



## Meeting Note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>SSE</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>22 March 2013</b>
<b>Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)</b>	<b>Oliver Blower (Case Manager) Tracey Williams (Case Manager) Will Spencer (EIA Advisor) Emma Fitzpatrick (Assistant Case Officer)</b>
<b>Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)</b>	<b>Andrew Scott (SSE) Andrew Wooddisse (URS – Planning Advisor) Neil Titley (URS – Environmental) Richard Lowe (URS)</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>N/A – Conference Call</b>

<b>Meeting purpose</b>	<b>Project Update</b>
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<b>Summary of key points discussed and advice given</b>	<p><b>Project Update</b></p> <p>The applicant is currently in the process of organising two stages of consultation which will incorporate the S.42/S.47 consultation with statutory consultees and the community. At present, the applicant is engaging informally with local authorities relevant to the project (South Gloucestershire Council and Bristol City Council) with a view to formalising the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) shortly and will provide 28 days for local authorities to comment on this document.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate advised that they can provide comments and advice on draft SoCC's and that other applicants have submitted their SoCC's to the Inspectorate at the same time as to local authorities and allowed all parties 28 days for comment.</p> <p>The applicant envisages collating the preliminary environmental information at the end of the summer, by which time 6 months of environmental assessment will have been concluded.</p> <p>The applicant is currently on course for their intended DCO submission to The Planning Inspectorate in Q1 2014.</p> <p><b>Habitats Regulations</b></p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate drew attention to Advice Note 10 and the need for the applicant to satisfy the requirements of</p>
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the Habitats Regulations. The Planning Inspectorate noted that the submission of an HRA Evidence Plan is not mandatory but that these can be helpful to ensure sufficient information is provided with an application.

### **Draft Carbon Capture Readiness Report/Draft Best Available Technology Report**

Accompanying the DCO application the applicant will submit a carbon capture readiness report and best available technology report.

Before submission the applicant is intending to share the draft structure of these reports with key stakeholders and statutory consultees.

The Planning Inspectorate advised that when undertaking discussions with statutory consultees and local authorities in pre-application it can be beneficial to consider statements of common ground (SoCG) and letters of comfort as they can often be requested during examination by the Examining authority.

### **Rochdale Envelope**

It is common for applicants to consider using the Rochdale envelope and SSE anticipate engaging with potential suppliers after the DCO application is formally submitted. The applicant is seeking to use the flexibility the Rochdale envelope can provide with regard to the design aspects of the project.

The applicant was aware of advice note 9, available on The Planning Inspectorate's website which provides guidance on the Rochdale envelope.

The Planning Inspectorate recommended that when considering an approach to take with the Rochdale envelope, the applicant ensures meaningful consultation can be executed by having enough elements of certainty where possible about the project.

The applicant noted that the environmental statement would need to consider 'reasonable worst case scenarios' and make sure there was enough detail to allow the project description to be clear and understandable. The Planning Inspectorate advised that consultation with the relevant local authorities can assist in determining whether the project description is sufficiently clear.

### **Development Outside the Scope of DCO**

The applicant sought advice on grid connections and the role

	<p>of associated development within DCO applications.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate drew attention to DCLG Guidance: Associated development: applications to the Infrastructure Planning Commission.</p> <p>The Planning Inspectorate requested that the applicant formalised any detailed request for advice in writing to ensure that the query was fully understood so that correct, relevant, informed and timely advice could be given.</p> <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
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<b>Circulation List</b>	All Attendees