



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Scottish Power Renewable
Venue	Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Kay Sully (Case Manager) Siân Evans (Case Officer) Richard Kent (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Katherine King (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Scottish Power Renewables (UK) Ltd Helen Walker (Senior Project Manager) Holly Cartwright (Project Manager) Jon Allen (Principal Environmental Consultant – Royal HaskoningDHV)
Meeting objectives	Update meeting on the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO projects
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate reminded the Applicant of 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 section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

The Applicant gave an update on the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO projects. For the offshore cable route for both projects they intend using the existing East Anglia One Order limits, apart from two small areas which fall just outside those limits. The Inspectorate advised that use of the East Anglia One offshore cable corridor should be clearly set out in pre-application consultation and draft documents.

For the onshore cable route the intention is to follow the East Anglia One route as closely as possible. The Applicant is exploring alternative routes in some areas where there are pinch points that do not provide sufficient room to accommodate further

projects. Some of these alternative routes were also considered at the East Anglia One Examination.

The Applicant explained that they are intending to submit scoping reports for both projects at the same time, even though the projects are likely to be submitted a year apart. The Applicant explained that this was due to feedback from the Local Authorities and stakeholders that this could create less of an administrative burden on them. The Inspectorate raised some concerns that it may be unclear which scoping consultation comments relate to which project. While the projects are similar, the construction effects for the onshore cable route for each project will be different and these will need to be clearly reflected in the standalone scoping reports. The Inspectorate also clarified that separate Scoping Opinions would need to be adopted for each of the scoping requests submitted.

The Inspectorate advised that submission of the request for a Scoping Opinion should ideally be timed to avoid consultation with the statutory consultees over the Christmas period. However, the duty on the Secretary of State to adopt a Scoping Opinion within 42 days of the request being made remains regardless of when the Applicant chooses to make such a request.

The Inspectorate advised that for any topics which are scoped out of the Environmental Statement there should be clear justification for doing this.

The Applicant is undertaking a number of surveys, however data from pre-construction surveys undertaken for East Anglia ONE may indicate that a full suite of updated surveys is not required for East Anglia ONE North and TWO. The Inspectorate advised that it should be clear in the Environmental Statement why particular surveys have not been updated and which statutory consultee(s) that has been agreed with. It would be helpful if this information was presented in a table. This can also be presented in Statements of Common Ground which can be submitted early in the Examination.

The Inspectorate advised that there needs to be a clear audit trail of how consultation is undertaken, to show periods when both projects were being consulted on at the same time and when they split.

The Applicant advised that they are holding a workshop in April with the LPA for lessons learnt on East Anglia ONE. The Inspectorate requested that any key lessons learnt be shared with the Inspectorate.

Transboundary screening was discussed and the Applicant advised that they will be doing pre-scoping engagement.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant that the Application and Examination fees will increase from 6 April 2017. From April 2018 the fees will also increase annually in line with inflation.

The Inspectorate also advised the Applicant that the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 have been made.

Specific decision/ follow up required

The Inspectorate advised that they would speak to colleagues about the timing of the previous scoping for the East Anglia THREE and FOUR projects.