Protection for a relaxation of the working day restriction for these activities. This was required to provide additional time at the start and end of the day to allow the volume of concrete required at each base (380m³) to be delivered and pumped. Foundation works are currently running behind programme but resources will be increased to ensure that bases are completed in readiness for the turbine deliveries commencing.

TURBINE FOUNDATIONS

Piling has now been completed on all twelve bases and access roads link each base to the existing site roads. Works are now focussed on the construction of the pile caps that connect the piles to the tower of the turbine. The first base was poured on the 18 September, following the agreement of a short extension of the working day to allow the base to be poured in a single day as detailed above.

The photo below provides an indication of the shape of the foundations and the extent of steel that is installed. On completion of the steelfixing, formwork is erected and the base poured



Fig 1. Steel-fixing in turbine foundation

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SUBSTATION

The 66kV compound is now 50% complete (Fig.2). Works are ongoing in the remaining compound area with the HV grid transformer scheduled to be installed in the next month on completion of the remainder of the compound. The substation building is now structurally complete with roof installed. Painting and internal finishes are currently progressing and the electrical fit-out will shortly commence.



Fig. 2 YEDL HV Compound



Fig. 3 Substation Building

GRID CONNECTION

YEDL continue to work on the 66kV underground grid connection from Driffild substation to the site. The route of the cable was outlined in the information pack issued at the last community forum meeting. The grid connection cabling works involve a two-stage process of firstly installing ducts for the electricity cables over the entire 12km length of the connection, followed by installation of the cabling in the installed ducts. Works are well advanced with only a small section of ducting outstanding local to the site and some water crossings to be completed. Cable deliveries are scheduled to commence from early November with installation completed in early December. The bulk of the disruption associated with these works is now over.

MEMORIAL SCULPTURE TO 158 SQUADRON

Novera had the honour of taking over 60 war veterans on a site tour of the construction works as part of their annual reunion in September. Peter Naylor, the memorial artist, very kindly gave a presentation on his concept and displayed life-sized images of the sculpture which were very well-received by the veterans and their families.

A planning application has now been submitted to ERYC for the memorial sculpture and we would anticipate receiving a decision in the coming months. A date has provisionally been set by the 158 Squadron Association for an unveiling ceremony in mid-May 2009. Announcements will be made in the local press nearer the time but if you would like to be kept informed, please drop me a line with your email or postal address.

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

A meeting has taken place between Novera and the ERYC's Economic Development section to discuss the establishment and administration of the wind farm's Community Trust Fund. It is intended that a representative of the Economic Development section will attend the next Forum to discuss their experience from similar schemes and recommendations for the establishment and operation of the Lissett Wind Farm fund. If you require additional copies of this newsletter or a version in larger font, please contact me.

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