



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Scottish Power Renewables
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Siân Evans (Case Officer) Gail Boyle (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Alison Down (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Scottish Power Renewables Jon Allen Helen Walker
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:

Introduction

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate continued by outlining 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 s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

General project update

The Applicant is in discussions with National Grid regarding the grid connection. These discussions will formally conclude within the next few weeks.

As part of the Applicant's consultation, prior to EIA scoping for November 2017, a newsletter will be published early August. There will be Public Information Days taking place in October and briefings with the leader of Suffolk County Council and the parish councils.

Surveys are due to take place March 2018.

The Applicant proposes to submit the scoping reports for both projects in November 2017. The scoping reports will be based on study areas, rather than a site red line boundary.

Evidence Plan

A new Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impacts topic group has been set up. This includes local authorities within a 50km radius of the proposed turbines and the invite will be extended to include Natural England for future meetings. The group will agree the viewpoints for the assessment. The Applicant advised that Suffolk County Council does not currently have a seascape character assessment in place, which would inform the Applicant's assessment.

The Marine Mammals topic group meeting was held on 30 May 2017 where the HRA methodology and species to be assessed were discussed.

The Applicant advised that they will be holding a refresher topic group meeting to determine whether the approach to the Evidence Plan needs to be updated.

The Applicant advised that they would like the methodology that's been agreed to be taken into account by the Inspectorate when producing the scoping opinion and enquired whether Steering Group minutes could be published on the Inspectorate's website. The Inspectorate advised that only information included in the scoping report can be considered and suggested that the Applicant could either include those minutes as appendices to the scoping report or summarise the methodology in the environmental statement.

Radar/Aviation

The Applicant advised that they intend to engage with the Ministry of Defence prior to submitting their scoping report.

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The next meeting will be 7 September 2017.