

LOSTOCK SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PLANT | LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE (LLC)

Summary		Actions
Meeting	Wednesday 10 th September 2025, 3pm-4:30pm Online	
Attendees	Rebecca Eatwell, Managing Director, Font Communications (RE) Steve James, local resident representative (SJ) Cllr Sam Naylor, Northwich Witton ward member, Cheshire West and Chester Council (SN) Phil Davies, General Counsel & Director, Tata Chemicals Europe (PD) Tim Forrest, Managing Director, Construction & Operations, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (TF) Lyndsey Sandison, Lostock Gralam PC (LS) Cynthia Moore, local resident and member of Sustainable Northwich (CM) Hazel Honeysett, Principal Planning Officer, CWaC (HH) Yasmin Stretton, Font Communications (YS)	
Apologies		
	Cllr Olwyn Deane, Belmont Ward, Northwich Town Council David Rees, Head of Development, FCC (DRe)	
Item 1	Welcome and introductions	
	RE welcomed attendees to the meeting.	
Item 2	Minutes of previous meeting	
	Members approved the minutes as an accurate record of the last meeting. Actions carried forward: • SN to connect into existing Northwich programmes	SN
Item 3	Construction Update	
	TF provided an update on construction at LSEP. Timelines for the project have been adjusted: • Cold commissioning is now expected to be Dec 2025 • The first treatment of waste will be mid 2026 • Completion of the project is expected to be early 2027 <u>EFW plant (Energy from Waste Plant)</u>	

	Civil works: ▪ Major civil works are now complete with civil contractor due to demobilise in the coming weeks. ▪ Underground services works around 75% complete. Erection works: ▪ Boiler steelwork is now complete and building steelworks 90% complete. ▪ Boiler erection works now 98% complete, pressure tests were successfully undertaken in March & June this year and focus is now on the casing & insulation. Cladding works starting to accelerate, now 50% complete. ▪ Flue Gas Treatment erection works now reaching completion at 86% complete. ▪ Steam Turbine erection works also reaching completion at 95% complete ▪ ACC erection works and the steam duct from the turbine to the ACC is complete. ▪ Main plant deliveries and all heavy lifting now complete. ▪ Focus is now on all the pipeworks and cables connecting the main bits of machinery, the control systems and the building services. Process Works: ▪ Piping works started early this year and are now 48% complete. ▪ Electrical installation works started early this year and containment is now 70% complete and cable pulling has started. ▪ Insulation works has been fitting in around other works and is now 33% complete. ▪ Grid substation now complete and fully adopted by SPEN. ▪ Electrical and control system panels now being delivered to site and some are installed and in place. <u>Look ahead</u> ▪ The bulk of the remaining works in terms of manhours is now tied up in piping, electrical works and insulation. ▪ Kitting out the admin building & control room, and undertaking the building services works is also a focus. ▪ First cold commissioning planned for December 2025.	
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	SJ asked if the blue water main is now completed as it has caused disruption on Griffiths Road. TF explained that works are finished at Griffiths Road but there is still work to do at Penny Lane, which should be finished in the next week or so. TF explained that cladding is in progress so once this is completed there won't be any other activity that is noticeable from outside the site as all the works will be inside. HH asked about the planning conditions that need to still be approved and suggested submitting applications as soon as possible as there is a slow process with consultees. He stated that monitoring work has been submitted to the Environment Agency.	
Item 4	Community engagement	
	RE provided an update on the community engagement activity. • Noticeboard update provided • Newsletter published and sent to distribution area. • Open Day went ahead on 5th July. The potential for another site visit to an operational EfW facility (e.g. Lincoln) was discussed and it was agreed that this could be arranged if there was interest • A future newsletter is to be produced once details of the community fund are agreed (see next item) • Upcoming open day will be proposed, if there is interest. SN asked how the plant compares to the Runcorn EfW. TF explained that it is a similar process but a different design and an older and larger plant. SN suggested that an educational facility at LSEP would be beneficial. SJ suggested that people in the community are still unsure about what is due to come out of the stack and there are concerns about 'black smoke' and that it would be good to put people's minds at rest. TF confirmed that it will mainly be water vapour coming out of the stack and suggested that this is included in a 'what to expect to see' section in the next newsletter	RE to prepare newsletter RE to confirm date of next open day
Item 5	Community Fund	
	RE had circulated a note on the proposal for the community fund prior to the meeting. The group discussed the proposal.	

	SJ said he thought it was a splendid idea and would help to present LSEP as a responsible neighbour. He suggested funds could go towards Griffiths Park, Carey Park, Newman Flashes and The Venue. He also suggested using the funds to improve accessibility to the various facilities around Northwich. HH asked if the fund was a one off amount or whether there was scope for it to be expanded for another year. TF said that existing funds are to get the project to operation and that a longer term fund was proposed as part of the uplift application. The LSEP Board has not at this time committed to funding for a longer period of time. The group discussed how the fund could be managed and the idea of a panel. Suggestions for the panel included active members of the community, local councillors and wider community. HH suggested that it should be elected representatives from parish councils. It was suggested that the panel should include 5 representatives. The group discussed whether those sitting on the board should be able to make decisions about projects which concern them or fall into their ward. RE suggested that all projects would need to be considered against clear criteria and viewed objectively. LS suggested looking at the structure of the Manchester Airport Group fund. This group meets four times a year. Further details can be found at Community Trust Fund Manchester Airport. PD offered to share the details of the Tata fund. SJ asked that TF send thanks to the LSEP board for committing the funds. RE outlined potential categories for the fund such as fly-tipping, community health and wellbeing. SN suggested addressing derelict pieces of land that need tidying up. the general categories were agreed as sensible. RE and TF to update the proposal and recirculate to the group.	RE to Review Manchester Airport Group Fund PD to share Tata fund RE/TF to update proposal
Item 5	AOB	
	RE mentioned the current vacancy on the LSEP LLC for Rudheath Parish Council and said that Cllr Andy Hancock had shown interest in joining. The group agreed to invite Cllr Hancock to join the group.	RE to invite

Item 6	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	The date of the next meeting is agreed for Wednesday 3 rd December at 2pm.	