

In the pipeline

Gas to the West news



A major energy infrastructure project to extend the benefits of natural gas to Coalisland, Cookstown, Derrylin, Dungannon, Enniskillen, Magherafelt, Omagh and Strabane.

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Welcome to issue 3 of the Gas to the West project newsletter, which we hope you find a useful source of up-to-date information on this major energy infrastructure project.

The project continues to make good progress, with a significant stretch of pipeline having already been completed on the Strabane to Maydown section. The next few months will be extremely busy for the project team as we prepare for the submission of the planning application for the high pressure pipeline in the early summer. Ongoing community engagement is an important part of this work and we look forward to meeting with as many stakeholders as possible at our forthcoming consultation events during April.

As always, we welcome your feedback on this newsletter, or in relation to the project more generally.

Kind regards

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Mutual Energy

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Project team participates in UUP event



Sean Murphy, Encirc Glass; Trevor Law, estate and land agent; Councillor Rosemary Barton; Tom Elliott, MP; Jim Nicholson, MEP; Alastair Patterson, MLA; Paddy Larkin, Mutual Energy and David Manning, SGN.

A number of members of the project team recently participated in an information event in relation to Gas to the West which was organised by the Ulster Unionist Party. The evening event took place in the Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown on Thursday 3rd March and was hosted by Jim Nicholson, MEP, Alastair Patterson, MLA and Councillor Rosemary Barton from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Paddy Larkin, Mutual Energy and David Manning, SGN addressed attendees and provided an update on the project overall, highlighting the importance of engagement and local community consultation. Guests also heard from a local land agent and from two large energy users (Moy Park and Encirc Glass) who both reinforced the importance of gas in their future plans for their plants and welcomed the Gas to the West project as a positive economic development.

The event was attended by around 70 people from across the local community, with a strong attendance from farmers and landowners whose properties are likely to be affected by the project. Following the presentations, there was an opportunity for attendees to engage in a Q&A session, lasting around an hour, with a large number of the questions centring around issues relating to compensation, planning and potential disruption to the farming community.

HP project update: Phase 2 of PACC events

In relation to the high pressure pipeline, one of the key challenges is to achieve planning for the project before the end of 2016. The planning application is due to be submitted in early summer 2016. A key element of preparation for the application, under the new planning legislation, but also, fundamentally, in line with good practice, is a high level of community consultation with regard to the project. As mentioned in the last newsletter, autumn 2015 saw the project team engage in an extensive round of Pre Application Community Consultation (PACC) events at a series of venues across Armagh, Tyrone, Fermanagh and Londonderry. This first phase of events was designed to introduce people to the project and to seek their views on the developing pipeline corridor.

The project team is now about to embark on Phase 2 of PACC which runs from 14th-28th April – full list of dates and venues below.

The key purpose of these events is to present the preferred route for the pipeline and to hear the views of the community and other stakeholders.

Members of the project team, including our environmental consultants and dedicated landowner liaison officers will be in attendance at these events and will be available to discuss the project in detail and answer any queries / questions.

It is worth reinforcing that Gas to the West is a major infrastructure project operating to a highly ambitious and challenging timetable and is subject to a significant number of project risks, particularly in the area of regulation and consents and when we reach the construction phase, adverse weather.

Date	Venue	Time
14 April	Portadown Town Hall, 15 Edward Street, Portadown, Craigavon, BT62 3LX	1pm-8pm
15 April	Clogher Valley Community Centre, 9A Irish Street, Augher, Co Tyrone, BT77 0EB	1pm-8pm
19 April	Ranfurlly House Arts and Visitor Centre, 26 Market Square, Dungannon, Co Tyrone, BT70 1AB	1pm-8pm
21 April	Westville Hotel, 14-20 Tempo Road, Enniskillen Co Fermanagh, BT74 6HR	1pm-8pm
26 April	Strule Arts Centre, Townhall Square Omagh, BT78 1BL	1pm-8pm
28 April	The Bridewell Tourist Information Centre, Church Street, Magherafelt, BT45 6AN	1pm-8pm

Gas to the West Supplier Information Events

SGN Procurement supported by the Gas to the West HP Project Team will be holding a series of Supplier Information Events across Northern Ireland in some of the areas impacted by the project.

We hope to develop a network of local suppliers who can provide quality goods, works and services at competitive prices.

Small, medium and large enterprise organisations from Northern Ireland, Great Britain and Europe as well as other local businesses will be encouraged to register their interest in the works available and find out how their business can form part of the project's supply chain.

Community members and businesses will also be able to engage with key project staff and procurement representatives.

Please see links to the right to book your place at one of these Supplier Information Events.

Dates and venues

Belfast: Monday 25 April • 12:00-15:00

Wellington Park Hotel, 21 Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 6RU

Web: www.gttw-belfast.eventbrite.co.uk

Cookstown: Tuesday 26 April • 09:00-12:00

Glenavon Hotel, 52 Drum Road, Cookstown, BT80 8JQ

Web: www.gttw-cookstown.eventbrite.co.uk

Omagh: Wednesday 27 April • 09:00-12:00

Omagh Enterprise Company, Great Northern Road, Omagh, BT78 5LU

Web: www.gttw-omagh.eventbrite.co.uk

Enniskillen: Thursday 28 April • 09:00-12:00

Westville Hotel, 14-20 Tempo Road, Enniskillen, BT74 6HR

Web: www.gttw-enniskillen.eventbrite.co.uk

If you are unable to attend any of these events, please visit our Supplier Page at www.gastothewest.com to register your interest.

NOTE: These Supplier Information Events do not form part of the Pre Planning Community Consultations taking place during April. (See www.gastothewest.com for details of these PACC Events).



Local support

As the Gas to the West project develops, we're keeping the local community involved every step of the way. Pupils from Chapel Road Primary School, near the route of the pipeline on the Maydown to Strabane section, were asked to create artwork featuring our project for a calendar. All proceeds from its sale will go to the local Foyle Hospice, which provides care for cancer patients. SGN has agreed to match any proceeds raised, up to the value of £500, through our 'Into Action' scheme.

Supporting local business



Denis Kerby and Margaret Hamilton (SGN) pictured with Tommy Thompson (LacPatrick Dairies).

LacPatrick Dairies recently announced the construction of a €40 million Spray Drying Plant at Artigarvan with a little help from Gas to the West. With a combined turnover of €360 million, LacPatrick employs 300 people with over 1,050 farmers delivering 600 million litres of milk annually. The company is headquartered in Monaghan, Ireland, and sells high quality dairy food products to almost every corner of the globe.

The company stated "the new complex will benefit from the recently announced gas link to Strabane as its primary energy source and plant management are working with SGN and McNicholas to ensure gas is delivered on time"

The new facility will have one of the lowest carbon footprints of its kind in Western Europe.

For more information on Gas to the West



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