

Eye Grid Stability Facility Community Forum Minutes

March 2026

Item	Notes	Action
Last meeting actions and updates review	Conrad Energy outlined updates and actions since the last meeting: • Confirm SUDS pond capacity: The required attenuation volume identified as 294m³ in the drainage strategy for the site, encompassing a 100-year flood event + 40% climate change allowance. The Drainage Verification report confirmed that the pond meets these criteria. • Confirm the landscaping contractor for the project: This will be confirmed once the site is closer to operation. An appointed operations manager will oversee appointing on ongoing resource. • Confirm if the construction haul road will be retained permanently: Conrad Energy have shared a draft planning submission with National Grid for their agreement, with submission targeted within the next month. • To confirm the noise performance testing procedures for the site: A noise consultant will attend site to measure the noise performance of key equipment at 1m from the source, to compare the performance to the assumption used in noise modelling. There will be two sets of independent noise testing carried out after National Grid have energised the site. Asked if the tests take into account different wind directions. Asked what happens if they do fail the noise tests. Conrad Energy confirmed that any noise would most likely come from within the building and there are mitigation measures	Conrad Energy to confirm if this is accounted for in the methodology

	in place for this. However should it fail additional measure would be explored. Request for additional signage on site: Additional signage has since been added at the end of Leys Lane. Acknowledged that there have also been complaints about use of the road. Confirmed that these have been forwarded to National Grid as Conrad have not been active onsite for the past months.	
Site updates	Conrad Energy provided an update of how work has been progressing on the site. Stated that we haven't held a community meeting in a while as works have been paused onsite and therefore there have been programme delays. Conrad Energy shared the updated landscaping plan and explained that there was some landscaping to the south west which has been removed to allow for Progress Power high voltage cables. To support minimising the visual impact the additional landscaping has been planted in the south west corner. Asked about ongoing management of planting while there is no one on site. While plants are not established and over summer. If plants cannot establish this affects future screening.	Conrad Energy to look into landscaping maintenance and watering.
Project timeline	Conrad outlined to updated project timeline. The original timeline indicated that the project would be operational by the mid to end of 2025. However, due to National Grid's delays with Yaxley substation, this means that Conrad don't currently have access to a grid connection. Around May 2025 they shut down the site which was when Siemens completed their mechanical and electrical works. The site reopened in Oct / Nov 2025 to install landscaping and planting. Since the Dec 25 / start of 2026 National Grid gave access to install the cable to the their substation. Following completion of this the site is expected to shutdown again in April, until likely Sep 26 which is when they can connect National Grid with an intention to be operational by October 2026.	Conrad to provide an email update when activity recommences on site.
Construction update	Visuals were provided for within the synchronous condenser unit and externally, with supporting images of the landscaping and access.	
Conrad Energy Community Fund	Conrad outlined the funding support awarded to three local projects:	

	Beyond the Wall Invested in gardening equipment to assist with their efforts including plants and trees, compost bins and a strimmer, track repair and new shade shelters. Yaxley and Mellis Preschool Supported purchase of a new bespoke fence and gate as part of the gardens. The Eye 1st Scout Group Assisted with the purchase of a trailer for the group to use during away-days and trips.	
AOB	Site Manager updated contact information provided. Details can be found in the slides.	