



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Scottish Power Renewables
Venue	Teleconference
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate: Tracey Williams - Case Manager Ewa Sherman - Case Officer Gail Boyle – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor Alison Down - EIA and Land Rights Advisor Scottish Power Renewables: Jon Allen - Principal Environmental Consultant, RHDHV Alex Hampson – Senior Environmental Consultant, RHDHV Philippa Powell – Offshore Lead, Scottish Power Renewables 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 stated 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

The Applicant confirmed their intention to submit separate scoping reports for each project, EA2 and EA1N, on 10 November 2017, with the GIS shapefiles to generate a list of consultees being provided ten working days ahead of that date. Following the advice from the Inspectorate the Applicant will submit an electronic file and two hard copies of documents.

The Applicant also confirmed their plans to upload the scoping reports on their website at the same time as submitting their scoping requests to the Inspectorate. Although the decision to publicise the information lies with the Applicant, the Inspectorate voiced concerns about possible confusion for consultees between responding to the publication on the Applicant's website, and responding to the formal scoping consultations undertaken by the Inspectorate. The Inspectorate recommended that to avoid any confusion the Scoping Reports were not published on the Applicant's website until the scoping process has been completed. The Applicant has engaged with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and Natural England (NE) already, and was conscious of timing and wished to avoid any potential for information on their website being missed due to the Christmas period.

At the meeting the Applicant agreed not to publish their scoping reports and just to note on their website that their scoping reports had been submitted to the Inspectorate. After some further discussion on the subject, they also agreed to target non-prescribed consultees after the Scoping Opinions had been issued.

Note: Post-meeting the Applicant submitted an email to the Inspectorate stating that they now intend to approach certain non-prescribed consultees within the formal scoping time period, but will engage measures to ensure that the Inspectorate's formal scoping consultation is not affected. The email refers to this approach being 'previously agreed with the Inspectorate'; however, for clarity, it remains the Applicant's decision and is not within the Inspectorate's remit to permit or deny the approach in this regard.

The Applicant provided an update in relation to the progress on the Evidence Plan, and intends to append the agreed method statements to the Scoping Reports.

There has been progress in terms of radar and aviation issues as the Applicant has been engaging in constructive discussions with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) prior to the scoping process, and both parties consider the mitigation approach for East Anglia THREE to be relevant also to these two projects. A meeting with the MoD is proposed for late November 2017 (to be confirmed).

In terms of compulsory acquisition the Applicant is still reviewing a relatively wide area to develop the site selection, and has invited representatives from the Parish Councils and all landowners to start discussions. As part of the consultation process four public information days with the local community will be held in Lowestoft, Leiston, Southwold and Orford in the week commencing 30 October 2017. The Applicant also intends to either negotiate access to private land for the purpose of conducting surveys or take steps to avoid or minimize the need for surveys, and at this time does not anticipate submitting any requests under sections 52 and 53 of the PA 2008.

All planned surveys to date have been completed, with the new surveys and site investigations that will be used to refine the areas of the project sites being scheduled for spring 2018. The results of the scoping process will feed into the overall programme of consultation with statutory stakeholders, and the Applicant intends to carry out s42 consultation for EA2 in the second half of 2018.

The Applicant also advised that the recent meeting with Leiston Town Council (LTC) proved positive and started the engagement with the Parish / Town Councils in relation to defining the onshore infrastructure study area.

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Date for the next meeting (telecon) is 30 November 2017.

Note after the meeting:

- The Applicant submitted separate scoping reports for each project on 10 November 2017.
- The parties agreed to cancel the telecon on 30 November 2017, and to meet face-to-face in January 2018 instead.