



Public Petitions Clerks
Room T3.40
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP

16th January 2015

Dear Convener

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION PE1537 – Proposed Energy Park at Cockenzie

Thank you for your letter regarding petition on the proposed energy park at Cockenzie.

Over the last 40 years the station has been an integral part of the community forming excellent relationships with a wide range of local and community stakeholders through direct and indirect consultation, many varied sponsorships and community use of Station facilities.

Although ScottishPower is aware of the proposals for an energy park, it is neither directly involved in the development of these proposals nor has it been involved in any public consultation. In addition, ScottishPower has not entered into any commercial contract for the Cockenzie site and the main focus at present is the successful completion of the partial dismantlement works.

ScottishPower was awarded Section 36 consent to construct a 1000MW Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT), following extensive consultation with the Scottish Government, Local council, local community and other key stakeholders. This consent included the retention of the existing turbine/boiler building to house the new CCGT and demolition of the chimney stacks and remaining infrastructure. A contract was awarded to Brown & Mason for the partial dismantlement of the station and removal of the stacks. These works commenced in April 2013 and have been very successful to date with full community involvement.

With the commencement of the partial dismantlement works, ScottishPower has continued this strong consultation process and regularly meets the various community groups to update them on the progress of the dismantlement activities and other works. These meetings are welcomed and appreciated by the community and include groups such as the community councils and the Coastal Regeneration Alliance (CRA). There continues to be a number of obstacles in the way of the construction of the CCGT development, undoubtedly the biggest being the continuation of the Transmission Charging regime that discriminates against new generation in the north.

As always we listen to the views and concerns of the community and work with them to ensure, where possible, that all wishes are accommodated. ScottishPower is proud of our good relationship with the local community and we will continue to work them now as we always have.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Finlay
Generation Director