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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Introduction

Welcome to our latest newsletter. A lot of work has been ongoing within the project since our last newsletter and an update on items of local interest is provided over the next few pages.

First, we would like to give you further details on our upcoming Archaeological Trial Trenching campaign. These investigations are required for archaeological purposes but can sometimes be mistaken for construction works due to their scale. You can find lots of information on these investigations within this newsletter and also on our website, www.tritonknoll.co.uk

We are also making the final arrangements to hold our first Local Liaison Committee meetings, and can now provide further information on timescales for the next stage Community Investment Fund consultation.

Routine survey works along the cable route are ongoing and we have taken some significant steps forward through a large procurement exercise to identify the companies that will build the onshore electrical system. We have also continued working with the Lincolnshire Highways department on the traffic and access design for our onshore works and have identified a new traffic routing measure to minimise the impact of the works around Anderby, in line with those we have provided at Bicker and Orby.

As always, if you do have any queries or issues to raise to the team or would simply like to give us some feedback on the contents of this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details on the back of this newsletter.

James Cotter
Triton Knoll Project Director

Onshore Survey Works – Archaeological Trial Trenching

We will shortly be commencing an Archaeological Trial Trenching programme along the full route of our onshore cable corridor, including the landfall location, the onshore Substation and the Intermediate Electrical Compound sites.

The programme will involve digging around 300 trenches of approximately 2m wide by 30-50m long.

These pre-construction investigations will be very visible to members of the community but do not indicate the start of onshore construction activity and are required for archaeological purposes only.

These works are required to ensure any sensitive archaeological sites are identified and discussed with agreed statutory Heritage consultees and the Lincolnshire County Archaeologist. A reputable specialist archaeology company will be appointed to complete the investigations.

The archaeology company will use three mobile teams, each fully equipped with survey grade GPS units to locate trenches accurately. Either a JCB 3CX or rubber tracked 6-8 tonne excavator (depending on ground conditions) will be used to excavate the trenches. Each team will open on average three 30m trenches a day.

You can find out more about Trial Trench investigations via the Communities pages on our website. Parish Councils will be notified of the date that the investigations commence and will be given a single point of contact for any queries or concerns relating to the works.

Survey works have been taking place along the onshore cable route and the following are still in progress:

- Archaeological non-intrusive surveys
- Ecology surveys

All Parish Councils have been informed of all upcoming activity to enable them to answer any questions that arise from the public.

We will also be undertaking a number of further ecology surveys over the coming months. These investigations are much more discreet and usually only involve one to two vehicles and a small team of ecologists entering land via foot and will not involve any heavy machinery. Like with the Trial Trenching, Parish Councils will be informed of details around these surveys and timescales prior to any works commencing and access will be agreed with landowners in advance.



Photo:
Trial Trenching works
on a previous Trial
Trenching campaign.

Local Liaison Committee

The Local Liaison Committee (LLC) is a key part of the project's Outline Communications Plan which was included within the final Development Consent Order awarded for the Triton Knoll Electrical System in September 2016.

The LLC will be made up of members of the project team, local landowners and members of Parish and Local Councils representing the community. It will meet quarterly in the run up to and during construction and will allow representatives to help steer how the project communicates information to local communities. It will also ensure that members of the community have a forum for raising any requests for information with the project team via their representatives.

We have decided to organise four committees because of the length of the onshore cable route and we want to make sure everyone is kept informed throughout. We have sent an invitation to all 24 Parish Councils affected by our onshore route to nominate a representative for the relevant LLC. A list of committee representatives can be found on our website. Representatives from East Lindsey District Council (ELDC), Boston Borough Council (BBC) and Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) have also been invited to join the committees.

We aim to hold the first meetings in June in preparation for a number of Community Drop-in Sessions and our Community Investment Fund consultation which shall follow in the coming months.



Photo: The launch of the Gwynt y Môr Community Fund in North Wales.

Investing in Local Communities

The Community Investment Fund relating to the Triton Knoll Onshore Electrical System works consists of the following:

- **£500,000 allocated during the onshore construction works**
- **£40,000 annual fund made available to communities neighbouring the onshore electrical infrastructure for the lifetime of the project**

The first round of consultation on the Community Investment Fund ran from 27 January 2015 to 26 February 2015. There was a good response from the community to the consultation, providing valuable feedback which has helped us shape the second round of consultation. All responses were collated and reviewed, and a full report can be viewed on the Communities pages of our website.

We have already listened to what you told us and as a result have made the following changes:

- The £500,000 one-off fund will now be delivered to local areas located around the onshore electrical system works.
- The annual £40,000 fund will also include communities neighbouring the landfall location as well as the above ground infrastructure.

In the Autumn we would like to share our current proposals for the fund in more detail and give you the opportunity to tell us what you think, this will include:

- Formal consultation information will be sent to all households within a radius of 5km of the substation, 3km of the Intermediate Electrical Compound and landfall and within 500m of the onshore cable route in hard copy.
- Various drop-in sessions in areas along the cable route for local people to pop in and talk directly to the project team.

Following these activities, we will be able to incorporate feedback and confirm final details of how the two funds will operate.

If you would like further information on the Community Investment Fund, please visit our website or contact the team using the details on the back of this newsletter.

Traffic and Access – Anderby

Through discussions with the Lincolnshire Highways department, we have agreed on an updated route for construction traffic to avoid Anderby Village.

Construction traffic will now use our own constructed haul road from the A52 to access Temporary Construction Compound 1 (TCC1), in order to remove a large quantity of traffic from local roads. The map below shows the location of TCC1, TCC2 and our new agreed route.

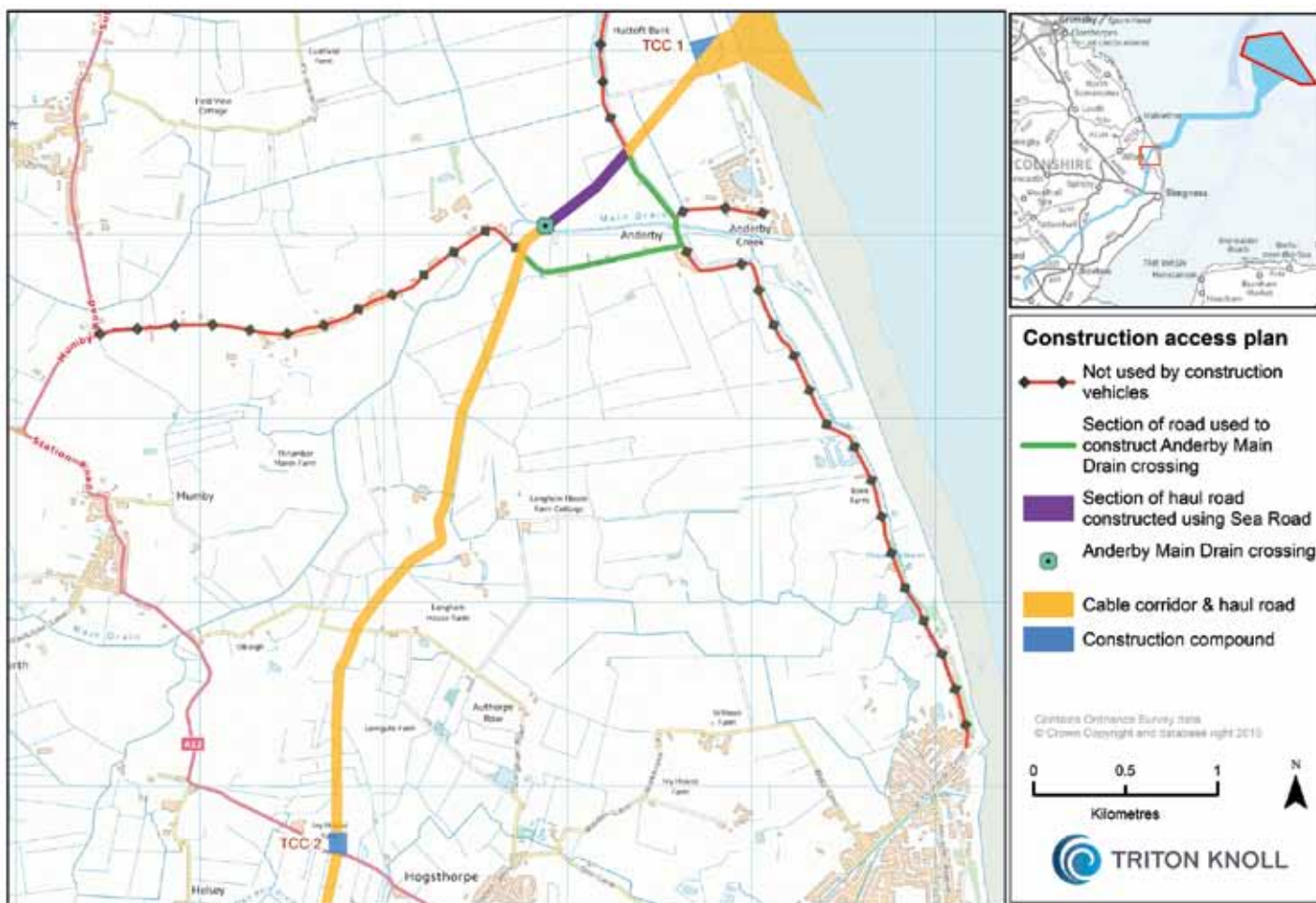
A small number of construction vehicles will still, however, be required to travel through a short section of the village (between where our haul road crosses Sea Road and the junction with Roman Bank). This will be temporary, and is necessary for us to construct a bridge to cross the Main Drain to the north of Anderby and construct a small section of the haul road. This will be the only construction traffic that will pass through the village and this will only be for a short

period of time to allow construction of the footings for the temporary bridge crossing. Once completed, 100% of construction traffic will access TCC1 using the haul road from TCC2.

Our stage-specific Traffic Management Plans and Access Management Plans will require approval by East Lindsey District Council and Boston Borough Council prior to the start of any construction activity. Principles with the Lincolnshire County Council Highways Authority are already substantially agreed.

Community Drop-in Sessions

We will be holding a number of Community Drop-in Sessions later this year. Confirmed dates, timings and locations will be discussed at the first Local Liaison Committee meetings taking place in June. Details will be confirmed in due course and advertised well in advance and will be open to all.



Map showing our new, agreed access route for construction traffic to TCC1

Viking Link Interconnector

The Viking Link Interconnector project team have now confirmed their preferred landfall, converter station and cable route locations. Both schemes, Triton Knoll and Viking Link, interact at the National Grid substation at Bicker Fen. We are engaging with both Viking Link and National Grid to manage the impacts to the local area when combining the Viking

Link project with the consented Triton Knoll project around the Bicker Fen substation. In particular we are sharing information about the management of traffic and access issues.

You can find out more about the Viking Link project by visiting their website, www.viking-link.com

Anticipated Project Timeline

Remainder of 2017	Pre-construction investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-construction survey works carried out on-site (including trial trenching and ecology, archaeology, and topography surveys).
Remainder of 2017	Pre-construction works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detailed design of the cable, substations and landfall.• Detailed engagement with landowners on interactions with land drainage and agricultural practices.• Production of outline construction schedule.• Gathering information to feed into the management plans which are approved by the Local Planning Authorities prior to construction.
From June 2017	Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commencement of the Local Liaison Committee meetings.• Community Drop-in Sessions.• Community Investment Fund Consultation.
2018 onwards	Construction phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subject to a number of factors, such as a successful Financial Investment Decision, onshore construction work could potentially start as soon as mid-2018. The cable route and electrical infrastructure will be constructed in a number of stages over several years

How to keep up to date

Our project website is kept up-to-date with all our latest news and information as we move forward with the project. We will also keep communities up-to-date using newsletters and holding a number of community drop-in events. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the team using the details below.

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