



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Scottish Power Renewables
Venue	Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate: Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Kay Sully (Case Manager) Ewa Sherman (Case Officer) Alison Down (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Katherine King (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Scottish Power Renewables: Jon Allen (Principal Environmental Consultant – RHDHV) Helen Walker (Senior Project Manager)
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:

Welcome and Introductions

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and ensured that 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). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

Projects update

As a consequence of changes in the proposed export capacity and changes in the generation background National Grid have reviewed the projects connection options and are varying the connection locations; which means that the connection point for both projects will be in the vicinity of Sizewell / Leiston.

The offshore cable routing has been informed by the locations of existing soft constraints such as avoiding known sandbanks, and also hard constraints, such as the cable routes for EA1 and EA3 and Galloper and Greater Gabbard Offshore wind farms, and the proposed Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station project offshore infrastructure

The exact position of the cable landfall has not been determined but this will be refined through ongoing investigative work and consultation with relevant statutory stakeholders. Each project will require its own landfall. In order to minimise construction impacts the intention is that the first project (East Anglia TWO) would install ducts for both projects. The second project construction would then only require cables to be pulled through the pre-installed ducts.

The onshore site selection for new substation locations is ongoing. Sites in proximity to the existing overhead lines would be the most effective method to connect to the national grid. The Applicant will be required to build a new substation for each project and additionally a new National Grid facility will be required. The applicant confirmed it intends to include infrastructure required for National Grid in their application. Detailed information will be included in the DCO.

Details of the existing and new data collection required is being discussed with the Local Authorities (LAs), Marine Management Organisation (MMO), Natural England (NE) and Historic England (HE), and detailed information will be included in the Scoping Report.

The Inspectorate advised that a shapefile to generate a list of consultees will be required ten working days before the scoping request is submitted, which is currently timetabled for November 2017. The Applicant confirmed that separate Scoping Reports will be submitted for both EA1N and EA2.

Further surveys and site investigations will take place between now and March 2018 to define the project area.

Consultation update

As planned, a newsletter was published in August 2017, and the four public information days with the local community will be taking place in the last week of October 2017.

The Applicant confirmed that later this month (20 September 2017) it will be meeting with the LAs to share the latest information in relation to the proposed onshore study area. The offshore surveys have been shared with the MMO, NE and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). The Applicant will provide a summary of any changes of the updated Evidence Plan.

The Applicant has started engaging with the local Councillors, MPs and tourist bodies to ensure that they are aware of the change of the proposed grid connection. The Inspectorate queried if the Applicant would be able to have an indicative layout of the proposed substation before consulting with the public at the end of October. The Applicant confirmed that this would be available. The Inspectorate advised the applicant to consider meeting jointly with representatives of the Parish Council to ensure a robust process. The Applicant confirmed that their stakeholder manager has already contacted the closest Parish Councils.

The Applicant also confirmed that they are reviewing 'lessons learned' from EA1 and EA3 in terms of the continuing engagement with the LAs regarding the required permits and justification for the need for the mitigation land when considering compulsory acquisition of land.

The Inspectorate advised to make it clear when consulting that the Applicant considers this a study / survey area, rather than a red-line boundary at this stage.

The Inspectorate also requested to be updated of any consultation events and feedback from these events, and advised the Applicant to keep a log of engagement in relation to the negotiations with the landowners for the purpose of the compulsory acquisition.

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Date for the next meeting (telecon) is 19 October 2017.