

Meeting note

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Meeting Project update meeting

objectives

Attendees

Circulation All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Submission date

The Applicant confirmed that it intends to submit the application on 29 March 2018.

The Applicant agreed to consider moving the submission date forward to 28 March 2018 as it would allow for the Adequacy of Consultation letters to be issued to the relevant local authorities before Easter. The Inspectorate clarified that if the application arrived after 5pm the Acceptance period would start the following working day.

Project update

The draft documents are currently being reviewed by various statutory consultees, who are expected to send their feedback to the Applicant week commencing 4 December 2017. The Applicant and the consultees have commenced drafting

Statements of Common Ground (SoCG). The Applicant confirmed that it intends to submit a SoCG position statement with the DCO Application.

The Applicant stated that it did not expect any new issues to arise from the current review that could not be resolved before the application was submitted. It was further stated that the Applicant regarded this as a manageable risk.

The Applicant explained that the proposed development could have a significant effect on the Tre'r Gof SSSI, which is located in proximity to the Proposed Development. As a result, the Applicant has discussed the issue with Natural Resources Wales and has identified three potential compensation sites for habitat creation. The Applicant intends to include these sites within the draft DCO. The Applicant stated that it was close to agreeing terms with the owners of the land proposed to be used as compensation land. The Applicant raised the prospect of a targeted statutory consultation in January 2018; the recipients of which have not yet been decided, however would include the affected landowners. The Inspectorate questioned whether a targeted consultation was appropriate given the new land that was being introduced into the proposals. They advised that the Applicant would need to ensure all relevant parties had an opportunity to comment on this proposed change. Clear justification of the approach taken by the Applicant would need to be set out in the Consultation Report. The Applicant justified the approach by citing other projects that had extended its redline boundary, to which the Inspectorate noted that the compensation sites were not simply an extension of an existing redline boundary but introduced an entirely new area to the application site. The Applicant confirmed that the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC) was not aware of the intention to conduct further consultation. The Applicant was advised to discuss the consultation with IoACC and to explore if it would require a change to the Statement of Community Consultation. The Inspectorate iterated its previous advice regarding the need for the Applicant to allow enough time to incorporate and address any consultation responses into the application documents. The Applicant stated that it did not expect any new issues to arise from this and was therefore comfortable with the level of risk the consultation entailed.

Timetable

The Applicant's proposed draft examination timetables were discussed. The Inspectorate highlighted that the date for the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and Examination timetable is set by the ExA. The issues around having the Relevant Representations (RR) period during the summer holidays and the end of examination over the Christmas period were discussed.

The Applicant was advised not to assume that the input into the examination would slow down as the examination progressed and to take into account translation times when preparing documents or responding to submission.

The Applicant was advised that the length of the Pre-Examination period could be impacted by any section 51 advice issued post-Acceptance. The Inspectorate further advised the Applicant that, if they agreed to allow publication of the

application documents at submission this would provide an opportunity for Interested Parties to start reviewing the application sooner.

AOB

The Applicant confirmed it is working closely with National Grid to minimise impact on the local stakeholders with regard to potential workloads arising from the submission of the two applications.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

 The Inspectorate would arrange for a meeting between the Inspectorate's programme officer and the Applicant's logistics officer in preparation for hearing and PM venues and other considerations around logistics for examination.