

<b>Agenda Item</b> A15	<b>Committee Date</b> 7 April 2015	<b>Application Number</b> 14/01063/HS
<b>Application Site</b> Heysham Power Station Princess Alexandra Way Heysham Morecambe		<b>Proposal</b> Hazardous substances consent for the storage of various gases
<b>Name of Applicant</b> Nick Cofield - EDF Energy		<b>Name of Agent</b> Paul Zyda
<b>Decision Target Date</b> 28 November 2014		<b>Reason For Delay</b> HSE Consultation
<b>Case Officer</b>		Mrs Kim Ireland
<b>Departure</b>		No
<b>Summary of Recommendation</b>		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.
- 1.2 The site is allocated as South Heysham and an Existing Employment Area in the Lancaster District Local Plan proposals map.

### **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, Petroleum Products, Sulphuric Acid, Methane, Sodium Hypochlorite, Fire Resistant Fluid and Ammonia.

### **3.0 Site History**

- 3.1 There has only been one recent planning application submitted for this site:

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>09/01185/HS</b>	Hazardous substances consent for the storage and use of hydrazine, fuel oil, sodium hypochlorite and ammonia.	Permitted

### **4.0 Consultation Responses**

- 4.1 The following responses have been received from statutory and non-statutory consultees:

<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Health and Safety Executive (HSE)</b>	<b>No significant reasons, on safety grounds, for refusing consent</b> subject to conditions and generic advice. A copy of the HSE's letter will be sent to the applicant should the application be approved.

<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>No objections</b>
<b>Emergency Planning</b>	<b>No observations received</b>
<b>Fire Safety Officer</b>	<b>No observations received</b>
<b>Environment Agency</b>	<b>No objections</b>

## **5.0 Neighbour Representations**

5.1 No correspondence has been received.

## **6.0 Principal National and 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. A Hazardous Substance Authority may only grant a Hazardous Substance Consent where the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have advised the authority that the substances involved can be subject to consent and control by means of condition. The HSE have assessed the risks involved with the proposal and have confirmed that 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 such substances.

## **8.0 Planning Obligations**

8.1 There are no planning obligations to consider as part of this application.

## **9.0 Conclusions**

9.1 The application is recommended for approval subject to conditions as requested by HSE.

## **Recommendation**

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

1. The hazardous substances shall not be kept or used other than in accordance with the application particulars provided in the Hazardous Substances Consent Application Form, nor outside the area marked for storage of the substance on the plans which formed part of the application and the particulars provided in the drawing reference: HYB/AA/32441, Rev 0.

## **Article 31, Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010**

In accordance with the above legislation, the City Council can confirm the following:

The proposal complies with the relevant policies and provisions of the Development Plan and on consideration of the merits of this particular case, as presented in full in the officer report, there are no material considerations which otherwise outweigh these findings.

The local planning authority has considered the application as submitted and has visited the site, and it is able to conclude that the proposal is one that can be proactively supported without any amendments being necessary.

## **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