

SPR EA1N and EA2 PROJECTS

DEADLINE 9 – COMMENTS ON DRAFT DCOS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 8

Interested Party: SASES PINS Refs: 20024106 & 20024110

Date: 15 April 2021 **Issue:** 1

- 1. At Deadline 8 SASES submitted Post Hearing Submissions (ISH15) on the draft DCOs (REP8-228). Whilst some limited improvements have been made to the draft DCOs submitted at Deadline 8, substantive outstanding issues remain. Rather than repeat comments previously made, reference is made to the paragraphs of such submissions.
- 2. SASES comments set out in paragraph 3 in relation to articles 4, 7, 27(11)(a) and Schedule 1, Part 1 (minimum generating capacity) and Part 2 (powers to widen roads) remain unaddressed.
- 3. In relation to article 33 (Operational Land) SASES refers to its comments in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6. The issues in relation to article 33 remain outstanding.
- 4. In respect of Schedule 1 Part 3, Requirements, SASES comments set out in paragraph 3e. remain unaddressed subject to the following comments.
 - a. Whilst the Applicants have clarified in respect of the cable sealing ends that, aside from the gantries, the electrical equipment will not exceed the height of 14.5m, it would be helpful if it could be confirmed that these are the heights used in the photomontages.
 - b. Whilst there has been agreement in relation to reduced construction hours these are not reflected in requirements 23 and 24. In relation to control of noise during the operational phase (requirement 27) SASES refers to its Deadline 9 submission in respect of Noise. In relation to the new limitation in respect of the National Grid infrastructure to "standard operation" this is an admission that the National Grid switchgear will be extremely loud in operation with the capacity to wake people at night.
 - c. SASES has commented on the new requirement 12(2) in its Deadline 9 submission in respect of Noise.
- 5. In relation to maintenance (see paragraphs 1- 9 on pages 3, 4 and 5) which is secured across the draft DCO and the OLEMS in respect of landscape maintenance and the OODMP in respect of flood risk and drainage, SASES refers to paragraphs 1-7 in respect of landscape maintenance and in respect of SuDS maintenance to paragraphs 8 and 9, and to its Flood Risk and Drainage submission at Deadline 8 (REP8-226) and its Comments on Deadline 8 Flood Risk Submissions made at Deadline 9.