



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Forewind Ltd
Venue	Conference Room 3, Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	Forewind Chris Nunn (Teesside Project Manager/Onshore EIA Manager) Andrew Guyton (Teesside Consents Manager) Julie Drew (Teesside EIA Offshore Manager) Martin Goff (Teesside Offshore Project Developer) Planning Inspectorate Jessica Powis (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Jackie Anderson (Case Manager) Lynne Franklin (Legal Manager) Sheila Twidle (Head of Environmental Services) Ruth Jones (Assistant Case Officer)
Meeting objectives	Provide an update to the Planning Inspectorate on pre-application activities for Dogger Bank Teesside A&B and Dogger Bank Teesside C&D
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) explained its openness policy and the commitment to publishing any advice under Section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act).

Statutory consultation update

Forewind Ltd began the meeting by handing over a copy of a number of consultation documents. These documents consisted of everything that was being issued to all consultees for the second (and final) round of statutory consultation. Forewind informed the Inspectorate that the consultation exercise covered all consultees, specifically:

- s42 consultees
- Additional non-prescribed consultees with a technical interest (e.g. RSPB)
- Local authorities (s43)
- Landowners, those with an interest or right to claim (s44)
- Fisheries consultees
- Local community (in line with SoCC/updated SoCC) (s47)

- General public (s48)

Forewind highlighted that the documents were sent out on the same day as the meeting (29 October) in preparation for 4 November, which is the beginning of the second phase of statutory consultation regarding this project. This phase would continue for 47 days (35 of which are working days) until the deadline of 5pm on 20 December 2013. During the consultation period, Forewind will be holding public exhibitions locally and briefing the council's Planning Committee.

Forewind stressed that there would be no extensions to this deadline, due to the longer than required consultation period provided and the amount of time that they will then have to process the responses before their planned submission date.

Consultation Documents

The documents consisted of a covering letter, which also included indicative onshore and offshore plans. Forewind explained that, for the consultation stage, they intended to keep the plans relatively simple; clearly showing the scope of the proposed development.

Also included were two DVDs; DVD 1 was issued to all consultees, and DVD 2 was issued primarily only to s42 consultees and the Inspectorate, but to the other non-prescribed consultees on request. DVD 1 consisted of:

- Draft ES (including plans and maps)
- Non-technical summary
- Draft HRA Report
- Community Consultation summary

DVD 2 consisted of:

- Draft DCO
- Draft Planning and Design Statement
- Draft Code of Construction Practice
- Draft Grid Connection and cable details statement
- Draft Statutory Nuisance Statement
- Draft Decommissioning Statement
- Draft Safety Zone Statement

Forewind drew attention to the fact that the Redcar & Cleveland Local Plan is now at the consultation stage. The Inspectorate enquired whether Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council have made specific provision for the Dogger Bank Teesside projects within their Local Plan. Forewind stated that although there was no specific reference to the project, there were also no policies which created any conflict with the project. Local Plan objectives, especially in regards to job provision and training, were considered to be supportive of the project.

Application submission programme

Forewind confirmed that they were still planning to submit their DCO application to the Inspectorate at the end of Quarter 1 2014. The Inspectorate highlighted as a reference point that Dogger Bank Creyke Beck would be likely to be in the examination phase at that time. Forewind stressed the independence of the two projects, and highlighted that they would both progress at their own rates unless there are any very major and unexpected issues which arise.

Draft Development Consent Order

There was a discussion which highlighted that the DCO for Dogger Bank Teesside A&B would have a number of similarities to the DCO of Dogger Bank Creyke Beck, and that best endeavours will be made to ensure any relevant comments from the Creyke Beck examination, which were not site-specific, could be reflected into the Teesside A&B draft DCO where time allows. The Inspectorate suggested to Forewind that an informal document, perhaps provided as an annex to the Explanatory Memorandum, which presented a commentary of the differences between the draft DCOs for Creyke Beck and Teesside A&B, could assist the Inspectorate's case team during the acceptance stage.

Other draft documents

Forewind enquired what level of feedback they would receive from the Inspectorate on their draft application documents prior to submission. Due to the size, the Inspectorate informed Forewind that it would be unlikely that they receive feedback in regards to the draft Environmental Statement. However, the Inspectorate would be able to review a draft DCO, Explanatory Memorandum, Consultation Report, HRA Report and compulsory acquisition documents if they were provided in good time before submission.

It was agreed that Forewind would provide as many of the above draft documents to the Inspectorate in January 2014, together with a draft suite of works plans and land plans. The Inspectorate advised that it would carry out a pre-acceptance review, and then feedback to Forewind and advise on the areas which may require improvement prior to submission. It was agreed that a face-to-face feedback meeting would be held in late January 2014.

In terms of Habitats Regulations Assessment, the Inspectorate recommended that Forewind make use of the tables within Advice Note 10 for their Habitats Regulations Assessment, and that it should also be one single document for both the onshore and offshore elements. The Inspectorate advised that there should be inclusion within the document which states when there has been disagreement with Statutory Nature Bodies, and demonstrate this by providing the reason and any evidence for this disagreement.

Forewind discussed their first draft Consultation Report which would be provided in January. The Inspectorate suggested that it need not be fully completed; even just an outline structure would be useful. The more detailed the draft report, the more specific the Inspectorate could be in its review and advice. The Inspectorate suggested that a list of the application documents would also be useful to aid understanding of the size and scale of the forthcoming application.

There was a brief discussion about the requirements under s138 of the Planning Act 2008. The Inspectorate advised that evidence that the tests under s138 have been satisfied should form part of the Statement of Reasons.

EIA Offshore

Forewind informed the Inspectorate of how the Environmental Statement (ES) would be structured and presented a list showing the chapters and the topics covered. Forewind also commented that these mirrored the chapters and topics of the ES for Dogger Bank Creyke Beck. There was some discussion of the possible impacts of the

project, and proposed mitigation measures, particularly in relation to Marine and Coastal Ornithology, Marine Mammals and Commercial Fisheries.

EIA Onshore

Forewind explained its emerging findings in relation to the likely effects of the scheme within the proximity of the converter stations and proposed mitigation.

Forewind informed the Inspectorate that they have had a high level of consultation and involvement from the local councils and authorities, including statutory bodies such as the Highways Agency and the Environment Agency.

The Inspectorate advised that Forewind provide a table with their application illustrating how and where all ES mitigation on- and offshore, including embedded mitigation) had been secured in the draft DCO.

Dogger Bank Teesside C&D

Forewind briefly updated the Inspectorate that the Dogger Bank Teesside C&D project is also progressing forward. The Inspectorate confirmed with Forewind that the project page specifically for this project on the Infrastructure website would be created following the meeting. The anticipated submission date for this application is currently Quarter 1 2015.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

Forewind to prepare further revisions and first drafts of documents (e.g. DCO, Explanatory Memorandum, works and land plans, Consultation Report, draft HRA, draft compulsory acquisition documents) to be submitted to the Inspectorate for review in early January 2014.

The Inspectorate to provide feedback to Forewind on the draft documents at a meeting toward the end of January 2014.