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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010077 and EN010078

Date: 22 October 2019

Sent by email

Dear Mr Spendlove

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Proposed applications by East Anglia ONE North Limited and East Anglia Two (wholly owned subsidiary of ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarms

Thank you for your correspondence sent to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on 25 September 2019 in relation to the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO offshore windfarms.

MHCLG has passed your correspondence to the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) for a response, as we administer the Planning Act 2008 process prior to the relevant Government department making a final decision on the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project applications.

As these projects have not yet been submitted to the Inspectorate, there are no formal powers to intervene on consultees' behalf and we are therefore not in a position to supervise the statutory consultation process conducted by the developer. Even though the statutory consultation period for these applications ended on the 26 March 2019, the project is still in the pre-application stage.

We therefore strongly advise you to provide your comments on the proposals directly to the developer, Scottish Power, at this stage. Responding to a developer's pre-application consultation is the best way to influence a proposal, as the developer has a duty to have regard to responses to statutory pre-application consultation, ahead of submitting their application to the Planning Inspectorate.

However, if you feel your comments are not being taken into account, I would advise you to write to your local authority and set out why you think the Applicant is failing to conduct its consultation properly. Your comments should be taken into account when the local authority sends the Inspectorate its comments on whether the Applicant has fulfilled its consultation duties. The local authority's comments on the Applicant's consultation will be taken into account when the Acceptance Inspector makes their decision whether to accept the applications for Examination.

After the decision has been made regarding whether to accept the applications for Examination all documents used to inform the decision will be published on our website. Therefore if you would like your correspondence to be placed on our records and presented to the Inspector at Acceptance **please confirm by 5 November 2019** whether you agree for your correspondence (with certain personal details redacted) to be published on our website.

If the applications for development consent are formally accepted you will be able to submit your views in relation to the projects which will be considered by the Examining Authority during the Examinations. The Inspectorate has published a series of advice notes which explain the Examination process, including information on how to get involved; of particular interest are advice notes 8.1 to 8.5. These are available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes>

We have also published a Frequently Asked Questions document regarding Pre-application consultation and this can be viewed on our website here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/General/General-Advice-00632-1-170702%20s47%20Community%20Consultation%20FAQ.pdf>.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

Siân Evans

Case Manager

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