

Agenda Item A8	Committee Date 20 September 2010	Application Number 09/01185/HS
Application Site Heysham Power Station Princess Alexandra Way Heysham Morecambe		Proposal Hazardous substances consent for the storage and use of hydrazine, fuel oil, sodium hypochlorite and ammonia.
Name of Applicant G. Parry-Jones		Name of Agent
Decision Target Date 9 March 2010		Reason For Delay HSE Consultation
Case Officer		Mr Daniel Ratcliffe
Departure		No
Summary of Recommendation		Approval

1.0 The Site and its Surroundings

1.1 The site which is the subject of this application is the Heysham Power Station complex.

2.0 The Proposal

2.1 The application seeks consent for the storage of a number of hazardous substances within various locations on the site. For security purposes the precise locations are not divulged. The substances named are Hydrazine, Ammonia, Sodium Hypochlorite and petroleum products such a Gas Oil.

The application states that since 2005, Heysham Power Stations have been registered with the Health and Safety Executive under the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (COMAH) as a lower tier COMAH site for the storage of the substance described above.

The need for the Hazardous Substances consent was overlooked at the time because the site is a licensed Nuclear establishment. The need for Hazardous Substances Consent has subsequently been identified by the Health and Safety Executive.

3.0 Site History

3.1 None relevant to this proposal.

4.0 Consultation Responses

4.1 The following responses have been received from statutory consultees:

Statutory Consultee	Response
Natural England	No objections
Health and Safety Executive	No objections subject to conditions and generic advice. A copy of the HSE's letter will be sent to the applicant should the application be approved.

5.0 Neighbour Representations

5.1 None.

6.0 Principal Development Plan Policies

6.1 There are none that directly relate to the proposal.

7.0 Comment and Analysis

7.1 There are obviously considerable risks associated with existing forms of storage and uses at the Heysham Power Station Complex. The main consideration here is that the Health and Safety Executive have assessed the risks involved with the proposal and have confirmed there are no objections. From a local authority planning perspective, there are no additional health and safety considerations beyond this. From a land use perspective, the site is considered appropriate for the storage of substances.

8.0 Planning Obligations

8.1 None

9.0 Conclusions

9.1 The application is recommended for approval subject to conditions requested by HSE being added to any decision.

Recommendation

That Hazardous Substance Consent **BE GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. The hazardous substances shall be stored and used in accordance with the particulars provided on the application form and the areas shown on the approved plans, and shall not be used or stored outside those areas at any time.

Human Rights Act

This recommendation has been reached after consideration of the provisions of The Human Rights Act. Unless otherwise stated in this report, the issues arising do not appear to be of such magnitude to override the responsibility of the City Council to regulate land use for the benefit of the community as a whole, in accordance with national law.

Background Papers

None.