

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Galloper Wind Farm (GWF)
Meeting date	12 May 2011
Attendees (IPC)	Paul Hudson (Pre-App Commissioner) Mark Wilson (Case Leader) Jessica Potter (Case Leader) Owain George (Case Officer) Laura Allen (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Tim Hallam (Lawyer)
Attendees (non IPC)	Kate Tibble Adam Pharaoh Robert Gully Colin McAllister Julian Boswall (Burgess Salmon)
Location	IPC Offices, Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Project Update
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>1. Project Update</p> <p>GWF gave an update on the project. The application for development consent will include a new National Grid onshore compound which will be in addition to the compound for the proposed GWF onshore substation. The NG substation will relate entirely to the GWF project.</p> <p>GWF has revised its draft SoCC in light of the inclusion of National Grid assets and is now re-consulting on its content with the relevant Local Authorities, including those recommended by DCLG guidance. Formal public consultation under s.47 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') will therefore incorporate elements of National Grid assets as part of consultation on the Galloper wind farm proposal.</p> <p>GWF envisages that s.42 and s.47 consultation will commence in close succession, with an aim to achieve similar end dates. Key dates have yet to be publicised although dates have been arranged for public exhibitions for early June – GWF to keep the IPC informed of any publicity relating to these events.</p>
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There was a brief discussion about the draft Consultation Report and the IPC offered to share a copy of its draft Advice Note on this matter.

The Preliminary Environmental Information is currently being finalised in preparation for public consultation and is titled the Preliminary Environmental Report (PER). The IPC requested that a copy is submitted for reference. This PER will include reference to and consideration of National Grid assets.

GWF summarised the complicated history of the options considered for the GWF and National Grid substations, and explained that the final preferred location for both substations is adjacent to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Windfarm substation. Positive land negotiations are underway in respect of this site but in light of the timescales for submission of the application to the IPC, GWF advised that it is likely to seek compulsory acquisition powers within the application for development consent. GWF confirmed that both substation compounds were expected to use gas insulated switchgear.

GWF noted that they recently met with Suffolk County Council, National Grid and EDF to discuss development within the area, which is known as "Sizewell Vision".

GWF discussed issues relating to the connection from the proposed National Grid compound to the existing overhead lines, the need for sealing end compounds and potential extensions to the pylon arms. GWF confirmed that this element of the proposal has been incorporated into the revised SoCC, currently out for consultation.

GWF confirmed that the onshore cables connecting to and between the substation compounds would be installed underground.

2. Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

GWF discussed issues surrounding the Rochdale Envelope approach in light of the potential need for flexibility within the draft DCO for onshore elements, such as the footprint of the substations, which was directly related to proposed flexibility in the offshore elements of the scheme. GWF said that they were currently working up the draft DCO including the draft deemed Marine Licence.

GWF provided an overview for a proposed 'bridging document' which, when submitted as part of the application to the IPC, would identify and explain the relationship between the Environmental Statement and the draft Development Consent Order including the Rochdale Envelope approach in a succinct

	<p>way. The IPC recommended that should the document be submitted with the draft DCO, it would probably best be included as part of the explanatory memorandum. In due course GWF were to provide the IPC with a copy of this proposed draft document together with copies of the draft DCO and other draft application documents. .</p> <p>Other matters pertaining to the draft DCO were discussed, including the OFTO, consenting of National Grid's assets and deemed Marine Licence.</p> <p>GWF noted that work is ongoing in drafting the relevant Marine Licence to be deemed within the DCO. GWF is awaiting comments from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). GWF said that they were having an on-going series of meetings with the MMO. The IPC said that it will shortly be publishing a generic Advice Note about working with public bodies such as the MMO and an annex to this specifically dealing with the IPC's interactions with the MMO.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3. Habitats Regulations Matters</p> <p>GWF have recently met with JNCC and Natural England to discuss technical issues identified in the scoping opinion including Habitats Regulations matters. GWF are to submit a draft HRA screening report to the IPC imminently.</p> <p>IPC advised GWF to append any key correspondence from the nature conservation bodies consulted by GWF to the draft HRA screening report. GWF will provide a draft copy of the HRA Screening Report to the IPC to assist the IPC in understanding any potential habitats issues associated with the development prior to submission of the application. Where appropriate, the IPC will raise any key queries regarding the HRA Screening Report with GWF.</p> <p>In closing, GWF confirmed that the DCO application remains on course for submission to the IPC in quarter 3 2011, depending on the outcome of formal consultation.</p>
<p>Specific decisions/ follow up required?</p>	<p>GWF to keep IPC informed of any progress relating to public consultation.</p> <p>GWF to provide IPC with a copy of the PER when available <i>POST MEETING NOTE: To be provided as part of Section 46 notification.</i></p> <p>In due course GWF to submit a HRA screening report to the IPC as well as a draft DCO, and other draft application documents together with the proposed 'Bridging document'.</p> <p>IPC requested that a draft s.48 publicity notice be submitted for</p>

	<p>consideration.</p> <p>IPC requested a schedule of the application documents prior to submission in order that the acceptance process can run as smoothly as possible.</p> <p>IPC to provide GWF with a copy of the blank s.55 acceptance checklist to aid understanding of the acceptance procedure.</p> <p>IPC to provide a draft of its Advice Note relating to Consultation Reports.</p> <p>IPC to provide blank version of the IPC Acceptance Check List which is used by the IPC to assist determination of Acceptance of a project, to GWF.</p>
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