

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	North Blyth Energy Ltd. (NBEL)
Meeting date	26 January 2012
Attendees (IPC)	Kath Haddrell (Senior Case Manager) Lynne Franklin (Lawyer) Nik Perepelov (Case Officer)
Attendees (non IPC)	Chris Lawson (NBEL) Richard Guyatt (Bond Pearce)
Location	IPC Offices, Bristol

Meeting purpose	To discuss the proposed North Blyth Biomass scheme
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>NBEL offered the following update on the progress of the scheme: NBEL intend to make an application for development consent on or around 1 March 2012. They remain in discussion with Natural England and the Environment Agency on ornithological matters and the matter of strengthening the sea wall at the site's access point. NBEL confirmed that they expect to have a generating licence no later than March 2012.</p> <p>NBEL noted differing approaches to the way in which defined terms are dealt with in deemed marine licences for two schemes recently accepted for examination by the IPC (in one case marine licence defined terms are included in the DCO interpretation article; in the other case the relevant definitions are in the marine licence). The IPC advised that, subject to the lawfulness of provisions, it is open to applicants to choose how exactly their draft development consent order (DCO) is drafted in consultation with the relevant statutory consultees. In particular, the Marine Management Organisation's (MMO) views (given the MMO's enforcement role in relation to the deemed marine licence) will be important.</p> <p>NBEL confirmed that they would be seeking advice from the relevant Department on acquisition of a certificate under s.127 of the Planning Act 2008. The IPC advised that information on this matter should be included within the application documents.</p> <p>The IPC advised that they would be unable to provide detailed comments on draft plans, but that NBEL may wish to look at published s.55 checklists to see how plans are reviewed at</p>
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	<p>acceptance.</p> <p>NBEL confirmed that a Habitats Assessment Report would be provided with the application.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	<p>NBEL to provide IPC with a copy of the draft consultation report and explanatory memorandum</p>
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Circulation List	<p>Attendees</p>