

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) and Bond Pearce (BP)
Meeting date	20 September 2011
Attendees (IPC)	Mike Harris (Case Leader) Jolyon Wootton (Assistant Case Officer) Sheila Twidle (EIA & Land Rights Manager) Tim Hallam (Lawyer) Paul Hudson (Pre-application Commissioner)
Attendees (non IPC)	Helen Thompson (SPR) Rick Campbell (SPR) John Houghton (Bond Pearce)
Location	IPC Offices, Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Project update meeting
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>The IPC advised on its openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the IPC's website under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.</p> <p><i>General Progress</i></p> <p>SPR provided an update on ongoing pre-application work. It was confirmed that consultation is progressing in relation to both onshore and offshore elements of the project. The outcome following issue of the IPC's Scoping Opinion and local consultation work is that a route for the onshore cable will be north of Ipswich; a narrower corridor will be defined and published in November 2011.</p> <p>It was confirmed that meetings are taking place with various stakeholders, including international fishing fleets and including monthly meetings with the MMO. It was confirmed that the RSPB are being treated by SPR as though they are a statutory body.</p> <p>It was advised that work on the Zonal development plan is also ongoing and that further detail, including provisional timetables for other projects within the zone, are likely to be published in March 2012.</p>
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Upcoming milestones include:

- Publication of Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) and start of section 42 consultation in February 2012;
- Submission of application in November 2012.

OFTO

National Grid is proposing overhead line works between Bramford and Twinstead. These works are not as a consequence of the East Anglia ONE project. The IPC recognise that two NSIPs are being developed in the same geographical location with similar timescales, though these projects are distinct from one another. EAOW are working through consultation to ensure that these projects are viewed as distinct locally.

Cable ducting for future projects

SPR presented two options for underground cable works (see annex to this note) with the purpose of discussing whether it would be possible to include cable ducts for future projects (within the zone) as part of the first DCO application. Given that SPR are proposing for these works to be associated development in relation to East Anglia ONE, the issue is whether the draft DCO for this project can provide for capacity in excess of that necessary for the submitted scheme in anticipation of subsequent projects which may come forward in this zone. SPR argued that there are strong practical advantages in doing this in avoiding extended construction activity and therefore reducing the impact on the environment and local people. SPR advised that the Local Authorities have offered support to this approach. SPR/BP outlined the potential scenarios, including the possible need to seek separate consents under the Town and Country Planning Act if it is not possible to include wider works in this DCO. There was also a discussion as to how to include detail within the PEI.

The IPC advised that it is for the promoter (taking their own legal advice) to define the proposed development, to satisfy themselves that these proposed works can properly be included in this draft DCO and can be clearly explained and justified within the Explanatory Memorandum. It was noted that, should ducts be included for future projects and it was necessary to compulsorily acquire land, it would be important to explain and justify this in view of, amongst other matters, the conditions set out in s.122 of the Act.

The IPC advised that DECC and DCLG are aware of this being an issue for such projects, and that guidance on this matter may be considered as part of a review of relevant secondary legislation/guidance currently being carried out by DCLG. Any new/revised DCLG guidance is likely to be published at the same time as proposed changes to the Planning Act 2008 come into force in the event of the Localism Bill being enacted.

HRA

SPR advised that they will have a draft screening/scoping document ready for a closed consultation with statutory nature conservation bodies in February 2012. Following this they will prepare a draft shadow AA report to be consulted with those same bodies at the time the draft ES is ready. SPR said that they would at the same time also be sending copies of these documents to the IPC.

The IPC agreed that this appeared to be a sensible approach and advocated the use of the checklists appended to Advice Note 10 - [link](#)

Transboundary Impacts

SPR advised that they are working with the promoter of the Hornsea and Dogger Bank zones to produce theoretical modelling of bird migrations with the intention of increasing understanding of possible transboundary impacts.

SPR advised that the East Anglia ONE area is used by Dutch and Belgium fishing fleets and therefore transboundary consultation is already underway.

The IPC advised that it is important to ensure that consultation within European states is undertaken at an appropriate level to ensure that the relevant bodies have been identified.

A further discussion was held regarding the timing of the IPC's process under Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations; it was advised that the initial stage with regards to member state notification would take place in the coming months. It was agreed that SPR provide the IPC with a transboundary screening note in accordance with Advice Note 12 that could be fed into this process.

PEI

SPR advised that they have agreed to consult statutory bodies for 42 days on their PEI/section 42 consultation.

The merits of a draft ES versus bespoke preliminary environment information for section 42 purposes were discussed. The IPC advised that ultimately it is up to the developer of a given project to decide what information is most relevant to provide to a particular consultee at the time consultation is conducted.

AOB

The timing of future meetings was discussed and it was agreed that it would be of assistance to meet to discuss progress and further drafts of the DCO. These are likely to be held in March/April/July 2012 and around 6 weeks prior to submission of an application (indicated to be November 2012).

Specific decisions/ follow up required?	SPR to invite the IPC to observe workshops with stakeholders to be arranged in respect of on and offshore works. IPC to provide SPR contact details for European bodies.
Circulation List	As per attendee list

Annex – SPR proposals for onshore cable ducting works

Diagram 1: Illustration of Potential Single Phase Construction

This diagram illustrates a single phase of construction for East Anglia ONE cables, together with enabling works (additional ducting) installed for future projects' cables. East Anglia ONE and future projects will each require up to 4 transmission cables to export power from the windfarm.

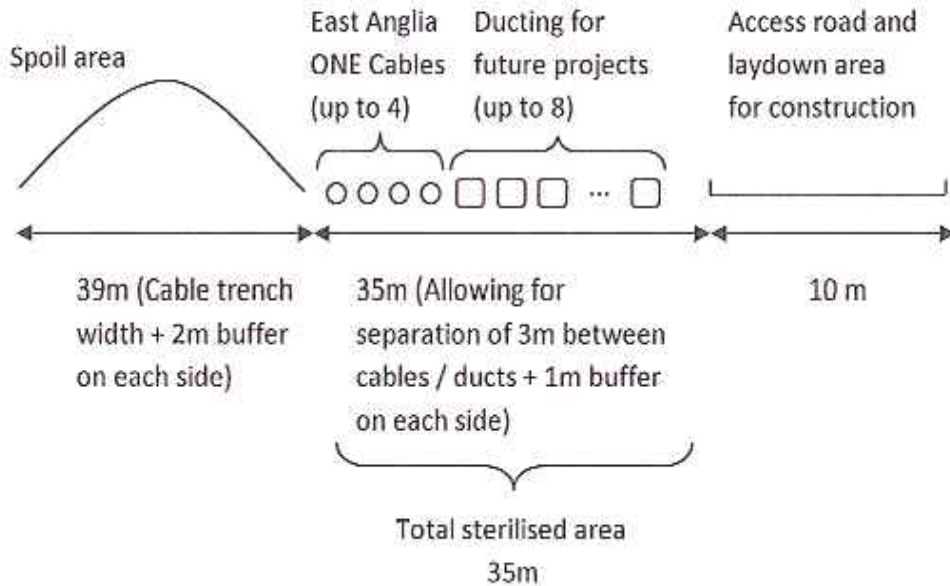


Diagram 2: Illustration of Potential Multiple phase construction

This diagram illustrates three projects of 1200MW each, constructed in consecutive phases, without enabling works being undertaken.

PHASE ONE (East Anglia ONE Cables)

