Press release: Generating Stations: TEES Combined Cycle Power Plant given development consent

The application for the TEES CCPP generating station has been given development consent by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Development consent has been given to construct a development consisting of a gas fired combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station with a maximum generating capacity of up to 1,700 MWe (Tbc). The project will utilise existing Gas and National Grid connections on the site of the former Teesside Power Station; Greystone Road, Grangetown, Middlesbrough, TS6 8JF.

The application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration by Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Limited on the 22 November 2017 and accepted for examination on 18 December 2017. Following an examination during which the public, statutory consultees and interested parties were given the opportunity to give evidence to the Examining Authority, a recommendation was made to the Secretary of State on 10 January 2019.

The Planning Inspectorate is committed to giving local communities the opportunity of being involved in the examination of projects that may affect them. Local people, the local authority and other interested parties were able to participate in the six month long examination. The Examining Authority listened and gave full consideration to local views before making their recommendation.

The Planning Inspectorate's Chief Executive, Sarah Richards said: "The Planning Inspectorate has again demonstrated its ability to examine nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs) within timescales laid down in the Planning Act 2008."

"This provides developers and investors with the confidence to build and improve the infrastructure this country needs to secure future economic growth."

The decision announced today supports the recommendation made by the Planning Inspectorate. It is the third major project to be approved this year following the development consent orders granted for Tilbury 2, a new port facility to be built at the Port of Tilbury, and Millbrook Power, a gas fired power station proposed in Bedfordshire.

The decision, the recommendation made by the Examining Authority to the Secretary of State and the evidence considered by the Examining Authority in reaching its recommendation is publicly available on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

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Notes to editors:

The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Programme of Projects details the proposals which are anticipated to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as applications in the coming months. It can be viewed at https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/