



## Meeting note

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<b>Date</b>	16 April 2015
<b>Meeting with</b>	North London Heat and Power Project
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconference
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Planning Inspectorate (PINS)</b> Tom Carpen (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Stephanie Newman (Case Manager) Melanie Bischer (Consents Service Unit) Will Spencer (EIA Advisor) Emma Cottam (EIA Advisor) <b>Applicant</b> Euston Ling (NLWA) Ursula Taylor (NLWA) Nicola White (Arup) Ben Stansfield (Stephenson Harwood)
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project update
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees.

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The applicant provided an update on the progress made since the previous meeting regarding water use, abstraction and discharge, in response to a request from PINS at the previous meeting for more information. The applicant advised that the worst case scenario would be incorporated into the assessment for all parameters (including quantity of water to be abstracted, used, and discharged).

The applicant advised that they are currently preparing a Habitats Regulations Assessment. PINS agreed to review a submission on level of agreement with statutory bodies and decision justifying submission of a No Significant Effects Report.

The applicant updated PINS on their consideration of alternatives. The Environmental Statement would provide a narrative of the processes undertaken to refine the project and the various options considered, which led to the decision to locate the proposed development at the proposed site. PINS confirmed their support for this approach in principle and directed the applicant to the requirements of the EIA Regulations in respect of alternatives. Without prejudice to any decision made under section 55 of

the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008) or by the Secretary of State on any submitted application, PINS advised that the issue of alternatives has been raised in other examinations (e.g. Thames Tideway Tunnel). The applicant agreed to provide PINS with a short note detailing their approach to the consideration of alternatives.

Regarding the outreach event planned for 10 June 2015, the applicant agreed to provide PINS with a contact list of possible attendees. PINS confirmed that invitations would be sent out quickly to firm up numbers as soon as possible.

The applicant reported on discussions with the Environment Agency about environmental permitting. They confirmed that they intended to apply for their environmental permit(s) in September 2015 to allow twin-tracking with their application for development consent. On this basis, the Environment Agency indicated that it was possible that they would reach the draft decision stage on the application by April / May 2016.

An update on the submission date was also provided by the applicant, with submission likely to be in late September or early October 2015.

### **Specific decisions / follow up required**

Due to staff absence, PINS agreed to provide the applicant with an alternative date for the telecom scheduled for 21 May 2015.