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# Project update meeting for East Anglia THREE and FOUR

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<b>Meeting with</b>	East Anglia Offshore Wind (Scottish Power Renewables (SPR)/Vattenfall)
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Planning Inspectorate</b> Ken Taylor (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Katherine Chapman (Case Manager) Philippa Davey (Assistant Case Officer) Hannah Pratt (Senior EIA Advisor) Marie Evans (Senior EIA Advisor) <b>East Anglia Offshore Wind</b> Keith Morrison
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Update on East Anglia THREE and FOUR wind farms
<b>Circulation</b>	All

## Welcome and Introductions (all)

Following introductions, the Planning Inspectorate (The Inspectorate) advised on its openness policy and that any advice given would be recorded and placed on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal 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.

## Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

### Project update: East Anglia THREE

The applicant gave an overview of the project which is at an advanced stage in the development process. The options being progressed for assessment purposes for the wind farm are a 2 x 600MW phased approach and a 1 x1200MW continuous approach, project. The route of the onshore cable corridor was discussed. Ducting for the EA3 (and 4) projects were consented as part of the EA1 project and will be laid at the same time as the cable route is laid for EA1. It was initially envisaged that the cables for the EA3 project would be pulled through in a single phase. However if the EA3 project is built out in two phases it is possible that cables for each phase would be pulled through separately. There is the potential that such an approach could increase the disturbance faced by landowners and residents living in close proximity to cable route corridor. The Inspectorate recommended a focused consultation on phasing for

the landowners/occupiers situated along the cable route in order to ensure that those that could be affected were aware of the potential change from the approach previously consulted on. The Inspectorate agreed to consider this matter further; however, the initial view was that a focused consultation on this would minimise the risk that pre-application consultation would be considered inadequate.

It is currently anticipated that the application for the EA3 project will be submitted in November 2015. The applicant discussed the timescales to which they will be working to submit draft documents to the Inspectorate before this period. The Inspectorate advised that the draft documents should be submitted as early on as possible to allow time for the Inspectorate to review before submission of the application and for the applicant to action any comments to further refine the documentation. The Inspectorate recommended looking at previous offshore wind farm DCOs for an example of phasing in a DCO.

The Inspectorate and the applicant agreed that monthly communication would be useful to keep the Inspectorate updated on progress.

The applicant provided an update on the consultations undertaken to date and the current progress with the assessments for EIA and HRA. Evidence Plan meetings were held in 2014 and these will recommence in April/May 2015. The Inspectorate enquired about any transboundary consultation the applicant may have undertaken. The applicant advised that the following countries have been contacted: Belgium, Netherlands, France, Germany, Norway and Sweden. These were contacted using the details provided on the Espoo website. The applicant has also met with fishing organisations in other member states. To date only the Netherlands have expressed an interest in the project.

The applicant will aim to submit Statements of Common Ground with the application in November 2015 to aim to provide clarity on any agreement reached with Statutory Parties. The Inspectorate approved of this proposed approach, which may aid with reducing the additional information the Examining Authority may need to seek through written questions during examination.

#### Project update: East Anglia FOUR

EA4 will have similar characteristics to EA3. The options are being considered with an outcome anticipated during March 2015. EA4 is not yet at the section 42 consultation stage. The applicant explained that there would be separate project teams for EA3 and EA4 and EA4 is being predominantly led by Vattenfall.

The anticipated submission period for this project is Q4 2016.

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#### Project update: East Anglia ONE

The Inspectorate and the applicant discussed the process for dealing with potential amendments to the EA1 project. The Inspectorate explained the process on how to apply for a non-material amendment application.