

Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm

Project Two

Onshore European Protected Species Licence: Statement of Compliance

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Good Afternoon Ben,

Following on from our earlier discussion regarding the Onshore EPS licence please can you confirm the following approach is correct for Project Two:

- There is currently no requirement for SMart Wind to apply for an Onshore EPS Licence.
- NE will issue a Letter of Comfort to SMart Wind subject to review of the submission documents for Project Two

I look forward to receiving your confirmation,

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: NE working document Update
Apologies, attached is the NSIP EPS guidance referenced in the e-mail below.
Kind regards,
Ben

From: Lander, Ben (NE)
Sent: 05 November 2014 15:51
To: 'Sophie Hartfield'
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Subject: RE: NE working document Update
Good afternoon Sophie,

Thanks for the update regarding the documents that have been uploaded on the Sharepoint page.

Regarding the EPS Licence for terrestrial aspects of the project, as discussed on Friday 24th October during the telecom, there is no requirement for SMart Wind to formally apply for a European Protected Species (EPS) Licence at the time of the formal application to PINS this November. For Project 1 Natural England's advice was that given no EPS's have been found during surveys of the onshore cable route to date then there is no requirement for a licence at this time, but may be dependent on the results of pre-construction surveys. As the surveys used to inform Project 1 are still valid then Natural England are content that the same approach is appropriate.

In addition to this advice, it is understood that as Smart Wind are looking to commission further surveys of the onshore cable route in the preconstruction period; given the inherent risk of conducting further surveys with possible detection of EPS's and subsequent requirement for an EPS Licence in the future, it may be prudent to submit a draft European Protected Species Licence application and supporting information. This would allow Natural England to issue a 'Letter of Comfort', provided it is deemed appropriate to do so by the EPS Licensing team. Please attached our up to date NSIP EPS Licensing Guidance.

It is at Smart Wind's discretion as to whether you wish to submit a draft Licence application and seek a 'Letter of Comfort'. It is noted that this is not the approach used for Project 1, and that surveys to date have not shown European Protected Species to be present. Natural England are content with the approach used for Project 1, in that an EPS Licence is not considered to be required based on the latest available survey results, but that Smart Wind will apply for a licence in the future should forthcoming surveys indicate EPS presence, but considered it worth flagging that there is a means of managing out risk to the project should EPS's be detected in forthcoming surveys, no matter how small that risk is. It is therefore up to the you as the developer whether you wish to seek a formal 'Letter of Comfort' or are content that there is minimal risk that future surveys will differ from those already completed, and also in the likelihood of obtaining an EPS Licence should this be the case.

Please let me know if you wish to discuss this further,
Kind regards,
Ben