



Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Poole Borough & Purbeck District Council Elected Members and Officers
Meeting date	16 July 2012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Susannah Guest (Principal Case Manager) Mike Harris (Case Manager) Jack Wride (Assistant Case Officer)
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Borough of Poole Rebecca Landman Planning Officer Paul Cooling Carbon Reduction Manager Graeme Smith Carbon Reduction Assistant Sam Harris Student Cllr Charmaine Parkinson Cllr Graham Chandler Cllr Mike White Cllr Brian Clements Cllr Philip Eades Cllr Xena Dion Cllr May Haines Cllr Tony Woodcock Cllr Peter Maiden Purbeck District Council Bridget Downton Planning Manager Sylvia Leonard Planning Officer Cllr Drane Cllr Johns Cllr Lovell Cllr Marsh Cllr Pipe Cllr Tritte Cllr Webb Cllr Barnes Navitus Bay Development Limited Chris Sherringham Project Director
Location	Poole Civic Centre

Meeting purpose	An outreach event for local authority elected members to provide an overview of the application process for the proposed Navitus Bay Wind Park.
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate provided a presentation on the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) application process with particular focus on the roles and responsibilities of the relevant local authorities, and advice to members on how to engage and participate. The presentation is available alongside a copy of this meeting note.

Topics raised by attendees during and following the presentation were as follows:

Secretary of State

The final decision maker will be the relevant Secretary of State (SoS) for each particular Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). In respect of the Navitus Bay offshore wind farm proposal, the relevant SoS would be that for the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

Assessment of evidence

It was queried whether there is an equivalent of a planning committee stage within the NSIP process to discuss the evidence in public. Should an application be accepted, an independent Examining Inspector or Panel of Examining Inspectors will conduct an Examination of the proposal. The Examination process is conducted primarily through written representations, but if requested a number of hearings can be held. All the evidence that is submitted and is before the Examining Inspector is also available via the Planning Inspectorate pages on the Planning Portal. Once the Examining Inspector has reviewed all the evidence, they will write a recommendation report to the relevant SoS. The SoS will then issue their decision along with the Examining Inspector's report; the SoS will give reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with the Examining Inspector's recommendation.

Application Material

A query was raised in respect of the theoretical nature of the information currently available in respect of this project. The developer noted that a second version of the Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI2) has been recently published (including a non-technical summary) and that further consultation rounds are planned.

Relevant local authority

PA 2008 section 43 identifies different categories of 'local authority'. From the information currently available relating to the proposed onshore element of the Navitus Bay project, Poole and Purbeck would be identified as 'neighbouring' rather than 'host' authorities as no

	<p>development is on land in the authorities' respective areas. Neighbouring authorities have a statutorily defined role, including being invited to submit a Local Impact Report.</p> <p>Local Impact Report The Local Impact Report is a report giving details of the likely impact of the proposed development on an authority's area. The report should consist of a statement of positive, neutral and negative local impacts, but it does not need to contain a balancing exercise between positives and negatives.</p> <p>Should an elected member wish to make a representation in an individual capacity, they could register at Pre-examination stage as an Interested Party. They should ensure that they identify that the relevant representation is made in a personal capacity and not on behalf of the local authority. A local authority can also make a relevant representation at the Pre-examination stage.</p> <p>Drafting the Development Consent Order It was noted that under the Town & County Planning Act, the Local Planning Authority (LPA) draft the final report and conditions. A query was raised why the applicant under the PA 2008 regime appears to draft the Development Consent Order (DCO).</p> <p>An applicant must provide a draft DCO as part of their submission documents. It is this document that, if the scheme is granted consent, will determine what is built and operated. The draft DCO is subject to the examination process and all Interested Parties have the opportunity to comment upon its contents and effect.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	Presentation attached and published.
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Circulation List	All attendees