



## Meeting Note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>Navitus Bay Development Limited</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>12 December 2012</b>
<b>Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)</b>	<b>Susannah Guest (Principal Case Manager) Justin John (Lawyer) Hannah Pratt (EIA Advisor) James Bunten (Assistant Case Officer)</b>
<b>Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)</b>	<b>Marlene Biessy (Navitus Bay Development Limited) Daniel Bates (Navitus Bay Development Limited) Richard Guyatt (Bond Pearce LLP) Sarah Holmes (Bond Pearce LLP) Anthony MacNamee (Bond Pearce LLP)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Temple Quay House, Bristol</b>

<b>Meeting purpose</b>	<b>Project update and draft Development Consent Order (DCO) meeting</b>
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<b>Summary of key points discussed and advice given</b>	<p>The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) stated that a note of the meeting would be taken and would be published on National Infrastructure webpages on the Planning Portal under s51 of The Planning Act 2008 (as amended).</p> <p><b>Update on progress with scheme and recent announcements</b></p> <p>Navitus Bay Development Limited (NBDL) advised that following the announcement of the joint venture, new arrivals had joined the team in September 2012. NBDL highlighted that the key point of contact was still Helen Cassini.</p> <p>NBDL outlined the recent key changes to the proposal including moving the development boundary further away from the shore, a 35% reduction in maximum number of turbines from 333 to 218, a reduction in maximum turbine height to 200m, 12% reduction in the total area of seabed developed from 198km<sup>2</sup> to 175 km<sup>2</sup> and an 8% reduction in maximum overall capacity from 1200MW to 1100MW. The red line has been revised accordingly.</p> <p>PINS questioned whether the reduction of turbines was due to a reduction of the seabed to be developed or vice versa. NBDL noted they had responded to feedback, following consultation, from the public and Statutory Consultees. NBDL also stated that the recent changes would make it easier for</p>
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stakeholders to understand the proposal. PINS queried whether the new visualisations were available to view and whether they were illustrating the worse case scenario of the revised scheme. NBDL advised that they have uploaded new 3D modelling & photomontages illustrating the recent changes on their website and will have these available for the next round of public consultation in February 2013.

### **Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

NBDL stated they intend to produce an updated SoCC due to changes in the project description and boundaries. NBDL considered this a sensible approach.

### **EIA update**

NBDL noted that they are continuing work on the consultation process with workshops and face to face meetings with stakeholders and nature conservation bodies planned for early next year. NBDL advised they have scheduled a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) meeting with Natural England, MMO, JNCC, Environment Agency, CEFAS and RSPB in late January 2013 to discuss screening and methodology. NBDL will screen European sites located in the UK and other countries in order to inform any transboundary consultation they may undertake.

PINS confirmed that the only country to respond to the Secretary of State's transboundary consultation (under Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009) was the Netherlands, who did not wish to participate in the transboundary consultation procedure. PINS highlighted that the duty on the Secretary of State under Regulation 24 to consider transboundary impacts is ongoing.

NBDL confirmed the public exhibitions are scheduled for the first two weeks of February 2013.

NBDL stated they plan to have the draft Environmental Statement (ES) completed in late summer 2013. NBDL advised that key consultees, such as the Marine Management Organisation, may review specific chapters and noted they plan a s42 consultation in June 2013.

### **Tourism**

PINS noted the emails between Bournemouth Tourism and NBDL. NBDL outlined the consultation they have done with Bournemouth Borough Council and other local tourism bodies and advised that they are seeking to engage with them. NBDL also noted they have scheduled a Tourism Liaison Group meeting in January 2013 with the possibility of further monthly meetings to follow.

PINS noted the recent press attention of Dorset County Council's Local Impact Report (LIR) and the reported

	<p>potential for risk to the world heritage status of the Jurassic Coast. There was brief discussion about the members and role of the Jurassic Coast Group. NBDL are aware of the WHS designation and are addressing it in consultations and assessments. NBDL welcomed Dorset County Council's proactive approach in holding an LIR scoping meeting at this stage.</p> <p><b>Documents List</b>  NBDL advised that the document list is currently in draft form and will likely change. PINS advised that documents should not need to be duplicated if the information was contained within the Environmental Statement and highlighted that nothing seemed to be omitted from the documents list at this stage. PINS then enquired into the progress of the Statements of Common Ground (SoCG).</p> <p>NBDL advised that they are aiming to start work as early as possible on the SoCG, from June onwards. The draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum were discussed and NBDL noted that they will aim to be available in draft for June 2013.</p> <p>NBDL stated they are closely watching offshore wind projects such as Galloper and East Anglia and outlined that they have not greatly deviated from the Model Provisions.</p> <p><b>S52 and s53</b>  NBDL queried when the s52 notice will be issued. PINS advised it will be issued before Christmas. [The s52 was issued 14 December 2012.]</p> <p>In respect of potential s53 requests, NBDL indicated an anticipated submission date of late January 2013 for a maximum of 8 requests.</p> <p><b>Timetable for submission</b>  NBDL advised that they have scheduled submission for Q4 2013 and stated they have not yet started consultation on the cable route due to the unconfirmed substation location.</p> <p><b>Programme for further liaison</b>  NBDL outlined a schedule for upcoming PEI3, s42/48, HRA/transboundary and detailed drafting meetings along with general 3/4 monthly meetings. PINS agreed that the schedule would be helpful.</p>
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<b>Specific decisions/ follow up required?</b>	
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<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees
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