



Meeting note

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Venue	N/A
Attendees	Planning Inspectorate Tom Carpen (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Karl-Jonas Johansson (Case Officer) Emma Cottam (EIA Advisor) Oliver Lowe (Consents Service Unit) Mel Bischer (Consents Service Unit) Applicant David Beadle (NLWA) Euston Ling (NLWA) Ursula Taylor (NLWA) Nicola White (Arup) Anita Kasseean (Stephenson Harwood)
Meeting objectives	Project update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Introduction

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) outlined its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the applicant (or others) can rely.

Actions from last meeting

It was agreed that a new contact for the Statutory Instrument template would be provided to the Inspectorate so that PINS could re-issue the template to the applicant (due to technical difficulties on the PINS system, the template could not be previously accessed by the applicant).

Update on Phase 1 Consultation

The applicant informed the Inspectorate that they were still analysing the data from the Phase 1 Consultation and that their initial analysis had not uncovered any major issues. Updates will be provided at the round table meeting and at the meeting scheduled for 26 March. It was agreed that the applicant would contact the Inspectorate if any major issues came out of the consultation.

Design development since last meeting

The applicant informed the Inspectorate that while design refinements are on-going, there have been no major changes to the design since the presentation on 11 December 2014. The Inspectorate expressed an interest in any design refinements which may arise from the Phase 1 Consultation. The applicant responded that whilst it was currently too early for this to be determined (as it was still working through Phase 1 consultation responses), an update will be provided at the next meeting.

Provision of heat

It was confirmed that the project will be able to provide district heating but that the necessary pipeline corridors for the project have yet to be finalised. The applicant advised that the application will be accompanied with a letter of Indication of Interest (to buy the heat), from the London Borough of Enfield.

The Inspectorate advised the applicant that Combined Heat and Power requirements are set out in paragraphs 2.3.2-2.3.3 of the National Policy Statement EN2, and that the applicant should also provide information with the application to demonstrate that it was technically able to provide the waste heat. The Inspectorate agreed to provide further advice on the information that may be required by an Examining Authority, should the application be accepted for examination.

Round Table Meeting

It was agreed that the round table meeting will take place on 18 March 2015 and that the Inspectorate will chair. The stakeholders identified by the applicant will be requested to send agenda items to the Inspectorate, who will issue the agenda.

The meeting is proposed to be divided into two sections. The first part of the meeting will be a presentation by the Inspectorate on the application process, followed by a project update from the applicant. The second part is intended to be a round table discussion involving stakeholders to cover any issues on the project which the applicant may be able to address at the pre-application stage. The Inspectorate will be the impartial facilitator and it will be for the applicant and stakeholders to consider how to address any issues arising. However, the Inspectorate may be able to advise on how issues have been considered on other applications and give advice in relation to the National Policy Statements.

Governance

The Inspectorate confirmed that they have received the North London Waste Authority governance chart requested in order to demonstrate how any decision making

responsibilities in relation to planning were separate from responsibilities for promoting this project. The Inspectorate confirmed it had no comments on the chart.

Late Responses to EIA scoping

The applicant informed the Inspectorate that they have received two late scoping responses; from English Heritage and the Greater London Authority. The Inspectorate confirmed that no other late responses have been received.

Non-planning consents

It was agreed that the Consents Service Unit would send the applicant some additional information in relation to the non-planning consents that may be required in addition to the Development Consent Order (DCO). The applicant and the Consents Service Unit will also set up a separate meeting to discuss the non-planning consents needed. An update on non-planning consents will be presented by the applicant at the next face to face meeting on 26 March 2015.

Programme

The applicant confirmed that the application is still on track for submission to the Inspectorate in September 2015, unless the consultation process uncovers any issues which impact on the project timescales. The applicant advised that the second phase of consultation will commence on 18 May 2015 and run for 6 weeks.

The applicant informed that they are as yet unsure whether any compulsory acquisition (CA) of land will be required and that this will be confirmed in a future meeting. The Inspectorate advised that if CA is required, then they would like to review the draft documents including the Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons.

The Inspectorate briefed the applicant that the acceptance test under s.55 of the PA 2008 was amended by the Localism Act 2011 to include a test that the application including accompaniments must be of a standard that is satisfactory to the Secretary of State. In practice, the Inspectorate considers whether, when looking at applications as a whole, the application is of a standard that can be examined within the 6 month maximum timescale or whether there are a number of deficiencies across all documents that may require more time. If the latter is case then there is a risk the application would not be accepted. The Inspectorate encouraged the applicant to ensure it had sufficient time in its programme to allow for a draft documents review by the Inspectorate

AOB

The applicant was advised to check that the definition of the development was consistent between the DCO, the Works Plans and the Environmental Statement.

The Inspectorate confirmed that their comments on the applicant's technical note (proposed approach to the assessment of cumulative effects) would be sent by 24 February 2015.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

- The applicant is to send the new contact name for the Statutory Instrument template to the Inspectorate.
- The Inspectorate is to investigate how other projects have handled providing heat to district heating networks.