Southampton City Council Consultation Leaflet



A Note from the City Council

Helius Energy plc is proposing to build and operate a biomass fuelled energy generating station of approximately 100 megawatts on a site within the Western Docks of the Port of Southampton.



The plant will generate renewable electricity that will be fed into the local electricity supply grid, equivalent to the consumption of approximately 200,000 homes. At this time three different approaches to the external design of the proposed scheme have been prepared for discussion and consultation.

How can I find out more information and make my views known?

Further details of the project are available from the applicant's website: http://www.southamptonbiomasspower.com/

This website also confirms the dates of the public exhibitions where representatives from Helius Energy plc will be available to answer questions.

What role does Southampton City Council have in the decision making process for the Helius Energy Biomass Plant?

Unlike a normal planning application the City Council will not determine the planning application for the biomass plant.

Instead the City Council will make representations to the National Infrastructure Directorate (NID) of the Planning Inspectorate as a Statutory Consultee.

Further details of the National Infrastructure Directorate are available here: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/

How can I influence the Council's response to the National Infrastructure Directorate?

At this stage the City Council has been asked to consider the pre-application consultation documents prepared by the Applicant. The City Council has until 3rd August 2012 to comment.

Officers at the City Council propose to make recommendations to their Planning & Rights of Way Panel on 24th July 2012. A copy of the final report should be available on the Council's website at least 5 working days before the Panel date.

With the Chairman's discretion there may be an opportunity for you to address the Panel and make further representations on the day of Panel.

How should I respond?

Helius Energy plc has requested that comments are made in writing to:

Online: www.southamptonbiomasspower.com/comments

Email: <u>enquiries@southamptonbiomasspower.com</u>

Post: Southampton Biomass Power Ltd

Helius Energy

242 Marylebone Road

London NW1 6JL

In addition to making comments directly to Helius Energy plc by the advertised deadline of the 3rd August 2012, you may wish to copy your response to the City Council.

Any comments received before Friday 20th July 2012 will be reported to the Planning & Rights of Way Panel.

Should you wish to attend the Panel meeting it is suggested that you make contact with the City Council before the July Panel date. The time and location of the Panel meeting will be confirmed nearer the Panel date.

How should I contact the City Council?

Email: planning@southampton.gov.uk

Post: Planning & Sustainability

Southampton City Council

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Southampton SO14 7LS

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Please ensure that any correspondence is marked "Southampton Biomass Proposal".