

# East Anglia THREE project update

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Meeting with	East Anglia Offshore Wind Ltd (EAOW)
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	<u>Planning Inspectorate</u> Kenneth Taylor (Infrastructure Planning Lead)
	<u>EAOW</u> Keith Morrison (Senior Project Manager) Holly Cartwright (Assistant Project Manager)
Meeting objectives	Progress update
Circulation	All

# Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised on its openness policy and that a note of the teleconference would be placed on our website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

## Project update

The applicant outlined recent progress with the project. The review/updating of the documentation was on target for the submission of the application. Draft documents were being submitted to the Inspectorate in line with the previously submitted timetable, with the Development Consent Order and updated Explanatory Memorandum to be submitted later on the day of the teleconference and the remaining documents by Friday 25 September.

The applicant is in the process of finalising any outstanding responses to the individuals who had made representations through the S42, and S47 consultations.

The applicant has a meeting arranged with the Marine Management Organisation and Natural England.

An Evidence Plan Steering Group meeting was planned for 20 October (to be chaired by the Inspectorate) with the aims of the meeting to seek sign off for the pre-

submission evidence plan process and review progress with Statements of Common Ground (SoCG).

## **Statements of Common Ground**

The applicant still intends to submit as many SoCGs as possible with the application. It was likely that in some cases there would be areas where work would need to be progressed after the submission of the application, with updated SoCGs submitted as necessary. The Inspectorate advised that the submission of SoCGs with the application was helpful, even where areas of work/discussion would be progressed after submission. The Inspectorate further advised that it is helpful if any areas where there was disagreement between the parties are clearly set out as this helps the Examining Authority (ExA) to be aware of these areas of disagreement at an early stage.

#### **Draft Documents review meeting**

A draft documents feedback meeting between the applicant and the Inspectorate was arranged for 15 October. The applicant was due to seek an alternative venue due to the number of potential attendees.

Where possible the Inspectorate would seek to provide written feedback on documents in advance of the meeting.

#### Submission of the application

The applicant confirmed that the target submission date remained 18 November.

The Inspectorate confirmed that the Case Manager will be Kay Sully (KS). KS will be involved in the review of the draft documents. All communications relevant to the submission of the application and following submission should be sent to KS as well as the project email (EastAngliaThree@pins.gsi.gov.uk).

The applicant confirmed it was in the process of arranging for the payment of the fee. Details to be emailed to KS in due course.