

**Issue Specific Hearing**  
**Socio-economic impacts including commercial fishing**  
**The Brighton Centre Syndicate Wing**  
**1 November 2013**

**Agenda**

**1. Chair's introduction**

**2. Draft DCO Version 4**

Update on proposed amendments to the provisions of the draft DCO relevant to socio-economic matters, drafted subsequently to the DCO hearing held on 28 / 29 August 2013.

Attendees need to ensure they bring copies of the following Development Consent Order documents:

- i) Comparison between Version 1 (March 2013) and Version 4 (October <sup>1</sup>2013) of the Development Consent Order.
- ii) Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO Version 3 October 2013

**3. Planning obligations and Planning Performance Agreements**

Progress on the two draft Planning Performance Agreements (PPA) and the legal agreements under s106 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning Act 2008, currently under discussion with South Downs National Park Authority and West Sussex County Council. This to include clarification of content relevant to socio-economic matters.

**4. Likely social and economic effects on the fishing industry**

Whether there is adequate assessment of the likely significant social and economic effects on the fishing industry, including benefits, during construction, operation and decommissioning stages of the proposal and the evidence upon which this assessment is based.

Clarification of the duration of the construction stage for different elements of the project.

Clarification of the management of impacts on fishing during the construction, operational and decommissioning stages.

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<sup>1</sup> Incorrectly entitled "Comparison between Version 1 (March 2013) and Version 4 (March 2013) of the development consent order" as submitted by the applicant

Consideration of whether the applicant has demonstrated, as set out in NPS EN-1 paragraph 4.2.2, how any likely significant negative effects would be avoided or mitigated including matters such as employment and local business, equality, community cohesion and wellbeing.

Specific arrangements to ensure that future fishing opportunities would not be impaired during export cable installation phase.

Consideration of the effect on Shoreham Port and vessels entering and leaving the port.

## **5. Effect on fishermen in Shoreham, Brighton, Worthing and Littlehampton**

Progress and content of the coexistence plan and Fisheries Liaison plan under discussion between the applicant and the Sussex Independent Fishermen Group.

Whether a mechanism has been agreed for securing and guaranteeing these plans and what that mechanism is.

Whether similar plans are under consideration with the Commercial Fisheries Working Group or others.

Specific arrangements to ensure that 'suitably certified and audited local fishing vessels will be invited to tender for conducting both scientific work and any guard ship work' (Sussex Independent Fishermen's Group Statement of Common Ground October 2013)

Consideration of the practicality of commercial and independent fishing within the wind farm following construction. This to include concerns about possible conflicts between the 'very large nomadic scallop dredgers' and smaller inshore vessels.

## **6. Community compensation**

Progress with establishing a community fund for full time commercial fishermen including the detail of that fund and how appropriate compensation would be achieved.

If the community fund is to be taken into account by the ExA, then this matter must be brought into the examination in a timely way. This is to enable the ExA to assess whether they meet the relevant tests as set out in NPS EN-1 paragraph 4.1.8 and to enable representations to be made by other parties if they so choose.

Whether community compensation of any other kind is under consideration by the applicant.

**7. Effect on existing business, including tourism-related, during construction and operation.**

Whether there is any evidence that is agreed that would indicate that existing businesses including tourism-related, would be affected positively or negatively by the proposals.

**8. Any Other Business**