

SIGNIFICANT STAGE PASSED IN PLANS FOR POSSIBLE NEW POWER STATION ON TEESSIDE



The proposed Tees CCPP site as it looks today with the Ensus plant in the background

Sembcorp Utilities UK has taken a significant step forward in its plans to develop a new £700 million gas-fired power station on Teesside.

The Tees Combined Cycle Power Plant (Tees CCPP) is a proposal to build a plant with an electrical capacity of up to 1,700 MW on land at the Wilton International site previously occupied by the former Teesside Power Station.

Following consultation with a wide range of statutory and non-statutory parties earlier this year and the submission of a detailed environmental impact assessment and consultation report, the Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that Sembcorp's Development Consent Order application has been accepted for further examination in a process expected to take around a year.

"It's an important stage in what has been a considerable effort over the past year to get to this point," said Stephen Hands, Senior Vice President and Site Director at Sembcorp Utilities UK.

“However we believe this plant, which would also be carbon capture ready, could play an important role in the regeneration of the Tees Valley by helping to attract major new, energy intensive business to the area.”

The plant’s capacity – the equivalent of the power needed to supply up to 1.5 million homes and businesses - would be sufficient to power the needs of existing and future companies on the Wilton International site with any surplus able to be easily exported onto the National Grid to meet the national need for more secure supplies of electricity.

Taking more than three years to build, Tees CCPP could create 60-80 permanent new jobs and a further 150 in the supply chain, plus up to 1,000 during the construction phase.

As a nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) the development first requires sign off by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy after approval by the Planning Inspectorate.



The plot in relation to the rest of the Wilton International site



How the plant might look as viewed from Eston Nab



***Copies of the Development Consent Order application documents prior to delivery to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.
Left to right Scott Taylor and Carole Nichols of Sembcorp with Richard Rea of House of Type, the Wilton Centre based design agency which helped us to present the materials professionally.***