



Press Release

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E.ON submits updated planning application for Whitehill gas storage

E.ON has submitted a further information update to the existing onshore planning application for its proposed Whitehill gas storage facility to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The move follows a public consultation and information day which gave local communities the opportunities to view the updated details of the plans that were initially submitted in January 2007, with permission being granted on 18th October 2007 subject to completion of legal agreements.

Commenting on the revised submission, Project Manager Cindy St James said: "At every stage we've been as open and transparent as possible and as things progress we'll ensure this continues.

"As a result we've reflected the changes made to local council policy and have made reference to the newly consented projects near Whitehill in our updated Environmental Statement. We've also made a minor change to the site boundary and have considered new arrangements for beach access for the offshore works.

"The importance of ensuring we have adequate gas storage facilities in the UK cannot be understated and along with our development in Cheshire, Whitehill will play a crucial part in ensuring that energy supplies can be kept not only secure but affordable too."

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The Whitehill gas storage project will consist of 10 underground storage caverns which will be built nearly 2km below the surface. The proposed gas processing plant will be built at Whitehill Farm, which was chosen for its natural screening.

Extensive landscaping proposals are included in the application to help screen the plant and provide significant ecological and environmental benefit to the area. A traffic management plan will also be produced in partnership with the council and local community if consent is given to the revised project.

Further information about the revised application and a copy of both the Non-Technical Summary and the Environmental Statement Further Information Document can be viewed at www.eon-uk.com/gas_storage/whitehill.

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Notes to editors:

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- Our distribution business, branded Central Networks, provides a reliable supply to around 10 million people in central England through 133,000km of underground and overhead cables – enough to go round the Earth more than three times – and via almost 94,000 substations. The company covers an area from the Peak District in the north to parts of Bristol in the south, and from the Welsh Borders to the Lincolnshire Coast;
- E.ON Group aims to spend €8bn between 2007 and 2011 on renewable generation and climate protection activities.

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