

# East Lothian Council likely to buy Cockenzie site

Scottish Power has confirmed that East Lothian Council is the preferred bidder to purchase the former Cockenzie Power Station site.



The demolition of the former power station was witnessed by many

Depute Council Leader Norman Hampshire said: “East Lothian Council believes that the former Cockenzie Power Station site presents an important opportunity for economic development and to meet the aspirations of local communities.

“News that we are Scottish Power’s preferred bidder is a positive step forward, although there remains work to do in order to confirm an agreement which enables the council to formally purchase the site. We are looking to progress this as quickly as possible and will provide further details in due course.

“We recognise the significance of the site and will ensure local communities continue to be involved and engaged.”

A ScottishPower spokesperson said: “The process to determine the future of the power station site has involved a wide range of detailed discussions. We can confirm that East Lothian council is the preferred bidder, and further talks will now take place to confirm the details of the sale. We will work closely with the council to conclude these discussions as

quickly as possible. ScottishPower has been part of the local community for over 50 years, and we have been working hard since Cockenzie closed to ensure the best outcome for the site.”