



## Protos Community Forum

### Minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

7.30pm Zoom meeting

#### Present:

##### Voting Members:

Cllr. Sarah Temple, Helsby Parish Council  
 Cllr. Andrew Eardley, Ince Parish Council  
 Cllr. Graham Heatley, Goway Rural Ward  
 Cllr. Mark Parry, Little Stanney and District Parish Council  
 Cllr. Paul Bowers, Helsby Ward

##### Advisers:

Lois Kay, Peel NRE  
 Richard Bates, Peel NRE  
 Andy Smith, Covanta

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Apologies	Margaret Parker, Goway Rural Ward Cllr. Tim Lloyd, Ince Parish Council Dawn Hewitt, Environment Agency Phil Goodwin, Environment Agency Phil Bridges, Environment Agency Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly, Elton Parish Council	
Absences	Clare Wright, Thornton Le Moors Parish Council Cllr. Felicity Davies, Frodsham Town Council Cllr. Chris Basey, Frodsham Ward Cllr. Martin Dickinson, Elton Parish Council Justin Madders MP Ellesmere Port & Neston	
Minutes of Last Meeting	The minutes of the meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 were accepted as a true record	
Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LK apologised for not having confirmed vehicle movements as per request from Martin Dickinson at the last meeting. (To confirm now: the Ince RRP consent permits 718 two way HGV movements per day).</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AE had queried the HGV movements planned for the site in the future. LK confirmed that schemes proposed and in the pipeline at present will keep within the existing RRP limits (718 two way movements per day as above and that if any changes were proposed to this number that this would be subject to a planning application to amend the outline consent. AE responded that Ince Parish Council and residents would be opposed to any scheme which led to additional HGV movements</li> <li>• Graham Heatley had queried how particular businesses/industry can be attributed to changes in air quality. Action on GH to speak to CWaC EPU – response was that continuous on site stack monitoring would be required</li> <li>• Peel to share green travel plan with forum and consider current opportunities. LK confirmed that Peel are currently working with the council within some of the wider frameworks they are looking to put into place. At site we continue to work with all occupiers around their travel plans. Peel will bring any updates regarding sustainable travel to the forum,</li> <li>• Noise monitoring data collected by Covanta at residential locations adjacent to Protos will be uploaded to the Protos website alongside meeting minutes shortly.</li> <li>• Regarding reported flooding on Station Road, further correspondence via email between Stuart Bateman (CWaC Highways), Chris Whittaker (CWaC Highways), Cllr. Graham Heatley, Cllr. Andy Eardley, and Cllr. Tim Lloyd. Site visit held on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Peel are now further investigating this matter and in dialogue with Highways.</li> </ul> <p>All other actions had been completed or are detailed in the update note</p>	<p>GH highlighted the Rural Mobility Fund, GH to pass details on to LK</p> <p>LK/AS to post data on website</p> <p>LK to provide update on progress at next meeting</p>
Protos update	Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)	

	<p>ST requested further information on hydrogen and CCUS. LK advised will bring a colleague who can present on these matters</p> <p>ST requested timescales regarding planning application for CCTV which has been made by Peel. LK confirmed that this application is close to being determined by CWaC. Will allow Peel to install CCTV pylons on their private roads (Grinsome Road, and internal estate roads) to manage anti-social behaviour including flytipping and speeding.</p> <p>RB confirmed that reports of speeding on Grinsome road are discussed with the internal stakeholder meetings which are held with all users of the roads. And managed through disciplinary activity.</p> <p>ST enquired what would be covered in the next Protos community newsletter. LK advised that not yet decided but would like to feature community benefit fund completed projects to support the benefit fund in receiving applications for funds going into 2022</p>	<p>LK to arrange update/presentation at next meeting.</p> <p>ST to work with Keith Butterick and support in getting hold of community benefit fund stories</p>
<p>Phase 2 Infrastructure works update</p>	<p>Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)</p>	
<p>Presentation on the Energy from Waste Facility, Plot 8,</p>	<p>AE asked for confirmation that piling will be complete by the end of November. AS confirmed that within plot 8 piling works should be complete by the end of November unless a small number of additional piles (about 50) are found to be needed in which case this would be a short duration.</p> <p>RB - There will be some piling at Tang Bridge as part of phase 1 works, close to the Ship Canal, Don't at this point know exact timings but will be a much smaller number than already complete. Likely at some point between November – February.</p> <p>GH has asked that piling is avoided over the Christmas period – RB, noted</p> <p>AE: Will the site be reliant on gas for start up? AS, advised that will require 'heating' oil for start up, not gas</p> <p>ST requested further detail on the Local meet the buyer event and the local liaison group being led by their EPC contractor, MSBG as part of their comms plan</p>	<p>RB will advise on timings of this once known</p>

	<p>Businesses interested in the construction phase can make themselves known to the main contractor and learn more details such as the programme of the build. Expected date of 9<sup>th</sup> November at Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham. Information will be circulated to local stakeholders in advance. MSBG are in contact with CWaC, Employment and Skills and Economic development, Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Confirmed NOT jobs fair, that event will be scheduled in the future.</p> <p>MSBG identified that beneficial for them to have a local liaison group. Not instead of Community Forum (AS will continue to attend these meetings) but to connect with interested local residents, local interest groups, and community groups. To pass out information but also to receive enquiries or concerns from residents. Invitations will go out shortly.</p> <p>ST asked what will be discussed that isn't currently discussed at community forum? AS suggested that these meetings will include topics such as employment, protracted conversations that have been raised as a plot 8 specific matter at the community forum. The meetings will give residents a voice direct into the contractor's comms team. AS confirmed he will report back on outcomes of the liaison group at the community forum.</p> <p>ST – how will they recruit people for this? AS - Using existing stakeholder connections. Will advertise on the MSBG website.</p> <p>ST – we want to ensure that the liaison group doesn't duplicate the activities of the community forum</p> <p>AS - Project update (newsletter) will be available shortly. Sign up form on the MSBG website.</p> <p>ST requested copy of MSBG communications plan. AS advised not really for external view in its format. The main pillars are the liaison group, newsletter, website, and meet the buyer event.</p>	<p>AS to send copy of information to forum members once available</p> <p>AS requested if any suggested individuals or businesses would like to attend, to let AS know</p> <p>AS to update on how recruitment for the liaison group is going</p>
Benefit fund update from	Update note circulated in advance of the meeting (copy attached)	



Sarah Temple	No questions	
AOB	<p>Paul Bowers requested a tour of Protos. LK confirmed that this would be possible. Mark Parry also keen to attend.</p> <p>Mark Parry asked about rail links into Protos – ST and LK gave a short summary of plans/amendments and LK offered to brief Mark more fully if necessary.</p>	LK to arrange
Date of next meeting	<p>Provisional date of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 proposed for the next meeting of the Community Forum.</p> <p>Further meeting dates set provisionally as 6<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> July (including AGM) and 12<sup>th</sup> October/</p>	



## **Protos Energy Recovery Facility Project**

### **Project Update for Protos Community Forum – October 2021**

#### Progress Since Last Meeting

- Continuation of piling works across the site – majority of main building areas now complete with remaining piles to be installed in areas of roads & hard-standings – c.3,600 piles installed;
- Completion of major excavation for construction of the fuel storage bunker;
- Commencement of foundation works in the boiler hall with c.2,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete poured to date;
- Average site workforce of around 90 persons per day; and
- Over 100,000 hours worked without a single lost-time accident or first-aid treatment.



#### Look-ahead

- Completion of piling works by end of November as previously planned;
- Continuation of reinforced concrete works to main building foundations;
- Continuation of fuel storage bunker construction;
- Commencement of erection of structural steel; and
- Commencement of installation of mechanical equipment.

#### Upcoming Items of Interest

- Local “Meet the Buyer” event being arranged for early November to introduce companies to potential future supply-chain opportunities during the construction phase; and
- Construction phase Local Liaison Group to be established.

#### Further information

- Supply-chain opportunities: <https://protoserf.com/supplier/>
- Employment enquires: <https://protoserf.com/jobs/>
- Project Newsletter: <https://protoserf.com/e-newsletter/>

## **Plastics Park**

An application has been submitted for the plastic park scheme which was presented at the July meeting. We are awaiting validation of this application following which we will upload planning documents to the Protos website and consultees will be notified.

## **Plot 13**

Enviroo received unanimous planning decision on 6<sup>th</sup> April and since then have been focussing their time on going out to the market for funding. They are preparing documents for discharge of planning conditions.

## **10b**

A section 73 application has been submitted to gain consent for proposed changes to the facility. The application documents are on the Protos website. The Section 73 application seeks permission for changes to the approved layout and elevations which have arisen from detailed engineering design of the facility and the need to undertake earth works to accommodate the ground levels at the site. Additionally, the application also seeks to increase the number of HGVs allowed to access the facility each day in order to provide flexibility for the delivery of hydrogen to potential future customers.

To avoid any increase in the overall number of HGVs accessing the Protos development, the number of HGV movements associated with each plot will be altered to reallocate the movements and increase the proportion of movements permitted to access the hydrogen production facility (located at Plot 10b). This will be subject of a separate application for a non-material amendment to Condition 9 of the Protos permission. This hasn't yet been submitted.

## **Substations**

The construction of the two substations on land to the east of plot 11 and the associated infrastructure continues and is still on target to complete in line with programme, despite some delays caused by a culmination of contributory factors including Covid and ways of working, delivery delays, obtaining kit and materials. The construction is split into 2 Projects both with the same main contractor; Smith Brothers:

1. Contestable Works: This includes a Substation and connection to the 132 KV supply from the newly installed pylon which connects into the Overhead line. This part of the build shall be fully adopted by SPEN upon completion. Commissioning of all internal HV control and switching systems is now complete. The site is now fully secured, SPEN has now taken over technical control of the building in readiness of connection to the 132KV supply that is due to happen imminently.
2. Private works: This comprises a new Substation and power distribution equipment to provide 11KV and 33KV to the Protos tenants. All Major Equipment and Switchgear is now installed on site and system commissioning is still underway.

It is anticipated that the first connection 'Phase 1' enabling 50MW of export and circa 6MW of import will be available by 3rd quarter 2021 with provision into plot 10B (Plastic to Hydrogen) in time for their connection scheduled for December 2021

The final completion date for all the works (as SPEN will continue their non contestable works following the completion of the substations – including upgrades to their existing infrastructure at Frodsham and Capenhurst) is October 2023 when there will be 124MW of total export capability and 57 MW of import/supply. Which will coincide with the completion of the Energy from Waste plant.

### **Materials Management**

Ongoing activities as previously advised: We continue to carry out preparatory work with pre development clearance and stabilisation of development plots to facilitate their availability for potential developers. This involves the creation of working platforms through the importation of naturally occurring construction fill materials (in accordance with Environmental regulations and planning requirements under the outline consent.)

### **Newsletter**

Looking to produce a community newsletter to publish in November.

### **Estate Management and Nature Areas**

- Works in Snipe Haven to further improve water vole habitat have now been completed.
- We continue to report fly tipping to CWaC. We ask users of the area who notice flytipping to please let us know by sending photos and description to [community@peel.co.uk](mailto:community@peel.co.uk).
- Tree guards in ecology areas and on estate roads will be removed over the winter period.
- Bollards along the public right of way which have been vandalised will be repaired over coming weeks. We have a contractor appointed for these works and are waiting for a confirmed start date.

### **Sustainable Travel**

Peel continue to work with operators regarding their promotion of car sharing and non-car travel to work.

Peel are working closely with CWaC on their Development and Infrastructure Investment Framework who are looking at improved and sustainable travel across the area at a strategic level. We will keep the forum updated on the progress of this.

### **Air Quality**

The first annual Air Quality (AQ) monitoring report for the Helsby AQ monitoring station was published in July 2021. This is available on the dedicated community page on the Protos website. This has also been shared with CWaC.

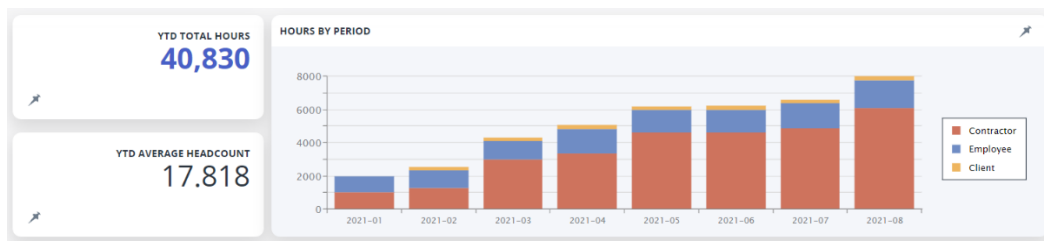
**Community Benefit Fund**      Peel NRE are able to confirm that they will be contributing £50,000 to the Protos Community Benefit Fund in January 2022.



## John Sisk – Protos Phase 2

### Progress and Updates Since Last Meeting

- Piling Works on Road 4 are now complete, and the concrete road construction is progressing.
- The roads have successfully completed the settlement activity and the road foundation construction is nearly complete.
- The earthworks aspect to Ecology Area C is now completed which will soon be suitable to create habitats for the surrounding biodiversity.
- 40 000 hours worked without any lost time incidents or first aid requirements. The workforce is approaching its peak where local businesses are being utilised to supply resources and services.



*Graph 01: Showing the working hours by period*

### Lookahead

- Asphalt planned to start in late November
- TANG Bridge works to commence late October
- Landscaping to Ecology areas to commence in November



*Image 01: Showing Road 4 Progress and West Central Drain Bridge*



*Image 02: Showing Road 1 Construction*

### Other:

- Video Link of progress: <https://youtu.be/Ec2ixDJ17Cs>