

Progress Power Limited

Non-Material Change Application Consultation and Publicity Statement



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Consultation and Publicity Statement

SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY STATEMENT UNDER REGULATION 7A OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011 ("THE 2011 REGULATIONS")

THE PROGRESS POWER (GAS FIRED POWER STATION) ORDER 2015 (SI 2015/1570) AS CORRECTED (S.I. 2016/736) AND AMENDED (S.I. 2016/1086 & S.I. 2020/807) ("THE ORDER")

1. Progress Power Limited ("**Progress Power**") (company number 08421833) of registered office Drax Power Station, Drax, Selby, United Kingdom, YO8 8PH applied to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "**SoS**") for consent to make a non-material change to the Order under Section 153 and paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Planning Act 2008 (the "**PA 2008**") on 5 August 2026 (the "**Application**").
2. This document constitutes Progress Power's consultation and publicity statement pursuant to Regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations.
3. A copy of the notice published under Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations (the "**Notice**") is enclosed at Appendix A.
4. Progress Power confirms that:
 - 4.1. As required under Regulation 6(1) of the 2011 Regulations, it published the Notice in the Eastern Daily Press on the following dates:
 - 5 August 2026; and
 - 12 August 2026.
 - 4.2. Copies of extracts from the Eastern Daily Press are enclosed at Appendix B.
5. Regulation 7(2) of the 2011 Regulations requires Progress Power to notify and consult those persons specified in the 2011 Regulations, this being all those who were notified (in accordance with section 56 of the PA 2008) when the application for the Order was accepted by the SoS, as well as any other person who may be directly affected by the changes proposed in the Application. However, Regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations also provides that Progress Power need not consult a person or authority specified in the 2011 Regulations if they have the written consent of the SoS not to do so. Following the appropriate request from Progress Power on 3 November 2025, the SoS confirmed on 17 December 2025 that the list of consultees for the Application could be narrowed to those listed in Appendix C (the "**Consultees**").
6. Progress Power sent the Notice to the Consultees by post and email on 5 August 2026. Appendix D provides the covering letters and the Notice as sent to the Consultees.
7. The deadline specified for representations to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate was 11.59pm on 9 September 2026.
8. The Application documents have been made available to view on the Planning Inspectorate's website (<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010060/documents>). The Notice also invited recipients unable to access the website to request hard copies of the documents at the cost of £20 per copy.



Appendix A Copy of the published Regulation 6 Notice

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PROGRESS POWER LIMITED

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Appendix B Copies of the published Regulation 6 Notice in the Eastern Daily Press

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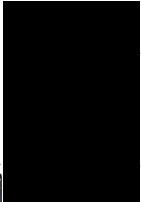
Warning over skills shortage

County told to embrace the hard hat

Norfolk's small businesses could be "decimated" if the government fails to address the country's shortage of skilled labour, an expert has warned. **[REDACTED]**, inset, co-founder and operations director of Norwich-based engineering training provider Reagit, said schools must do more to encourage students into technical training.



He has welcomed prime minister **[REDACTED]** plans to put practical skills on par with academia and "value the hard hat as much as the



graduation cap". **[REDACTED]**, who set up Reagit with wife **[REDACTED]** called the proposals a "significant move forward" and

"something which has been looked for by employers for decades". An estimated quarter of a million more UK construction workers are needed over the next few years, while a record one million young adults are not in education, employment or training.

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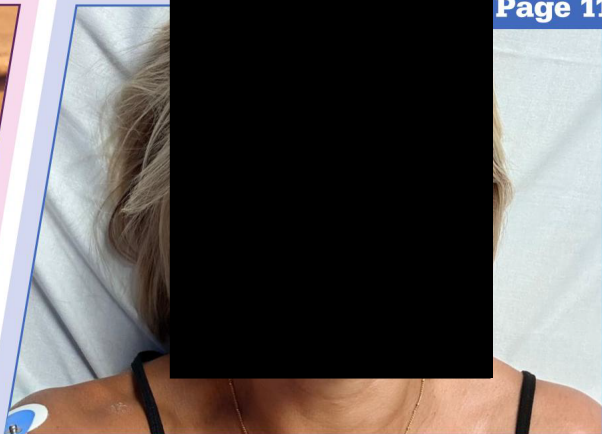




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Council staff sent back to the office

New diktat for biggest department

Managers at Norfolk County Council have ordered staff back to their County Hall desks amid growing scrutiny of the authority's working from home policies.

Members of the adult social care department – the largest at the authority – have been told they are now expected to work face-to-face with colleagues at least twice a week, either at the Martineau Lane HQ or other community spaces.

Reform had ordered a review of the authority's widespread working from home arrangements after taking power in May.

The new diktat by [redacted] director of adult social care, comes before the conclusion of that review, and other departments may now follow suit.

[redacted] a senior Reform councillor, welcomed the decision.

"It will help to improve outcomes for the people we serve by encouraging more face-to-face collaboration, communication and learning," he added.

Council bosses have admitted they do not know how many staff work remotely and this week it emerged more than 100 employees and councillors had been given permission to work from abroad.

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PROBATE & Trustee

Marion Honeywood
(Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 2 Ruskin Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR4 7DY, who died on 20/07/2026, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 13/10/2026, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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Suffolk County Council	s.42(1)(b), s.42(1)(d), s.56(2)(b) and s.57(1)
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You have been identified as a consultee for the purposes of Regulation 7(2) of the 2011 Regulations. In addition, we draw your attention to the Regulation 7(3) letter published by the Secretary of State on 17 December 2025, enclosed with this letter.

The enclosed Regulation 6 notice contains details of how you can access the application documents and how to respond to the consultation. Any representation about the application must be made by email to: progresspower@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or in writing to:

National Infrastructure Planning, the Planning Inspectorate, c/o Quadient, 69 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, SL1 4PN.

As set out in the notice, the consultation ends on 9 September 2026. Therefore, the deadline for receipt of your views about the application is **9 September 2026 at 11:59pm**.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of

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Enclosures:

- (i) Copy of a notice pursuant to Section 153 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011.
- (ii) Regulation 7(3) letter from the Secretary of State, dated 17 December 2025.