



Meeting note

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Meeting with	North London Heat and Power Project
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Tom Carpen (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Stephanie Newman (Case Manager) Melanie Bischer (Consents Service Unit) Will Spencer (EIA Advisor) Emma Cottam (EIA Advisor) Applicant David Beadle (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:

This meeting centred on discussions surrounding:

- Actions since the last meeting (held on 16 April 2015) and the publication of [section 51 advice by PINS to the applicant on 24 April 2015](#);
- Queries concerning the applicant's section 42 consultation materials;
- The outreach event organised by PINS scheduled for 10 June 2015;
- Review of draft application documents by PINS.

Issue specific discussions

PINS enquired about the applicant's rationale behind their intentions to include decommissioning and demolition of the existing Energy from Waste Facility as associated development within the draft Development Consent Order (DCO). The applicant confirmed that this was in order to provide clarity to third parties of the fact that the facility is being replaced and that there is no intention to operate both facilities at the same time following commissioning. The applicant noted that this rationale fits with the principle set out in the [DCLG Guidance on associated development applications for major infrastructure projects](#) which states that a

development can be considered associated if it helps to address the impacts of the principal development. PINS suggested that the applicant look at the approach taken in the [draft DCO for the Internal Power Generation Enhancement for Port Talbot Steelworks application](#), which also includes provisions relating to the decommissioning of the existing plant. PINS advised that, as this application is currently in examination, the examining authority and the Secretary of State had not yet had the opportunity to come to a view on the appropriateness of the approach and DCO wording but it may be useful for the applicant.

PINS noted that the applicant had changed the red line boundary of the proposed development since the scoping stage, to include additional land. The applicant explained that this was to factor in a construction lay down area and a connection at the north of the site, and that both changes are included within the scope of the environmental impact assessment (EIA). The applicant agreed to provide a note to explain the rationale behind these changes and how they had been addressed in the EIA (**ACTION: applicant**).

PINS requested some clarification on the extent of flexibility requested by the applicant for cooling at the proposed Energy Recovery Facility, and impacts of different options proposed on water use. The applicant agreed to provide a short note to explain what the options are, how their impacts vary, and what mitigation measures are suggested (**ACTION: applicant**).

It was also noted that the applicant's Preliminary Environmental Information Report explains how they considered utilising water-borne transport in the River Lee Navigation (in line with the National Policy Statement (EN-3) expectation to transport materials by water and rail routes where possible). The applicant was advised to be as explicit about their consideration of rail transport in their application as their consideration of water-borne transport.

Outreach event

PINS provided the applicant with an update on the local authorities and other statutory bodies who have agreed to attend the outreach meeting on 10 June 2015. It was explained that no specific issues had been raised by attendees at this stage but these would be fed back to the applicant to inform their presentation when they become available. PINS noted that for the key parties that cannot attend, separate phone calls by PINS would be made to facilitate engagement in the development consent process.

Review of draft documents

PINS agreed to review the following draft documents as they are submitted in three batches over the coming weeks

- Draft Development Consent Order
- Explanatory Memorandum
- Book of Plans
- List of other consents and licences
- Statement of Reasons
- Book of Reference
- Funding statement
- Draft Consultation Report
- Need Assessment
- Alternative Assessments Report

- Screening Statement to inform Habitat Regulations Assessment including HRA matrices

This review will form the first part of two stage document review, taking a total of three months. PINS advised that it would provide comments on the first and second sets of documents provided but may have further comments on those once the DCO and Explanatory memorandum are received and documents are cross-checked.

Specific decisions / follow up required

As presented above, the applicant agreed to provide explanatory notes on changes to the red line boundary and cooling options, as well as draft documents for review.

PINS agreed to inform the applicant of timeframes for providing written comments on draft documents.

The next meetings are scheduled for 2 July 2015 and 6 August 2015.