

October 2023

Dear Business Owner / Local Resident

I am writing on behalf of MYTILINEOS who, you will know from previous communications, are constructing Progress Power Station, a new Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power peaking plant, on the Eye Airfield Industrial Estate.

MYTILINEOS are responsible for Construction of the power station which will then be operated by the energy company, Drax. As our close neighbours, we want to ensure you are kept updated on our plans and any impact they may have on you as a local resident or on your business operations.

Construction update:

We therefore want to notify you that due to the limitation of open space within the Progress Power Limited site boundary, we will be utilising a considerable section of the Eye Airfield as an additional storage and pre-erection area. The area falls within planning constraints of the site, and has been well demarcated with red / white traffic cones and barriers, 'Heras' fencing and flashing warning lights during dusk and night-time hours.

As the Potash Lane route is also used by both local businesses and residents, we wanted to inform you of our plans and the reasoning behind this. We can offer assurance that we only intend to use the additional section of the Eye Airfield for a short period of time.

Delivery of equipment - Large loads:

We would also like to take the opportunity to update you on three very large loads, namely the generator, turbine and transformer, all key components of the power station.

These items arrived at the Port of Ipswich earlier this month. The generator was the first of three shipments and was successfully transported from the port to our site on Sunday 22nd October 2023, by way of a rolling-roadblock, with the load being escorted by the Suffolk Constabulary and in co-ordination with the local authority.

The next shipment, the turbine, will be carried out in two phases, leaving Ipswich on Sunday 29th October but not arriving at Eye until Sunday 5th November 2023, having been stored at a secure location mid-point before reaching the airfield.

This shipment is scheduled to arrive at Eye on the 5th November during daylight hours, again by rolling-roadblock.

In respect of the Remembrance Day weekend, the third and final of these shipments, the transformer, is planned for Sunday 19th November and is scheduled to take place over one day, rather than being split over two weekends.

We apologise for any inconvenience these activities may cause you. If you have any questions or if you are a neighbouring business and have operational requirements that may be directly impacted, please get in touch using the details below:

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Yours sincerely,

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Above: map of the additional storage and pre-erection area next to Progress Power Site.