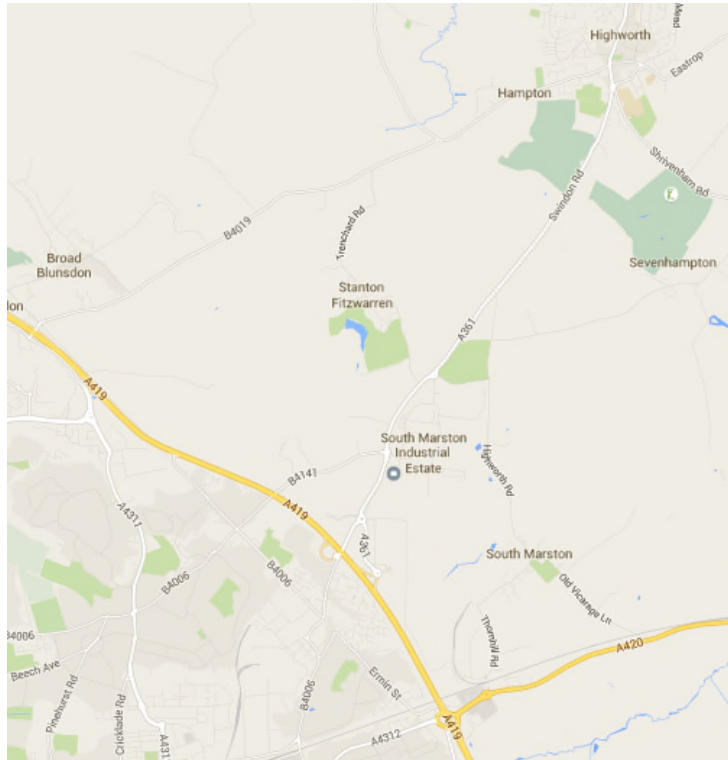


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Supplementary Answer Form

Project: Commercial BioSNG Demonstration Plant

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Project code	NGGDGN02/1	Question Number	23
Question date	8/9/15	Answer date	11/9/15
Submission section question relates to	Section 4g) Robust methodology/ready to implement		
Topic	Consumer engagement		
Question	Please can you clarify your plans for engaging the local community if the project goes ahead?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>Engagement with communities is a key part of National Grid's strategy. Local communities need to feel empowered by decision-making processes and experience benefits from the facilities they host.</p> <p>The facility will be located in the South Marston Industrial Estate located in North East Swindon as shown in the the map below.</p>		



The immediate area around the facility is occupied by commercial and industrial units. The closest residential areas are Stratton, one mile to the South West and Stanton Fitzwarren, one mile to the North West. Both communities are represented by Parish Councils which hold regular meetings and issue community newsletters.

The Project Partners will provide information to local communities and schools to explain the Project and provide education on the benefits of the technology. This information will be disseminated through the channels set out in Section 5.2.3 of the Submission. The following will be of particular importance:

- Local community groups will be invited to visit the facility and its visitor centre.
- The website will contain information explaining the local impact of the project.
- Literature on the project will be made available to local communities through their parish councils and they will be provided with copies of the facility newsletter.

If a local community group wishes to receive additional information on the Project, the Project Partners will be happy to attend meetings and answer questions.

Overall, the impact of the Project on local communities will be relatively minor as there have already been a number of similar activities taking place in the area. However, the Partners hope that the environmental benefits and innovation of the Project will enthuse the local community.

Attachments