

# LISSETT AIRFIELD COMMUNITY LIAISON NEWSLETTER 6



The Liaison Forum met last on 10 November 2008. This sixth and final newsletter provides both a summary of the Forum's discussion and an update on construction works.

## FORUM MEETING SUMMARY AND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

Since the last newsletter turbine erection has commenced at site and the delivery of turbine components has been ongoing from their offloading and storage point at Goole. There was a slight delay in the delivery of turbines due to component delays with the manufacturing related to gearboxes but deliveries are now well underway.

The first transport of turbine blades was successfully delivered on the 21 November (Fig.1). The delivery of five further shipments to Goole is on-going with the last scheduled for delivery in mid-December. Turbine components, including the turbine nacelles and towers are being transported from Goole to suit the progress of the erection works. Each turbine requires ten deliveries comprising four tower sections, three containing the nacelle, hub and drive shaft and three for the blades.

Concrete pours have been completed on eight of the twelve bases. This process is currently behind programme although not impacting on the overall construction programme. The entire northern section of the wind farm has been interconnected with 33kV cables and fibre-optics in advance of the erection works commencing.

Turbine erection works (Fig.2) are now expected to be ongoing until February next year. These works are highly weather dependent due to the sensitive nature of the heavy lifts involved. Turbine lifts do not generally take place when the windspeed exceeds 22mph so we are hoping for favourable wind conditions in the coming months to allow us to complete the works as soon as possible. Commissioning of the machines will take place after completion of the assembly works to ensure they are ready for export onto the grid.

### SUBSTATION AND GRID CONNECTION

The 66kV electrical compound is now substantially complete (Fig.3) with final works now being carried out. The grid transformer has now been installed and all the electrical switching apparatus necessary for the connection of the wind farm to the grid. Inside the substation the electrical equipment has now been installed and we are preparing for the energisation process which is currently scheduled for w.c. 22nd December.

YEDL will be pulling the final lengths of cable through the ducting to connect the site to the Driffield main substation in the next few weeks. This is likely to be the final activity carried out prior to the energisation of the site which will allow us to start commissioning the machines and generating electricity.



Fig. 1 Turbine Blade delivery



Fig. 2 Turbine erection works



Fig 3. HV Compound and Grid Transformer

## UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE

Unexploded ordnance was identified at shallow depth during munition surveys carried out in advance of the grid connection ducting. Since the last newsletter, four bombs have been identified, three of which were found to be live. Controlled explosions have safely been carried out without incident, following attendance by RAF bomb disposal teams.

## MEMORIAL SCULPTURE TO 158 SQUADRON

We are delighted to confirm that ERYC has granted planning permission for the proposed memorial to 158 Squadron. Plans are underway for an unveiling ceremony in the spring and it is anticipated that there will be public access from mid-May 2009.

## COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

Novera was pleased to welcome Karen Wood from ERYC's Rural Partnership Team to speak to the Forum about the establishment and administration of the project's Community Trust Fund. Karen and her team have extensive knowledge of available grants and experience of managing funds such as the Lissett Trust and maximising the potential of funds through match-funding. Presentations and Q&A sessions on the benefits of having the ERYC advisory team on board are being offered to local Parish Councils.

## Finally...

As you know, this is the last official newsletter of the Community Liaison Forum. Given the level of local interest generated by the wind farm and the memorial sculpture, we intend to review the position early in the New Year to ensure we keep you fully informed of developments on the project. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Thank you for your support and patience throughout this very busy period of construction. I am also grateful to those of you who kindly took the time to write back to me with feedback.

In the meantime, all the best,

*Sarita*

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