

Rugeley Power Station SPD Consultation Statement

1. Introduction

This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the Rugeley Power Station SPD as required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. This statement sets out how the public and other stakeholders will be consulted upon the SPD. Following the consultation period this statement will be expanded to summarise the comments received during the consultation period, including details of how the issues raised have been dealt with in working towards a final SPD for adoption.

The document is being produced jointly with Cannock Chase District Council and the two Councils are running the consultation process in tandem.

2. Consultation regulations

The SPD is produced in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The relevant regulations relating to the consultation process are explained below.

Regulation 12: Regulation 12(a) requires the Council to produce a consultation statement before adoption of the SPD, this must set out who was consulted, a summary of the issues raised, and how these issues were incorporated in to the SPD.

Regulation 12(b) requires the Council to publish the documents (including a 'consultation statement') for a minimum 4 week consultation, specify the date when responses should be received, and identify the address to which responses should be sent.

This statement is the 'Consultation Statement' for the SPD as required by Regulation 12(a). The document also sets out information about the consultation as required by Regulation 12(b). Following the consultation period, as the SPD progresses towards adoption, the 'Consultation Statement' will be expanded to recognise involvement by outside bodies and public participation during this consultation period.

Regulation 13: Regulation 13 stipulates that any person may make representations about the SPD and that the representations must be made by the end of the consultation date referred to in Regulation 12. This consultation statement sets out this requirement.

Regulation 35: Regulation 12 states that when seeking representations on an SPD, documents must be made available in accordance with Regulation 35. This requires the Council to make documents available by taking the following steps:

- Make the document available at the principal office and other places within the area that the Council considers appropriate;
- Publish the document on the Council's website.

3. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The SCI was adopted in May 2016 and reflects the 2012 Regulations, set out above. It also specifies additional measures that the Council will undertake in consulting upon draft SPDs and these have been reflected in the consultation process for the Rugeley Power Station SPD.

4. Rugeley Power Station SPD Consultation Information

Consultation on the SPD is been carried out in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The SPD and Consultation Statement have been made available for inspection by the public for a six week period between Monday 24th July 2017 and Monday 4th September 2017. Copies of the SPD, a covering letter and this consultation statement (setting out how comments can be made) and is available to view at available to view in the reception of the District Council House Frog Lane, Lichfield Staffordshire, WS136YZ Monday to Friday 8.45am-5.15pm (except Bank holidays).

Copies of the draft Rugeley Power Station SPD and consultation statement are available to view on the Council's website at www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Supplementary-planning-documents and through our consultation portal <http://lichfielddc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

Further information is available by contacting the Spatial Policy team by email at developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk or by telephoning 01543 308152.

The consultation is being undertaken in tandem with Cannock Chase District Council although each Council is running its own consultation exercise. Summaries of the representations will be shared between the two Councils to inform any changes necessary before producing the final joint SPD. For Lichfield District Council the following measures were undertaken to inform persons of the SPD consultation and document availability:

- Notification letters / emails sent to all individuals/ organisations/ bodies that the Council consider will be affected or interested in the SPD, or may be involved in the delivery of the SPD
- A press release was issued.
- The SPD and details of the consultation were posted on the Council's website.

The consultation period runs from Monday 24th July 2017. Any person may make representations on the SPD. Any such representations should be received by Monday 4th September 2017. The Council will send a copy of the adoption statement to the author of any representation which specifically asks for notification of the adoption of the document.

Representations on the SPD must be sent:

- Online through our 'Consultation Portal' <http://lichfielddc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal> - using this method will enable you to register for email alerts for upcoming planning policy consultations;
- Via Email – all responses must be emailed to developmentplans@lichfielddc.gov.uk ; and
- Via Post to - Spatial Policy & Delivery Team, District Council House, Frog Lane, Lichfield, WS13 6YZ.