

Yaxley Parish Council
2 Mellis Road
Thrandeston
Diss
Norfolk
IP21 4BU

27th April 2017

Dear Mr Freeman,

I'm writing to provide an update on plans to build a small gas-fired power station at Eye Airfield.

In December 2016 Progress Power Ltd., the company developing the power station, was acquired by Drax Group plc. Drax is one of the UK's largest energy companies, with over 2,300 employees across the country and corporate offices based in London and Yorkshire. You can read more about the business at www.drax.com.

The power station at Eye Airfield forms part of Drax's strategy to help deliver a more flexible, reliable and affordable energy system in the UK. The station is expected to operate for short periods during the year, providing back-up to other sources of power such as wind and solar or supporting the grid when it is under stress. It will also be a long-term investment in the area, creating around 150 jobs during construction and up to 15 permanent jobs when operational.

Following extensive local engagement, the power station was granted planning permission – known as a Development Consent Order or DCO – by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change in 2015. We now intend to start the preliminary work, such as archaeological and land contamination surveys, needed to prepare the site for development. This activity will be limited to members of our team and external consultants attending the site to undertake and complete their studies. We anticipate that this preliminary work on site will commence at the end of April and will conclude August.


As a responsible British business, Drax is committed to meaningful engagement with the communities in which we operate. It is our intention to host an introductory session before the summer break so that our project team can meet with representatives from the area and update them on the project. We will provide further details of this event shortly.

In the meantime, if you any comments and feedback relating to the initial preparatory works taking place on site, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us direct via:

Email: info@progresspower.co.uk

Post: Progress Power Ltd., c/o Drax Power Ltd, Selby, North Yorkshire, YO8 8PH

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Melliou".

T. Melliou
Project Manager, Progress Power Ltd.