



Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Palm Paper Ltd
Meeting date	15 November 2012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Katherine Chapman (Case Manager) Tracey Williams (Case Manager) Emma Fitzpatrick (Assistant Case Officer) Jack Wride (Case Officer) Laura Allen (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Hannah Pratt (EIA and Land Rights Advisor)
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	David Harvey (DHA Planning) Martin Page (DHA Planning) Anton Dollinger (Palm Paper Ltd) Guido Jost (PCU)
Location	The Planning Inspectorate Offices, Temple Quay House, Bristol.

Meeting purpose	Update and overview of the proposed scheme, proposed consultation strategy, The Planning Act 2008 and changes to the regime, anticipated timescales.
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>Palm Paper and DHA Planning were previously advised of the Planning Inspectorate's openness policy (that any advice given will be recorded and published on the web-site under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely).</p> <p>The applicant gave a presentation of the proposed scheme (see attachment).</p> <p>Background and Overview of the Proposed Scheme</p> <p>Palm Paper Ltd is a subsidiary of German company Papierfabrik Palm. The company operates a Palm Paper Mill in King's Lynn, Norfolk, which was granted planning permission in 2007 and came into operation in 2009. The nationally significant infrastructure project (NSIP) proposed by Palm Paper Ltd, is the construction and operation of a combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) plant within the Palm Paper Mill site, which will be named Palm Paper CCGT 3. It is intended to be the third CCGT plant operated by the group, with two others currently operating in Germany. The aim of the new CCGT is to provide energy for the existing paper mill and it is not intended to connect externally to the grid. Palm</p>
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Paper Ltd wants to reduce reliance on external energy providers and increase efficiency.

The site is near to the existing Centrica power station and also in close proximity to a proposed incineration project. The Palm Paper CCGT 3 plans to produce 55-60MW of electrical energy making it a NSIP. The height of the CCGT plant would be similar height to the present paper mill with a stack height of 70-80m approx.

Palm Paper Ltd currently has planning permission for an on-site sludge incinerator that would be located adjacent to the proposed CCGT plant.

Proposed Consultation Strategy

Palm Paper Ltd consulted with the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk planners in October 2012 on how best to undertake the wider consultation on the project in the local area. It is proposed that a project website will be initiated, public exhibition(s) held and meetings with parish councils in South Lynn.

It is expected that consultation on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) will be concluded before Christmas 2012 (taking into account the 28 day statutory time period under s.47 (3) of the PA 2008).

The Planning Inspectorate advised that it is the applicant's responsibility to consult with all prescribed consultees (as per s.42 of the PA 2008) and the developer must give a minimum response period of 28 days (s.45 of the PA 2008).

It was also highlighted that s.49 of the PA 2008 requires the applicant to take account of any relevant responses received at the formal consultation stage and demonstrate this in their Consultation Report that is submitted alongside the Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

EIA and Scoping

The Planning Inspectorate's scoping report was issued on 31 October 2012 and was based on the information submitted by Palm Paper Ltd at the time and responses from the prescribed consultees. The Planning Inspectorate informed Palm Paper Ltd that the Inspectorate's scoping opinion does not get updated on an ongoing basis. If an applicant wishes to obtain a revised scoping opinion, a new scoping request must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate highlighted to Palm Paper Ltd that the key issues which came out of the scoping process included:

- ensuring that the description of the site in the DCO clearly distinguishes between the description of the site in relation to the proposed CCGT site and the

wider Palm Paper Mill site

- the baseline year used for the EIA needs to be clearly identified and, where seeking to rely on studies undertaken in relation to the Paper Mill development, consultation should be undertaken with the relevant consultees to confirm that the baseline is still appropriate given the date of the ES undertaken for the Paper Mill development
- some elements of the proposed CCGT, in particular construction compounds, were described as being located within the area of land identified as the 'future production line' on the plans within the applicant's scoping report; any elements of the proposed development which are intended to be included within the DCO need to be within the plan identifying the land included within the DCO, and
- when considering the cumulative impact assessment, consideration needs to be given to assessment of existing permitted but not yet constructed projects, including the sludge incinerator and proposed projects including the proposed gas pipeline connecting to the CCGT, consent for which the applicant has identified would fall under a different planning regime.

Palm Paper Ltd indicated that they plan to meet the key statutory consultees that provided comments to the Planning Inspectorate on the scope of the proposed ES. The Planning Inspectorate advised that this engagement and any outcomes should be documented in the 'Consultation Report' that is submitted alongside the DCO application.

The Planning Act 2008 Process and Advice with particular regard to Changes in the Regime

The Planning Inspectorate advised on changes to the local authorities for consultation under s.43 PA 2008. The applicant was advised to consult widely as the project is a NSIP. The Planning Inspectorate can provide a link from the National Infrastructure website to the Palm Paper Ltd's website when launched.

The Planning Inspectorate highlighted the importance of notifying the Secretary of State under s.46 of the PA 2008, on or before formal s.42 consultation is undertaken, in order to meet the statutory requirement, and that there must be a minimum period of 28 days permitted for consultation.

The Planning Inspectorate informed Palm Paper Ltd that all NSIPs must abide by the statutory time periods set out within the PA 2008 and the accompanying legislation.

Advice was given to Palm Paper Ltd on the need for a thorough pre-application process and the benefits that this can have in examination.

	<p>The Planning Inspectorate advised that they encourage applicant's to send in draft documents, including a draft DCO, Consultation Report, Explanatory Memorandum, Book of Reference and relevant plans at least six weeks before formal submission of the DCO application. The Planning Inspectorate, where resources permit, can give technical advice on draft documents, but does not comment on merits.</p> <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Palm Paper Ltd expects to start formal consultation in Q1 2013.</p> <p>Submission of the application to the Secretary of State is envisaged to be Q3 2013.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Planning Inspectorate to review the statement of community consultation for the applicant. • Continual contact between local authorities, The Planning Inspectorate and the applicant is desirable.
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Circulation List	All attendees.