Meeting note

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Meeting with Local Authorities

Venue Banksy, TQH, Bristol (teleconference)

Meeting Project update meeting

objectives

Circulation All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Simultaneous DCO applications

The representatives from Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (SC&WDCs) and Suffolk County Council (SCC) expressed concerns regarding the proposed simultaneous submissions by ScottishPower Renewables of the Development Consent Order (DCO) applications for East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2) in 2019, and the potential resource implications as a result of this for both Local Authorities (LAs), particularly as both LAs are expecting a DCO application for the new nuclear power station at Sizewell C to follow these proposals (different promotor).

The LAs also expressed concern regarding the potential cumulative impacts on the east Suffolk coast in the vicinity of Sizewell, as a result of existing and proposed energy infrastructure.

The LAs stated their intention to request that the appointed Examining Authorities (ExAs) consider the cumulative impacts of all existing and proposed projects. The Inspectorate stated that the ExA for each project will apply current best practice as described in Advice Note 17: Cumulative Effects Assessment, which sets out the tiered approach to assessing cumulative impacts of projects.

The Planning Inspectorate explained that each application for a DCO is examined in its own right; the ExA will examine and report on the particulars of the application to which they are appointed. In this instance, this would likely result in separate preliminary meetings, hearings and written submissions.

However, should both applications be accepted for examination at the same time the Inspectorate would aim to (where possible) avoid clashes between certain events.

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The LAs also stated their concern relating to ScottishPower Renewables' choice of location for the proposed substation, which they stated is also shared by many local residents.

Specific decisions/follow-up required?

The LAs and the Inspectorate agreed to arrange a tripartite meeting with the Applicant.

The LAs will produce a list of comments they have in regard to the submission of simultaneous applications, for the Inspectorate and the Applicant to consider.