

MEETING NOTE

FILE REF: 22536/A7

SUBJECT: EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT – EMIP LIAISON GROUP

5pm on Wednesday 9th June 2021 (Microsoft Teams)

1 AGENDA

- 1.1 Welcome and introduction to third liaison group meeting.
- 1.2 Updates since previous liaison group meeting (21st April 2021):
 - Ongoing activity regarding East Midlands Freeport;
 - EMIP project website.
- 1.3 Discussion and questions from liaison group members.

2 COMMENTS AND ACTIONS

- 2.1 Request for more detailed meeting notes in order to assist in sharing information if group members are absent.
- 2.2 Confirmation of contact details: for communications relating to the liaison group the contact is rachel.traverse@goodman.com and for general EMIP project queries the contact is EMIP@fontcomms.com.
- 2.3 Update regarding East Midlands Freeport:
 - East Midlands Freeport has been shortlisted by the Government. Current focus is on establishing a Governance Board in line with Government expectations including appointment of an interim Chair and drafting of terms of reference and principles;
 - The next phase requires the submission of a business case to include information relating to all the sites linked to East Midlands Freeport (East Midlands Airport, East Midlands Gateway, Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station) with an end date of Autumn 2021.
- 2.4 EMIP project website is now live at www.emipark.co.uk:
 - Includes overview of EMIP and the Freeport; information about rail freight interchanges; outline of planning process and programme; high level spatial plan; contact details;
 - The website will provide a hub for information relating to the project and will be updated when there is further news.
- 2.5 Ongoing issues raised for further consideration at forthcoming liaison group meetings:
 - a. Flood risk and drainage – fluvial and drainage issues, high water table, existing problems, issues following development at Mount Pleasant (Repton).

It was agreed that a dedicated topic meeting could be useful as the project progresses. Egginton PC recommended involving Mark Swain (EA) and Adam Boucher (Severn Trent). Egginton PC has not provided further background information to Goodman at this stage (an action from the previous meeting), but the invitation to do so remains. A Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy would be required as part of a DCO application;

- b. Traffic – including cars, movements through Repton and Willington, commuter movements for workforce, traffic through Burnaston Interchange. It was confirmed that further junction improvements would be required and that both local residents and future business occupiers have a shared interest in ensuring that the local road infrastructure functions well. A detailed Transport Assessment and Travel Plan would be required;
- c. Noise – what is proposed eg bunding/noise fencing. It was confirmed that a Noise Assessment has yet to be completed, but that sites of this nature would typically be expected to address noise effects through a combination of physical measures (eg siting buildings to screen operational areas, acoustic fencing, landscaping) and other measures recommended by the detailed noise analysis eg in relation to plant noise. Question regarding the potential for off site noise fencing in order to mitigate road traffic noise.

- 2.6 Suggestion to consider the potential of Willington Power Station as a development site/possible alternative. Calon in administration; might not be re-used for other power-generating uses.
- 2.7 It was noted that Goodman had no opportunity to respond to the recent East Midlands Politics Show report and a media protocol is being established for future press queries in relation to the Freeport.
- 2.8 In response to a query for further details of hydrogen plant on the site, it was confirmed that the high level potential for hydrogen plant has been identified as part of the mix of development on the EMIP site, however it is early days and no details or plans have been formulated/specific customers have not been confirmed.
- 2.9 In response to a query as to whether Highways England have proposed any acoustic fencing in relation to road traffic noise in the area, no answer was known. It was suggested that East Midlands Airport has a community fund triggered by aircraft noise breaches.
- 2.10 In response to a query regarding the implications of 60,000 new jobs, it was confirmed that this is an objective for the overall Freeport and not solely EMIP.
- 2.11 Next meeting to be scheduled for September.