



MYTILINEOS
Energy & Metals

Work underway at Eye Airfield

MYTILINEOS have started work to construct a new Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power peaking plant, also known as a Simple Cycle Gas Turbine, on the Eye Airfield Industrial Estate. The project was granted planning permission, known as a Development Consent Order in July 2015 by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change.

Global industrial and energy company, MYTILINEOS, are in charge of building the power station at Eye. Construction will take 24 months and when complete, Progress Power will be operated by the energy company, Drax.

Why is the plant needed?

Open Cycle Gas Turbines are part of a strategy to support an electricity system that has an increasing amount of less flexible, low carbon and renewable energy technologies. Many ageing coal, gas and nuclear power stations are closing down, and new power generation capacity is needed to help the country retain its energy security.

How will the plant work?

When operational Progress Power will provide up to 299 Megawatts (MW) of electricity, enough instant electricity to power 150,000 households. The station will operate for between 10-20% of the year

and is designed specifically to provide essential back-up power generation to intermittent renewable technologies such as wind turbines and solar farms, essentially delivering a hybrid solution as a stepping stone to help the country transition to a low carbon economy.

Contact Progress Power Ltd

This newsletter has been created to inform the local community, neighbouring businesses, potential suppliers, local people working in construction, related industries and other interested parties as to progress on the site at Eye, including how to get in touch with the project whilst the power station is being built.



Meet the Buyer / Employment Opportunities

The project is committed to ensuring that local people and companies have the opportunity to join the team.

Mytilineos is expanding operations across the UK – if you are interested in opportunities at Progress Power or one of our other sites, please get in touch.

We are looking to hire:

- Electrical engineers
- Mechanical subcontractors
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- Lifting equipment subcontractors
- Site occupational health nurse
- Mechanical QAQC Engineers
- Electrical QAQC Engineers
- Plant Commissioning & SU Manager
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Come and meet us on Wednesday 27 September 2023 at Brome Grange Hotel, Norwich Road, Brome, Suffolk IP23 8AP. Between 4pm – 8pm.

Project timeline

Piling load testing started in March 2023 in preparation for the construction of the power station to begin.

Following the successful tests, piling work has been completed along with initial ground works at the site, plus the creation of a car park for staff and associated welfare facilities for the onsite workforce.

Those working or living near Eye Airfield may see increased activity at the site including machinery being delivered and HGV movements to and from the site itself, as we prepare for the main construction phase.

Where possible, the project will inform local businesses and local residents if there is construction activity planned which has the potential to be noticeable outside of the site itself, such as noise, dust or large deliveries to site.

Meet the Manager

The site manager at Progress Power is Wayne Goldsworthy.

Wayne is a highly experienced construction manager who has worked on major projects in the UK and across the world.



Nov'22
Project Commenced

Nov'22
Geotechnical Investigation

**Oct'22
May'23**
Site possession and preparation

**May'23
July'23**
Piling load testing and piling works

June'23
Main civil works commence

Oct'23
Wider construction works commence

Jan'24
Start of commissioning

June'24
COD (Commercial Operation Date)

The current timeline for the construction of the Progress Power Station is as follows in the above diagram.



Contacts & enquiries

Contact Progress Power Ltd

If you have an enquiry regarding construction of the power station, please get in touch with the project team using the details below:

Email: progresspower@secnewgate.co.uk

Call: 01379 776180

A project website is currently under development and will be launched soon. You can email the team at the address above to register your interest in the website and we will notify you once it has launched.

