

Meeting Note

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Meeting with	ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) on behalf of East Anglia Offshore Wind (EAOW)
Meeting date	24 March 2011
Attendees (IPC)	Mike Harris (Case Lead) Tim Hallam (Lawyer)
Attendees (non IPC)	Helen Thompson (ScottishPower Renewables) Rick Campbell (ScottishPower Renewables) John Houghton (Bond Pearce)
Location	IPC Boardroom, Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Meeting to discuss draft Development Consent Order (DCO) provided by East Anglia Offshore Wind (EAOW)
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Summary of meeting	<p>The IPC advised on its policy of openness and that any advice provided in accordance with s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 would be placed on its website.</p> <p>On the subject of future advice notes the IPC advised that the Habitats Regulations Assessment note is imminent and commitment was given to circulate this on publication. With regards to the note on transboundary impacts it was noted that this will be published in the medium term and that progress updates regarding this will be provided when appropriate. Finally, the IPC updated on the schedule of other advice notes, specifically that dealing with working with other organisations. It was noted that Part 1 of this note will be published imminently and that organisation specific parts will follow in due course.</p> <p>EAOW provided an update on their proposed consultee workshop with JNCC, Natural England, MMO, CEFAS and others. The date was confirmed as 11th May in London and an invite was extended to the IPC to attend as an observer and if appropriate to provide a short presentation on its process at the start of the event. The IPC said that if it was able to attend this would purely be in an observational capacity and, were it to attend, the Commission would consider whether it would be appropriate to speak at the</p>
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workshop.

EAOW provided a brief project update:

- Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) expected September/ October 2011;
- DCO application expected to be submitted September/October 2012;
- OFTO works scoping request anticipated May 2011;
- Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) submitted to local authorities with 28 March deadline for responses and publication shortly after;
- Intention to hold a SoCC introduction event on 6/7 April to informally introduce the project (EAOW to provide the IPC with feedback of outcomes).

Discussion of the draft DCO was as follows:

- 1) Additional cable ducting – EAOW consider that given the logic of such works from an EIA perspective this could be viewed as associated development for the whole zone in accordance with the term “innovative development ideas” in paragraph 10 of the DCLG Guidance on Associated Development. The IPC noted this approach but pointed out that paragraph 10 of the DCLG Guidance concerned associated development that is related to the NSIP(s) subject of the DCO application. EAOW said that they would consider this point further. EAOW noted that specific details will be subject to further consideration as work on the project progresses towards the submission of an application. EAOW agreed to provide a document outlining approximate physical requirements of the additional cable ducting for the IPC’s information.
- 2) Clarity on parameters – EAOW confirmed that further parameters to those currently included in the draft DCO will be defined as work continues. EAOW noted that two major factors that are likely to affect decisions made about the project are supply chain constraints and an increased understanding of the sea bed conditions. On the latter point, continued survey work will ensure that the Environmental Statement is clear on the justifications for particular decisions. EAOW said that the draft DCO would be further refined in May 2011 and again in early 2012. The final parameters are, for example, likely to indicate a narrower range of turbine numbers and types and maxima/minima for other parameters as outlined in the draft DCO. EAOW also noted that it is possible that only one turbine foundation type

	<p>within each phase might be specified in the final draft DCO. With regard to any defined phases of the proposed development, EAOW acknowledged that it would be desirable for the draft DCO to provide clarity on turbine sizes for each phase. EAOW said that both a Land Plan and a Works Plan would be submitted for all elements of the proposed development, but in relation to the offshore works the latter is only likely to show the order limits not the layout of the array.</p> <p>3) Met masts – EAOW said that a Marine Licence would be sought from the MMO for a wind monitoring met mast prior to the DCO application being submitted to the IPC. This was likely to be sought in early 2012. There may also be a need for a further mast in the DCO application.</p> <p>4) Maintenance provision – EAOW acknowledged that as drafted this would allow an excessively wide range of works; the scope of maintenance works will be narrowed as work progresses and the draft DCO is further refined. EAOW also acknowledged that the proposed construction and maintenance provisions in the draft DCO needed to be separated out so that these were more clearly defined.</p> <p>With regards the other points in the recent IPC letter, EAOW acknowledged that further work is required to refine and clarify the wording relating to associated development and ancillary works so that this was clearer and more accurately describes the relevant matters once these are known. EAOW agreed that the scope of what was permitted (as associated development) by paragraph 3(1)(e) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the draft DCO would need refinement.</p> <p>EAOW said that the Marine Licence would most probably be deemed by the DCO. EAOW noted that they were starting to engage with the MMO and that a workshop to discuss proposed draft conditions would be held with the MMO and other relevant bodies later in 2011.</p>
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<p>Specific decisions/follow up required?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPC to forward Habitats Regulations Advice Note when published – completed post meeting; • The IPC will consider whether to attend and if so whether it is appropriate to speak at the May consultee workshop; • EAOW to provide outline requirements of additional onshore ducting for future projects; • EAOW to provide feedback on informal SoCC events; • EAOW to formally request sight of recent meeting
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