



Meeting note

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Attendees	Planning Inspectorate Chris White Kay Sully Hannah Pratt Karl-Jonas Johansson Horizon Nuclear Energy David Palmer Simon Butler
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees.

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Welcome and Introductions

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate continued by outlining its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

Project update

The Applicant explained that the optimisation process and design work is nearing an end. It therefore intends to undertake a third round of statutory consultation from 22 May for approximately 29 days (PAC3).

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to ensure that any potential new consultees resulting from the changes to the redline boundary had been both consulted with and had access to all three rounds of consultation material. The Applicant confirmed that

the changes had not resulted in any major changes to the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which it has sent to the Isle of Anglesey County Council for comment. The Inspectorate stressed the importance of giving the statutory consultees enough time to both digest the new consultation material and respond to the consultation and highlighted the concerns regarding timescales raised by National Resources Wales previously. The Applicant was advised to review its third round of consultation to ensure it complies with the PA2008 and to review its overall consultation using the s55 checklist.

It was confirmed by the Applicant that they will continue to do non-statutory consultation work after the third round of statutory consultation has ended and that this was covered in the SoCC.

The Applicant confirmed that some of the highways work would be dealt with under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA).

Scoping

The Applicant confirmed it would submit a shapefile on 11 April 2017 and the scoping request addendum on 13 April 2017. The Inspectorate reiterated that its advice note requests 10 working days between submission of a shapefile and a scoping request to allow sufficient time to identify consultees. The Inspectorate further advised that the redline boundary in the shapefile needs to match the one in the Scoping Report.

The Inspectorate reiterated its concerns that the timing of the scoping request would not allow for the Scoping Opinion and the scoping consultation responses to be taken into account in the production of the PAC3 material. It also raised concerns over consultation fatigue which could impact on the quality of the responses received from consultees. The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it is meeting Isle of Anglesey County Council on 12 April 2017 to discuss consultation.

Environmental Statement

The Applicant gave an overview of the proposed ES structure which would be similar to that submitted for the Hinkley Point C application in that there would be one ES volume per geographical area of works.

There would also be consideration of project wide effects (traffic and transport, socio-economics and materials) along with a cumulative effects assessment.

The Inspectorate queried what consideration would be given to the Welsh Government's proposal for a third road crossing of the Menai Strait within the ES. The Applicant confirmed that it would take the proposal into account in the cumulative assessment should sufficient information be made available. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant that should any further information on the third crossing become available post submission of the application, it is possible that an examining authority may query this during the examination. The Applicant was advised to review the Triton Knoll Electrical Systems in regards of the Viking link, where a similar situation arose.

Development Consent Order Deliverables

The list of Development Consent Order (DCO) deliverables was discussed. The Inspectorate advised against including the model provisions amongst the application documents as they have been repealed. The Inspectorate advised that the comparison to the model provisions could be covered in the Explanatory Memorandum (EM) and stressed the value of clearly justifying the articles and requirements in the EM for the Examining Authority.

The Applicant confirmed that all three scoping reports would be included in the application document suite.

The Applicant confirmed that it was complying with the Welsh Language scheme.

The Applicant was advised to use RAG Statuses in the SoCG and was advised to review the approach used for the Hinkley Point C Connector SoCGs and to include dates when parties had reached an agreement.

The Inspectorate confirmed that Gwynedd Council will not be a prescribed consultee for scoping because as a result of the Menai Strait, it does not adjoin the Isle of Anglesey County Council. However the Applicant confirmed it will agree a SoCG with Gwynedd Council, and have been consulting with Gwynedd Council.

Draft documents

The programme for draft documents will be discussed at the next meeting. The Inspectorate clarified that the draft document review was likely to be slightly longer than normal due to the volume of material for a project of this size.

Examination venues

The Inspectorate requested that the Applicant supply the Inspectorate with a list of venues used for the consultation so they could be assessed for suitability in preparation of any examination.

Submission date

The Applicant stated that they intend to submit this autumn, although will be dependent on the outcome of the third round of consultation. The Applicant was advised to keep both the Inspectorate and statutory parties updated on the submission date.

Any Other Business

The Inspectorate requested that the Applicant submitted a certified validation report with the draft DCO at submission and with the Applicants final draft DCO.

The Applicant was encouraged to produce a guide to the application along the lines of the one submitted by National Grid for the Richborough Connection and the Hinkley Point C Connection projects. The Inspectorate further advised the Applicant to treat the guide as a 'live' document during the examination and to use it to signpost when documents had been superseded.

The Inspectorate also advised the Applicant to use both the Inspectorate's reference numbers and the Applicant's in all documentations (when possible). It was also

requested that the Applicant accompany each examination submission deadline with a cover letter that list the documents submitted with a brief description of the content of the documents.

It was agreed that the Inspectorate and the Applicant would schedule monthly project meetings.

The Applicant separately requested a meeting to discuss a approach to the Rochdale envelope. No information was provided therefore the Inspectorate advised the Applicant to set out their proposed approach within their scoping request to give all consultees the opportunity to comment on the approach. The Applicant however considered it would not impact the scoping opinion. The Inspectorate requested that the Applicant provide a briefing note in advance of any meeting and that ultimately any approach taken should be justified in the application submission.

Post meeting note – A meeting has been arranged for 3 May 2017.

The Inspectorate reiterated its previous advice about giving all parties involved in the project more notice than has previously been given to ensure that any changes to the project can be adequately assessed.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

- The Applicant to confirm whether it has access to statutory instrument template and if it doesn't then to set this up (The Inspectorate can provide information as to how to do this).
- It was agreed to have the project programme as a standing item on the upcoming agenda.