



Meeting note

Project name	East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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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 Gail Boyle – Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor Alison Down – EIA and Land Rights Advisor Katherine King – EIA and Land Rights Advisor The Applicant Alex Hampson - Senior Environmental Consultant, RHDHV Paolo Pizzolla – Technical Director, RHDHV Helen Walker - Senior Project Manager, ScottishPower Renewables
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
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 (s51) of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under s51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Welcome and introductions

The Applicant and the Inspectorate team introduced themselves and their respective roles. Alex Hampson was introduced as a new consent manager for the East Anglia TWO (EA2) project, and he will be working with Helen Walker and the EA2 project managers. Holly Cartwright will work on the East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) project.

Project update

The Applicant advised of the forthcoming programme for both projects which are currently being managed simultaneously. In relation to EA2 the Applicant expects to publish the finalised Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in March 2018, followed by holding the public information days on the weekends of 17/18 March and 24/25 March to ensure that weekend visitors to the area have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the proposal. Further information days are scheduled for



June and November 2018. Statutory consultation under s42 of the PA2008 is due to be conducted in November 2018, and the submission of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application is expected in March 2019.

With regard to EA1N, the Applicant advised that the finalised SoCC will also be published in March 2018, followed by s42 statutory consultation in November 2019, and the submission of the DCO application in March 2020. The Inspectorate raised a query with regard to the publication of the SoCC in tandem, given the difference in timescales for submission of the projects. However, the Applicant followed Local Authorities' advice and confirmed the intention to refresh the SoCC for EA1N if required to ensure the clear distinction between projects.

The Applicant provided an update regarding the results of surveys and the continuous engagement with the Expert Topic Groups (ETGs). Results of the ongoing offshore surveys will be discussed at ETGs. Onshore surveys, such as those relating to breeding birds, will commence in mid-February / early March 2018. The Applicant is conscious of the neighbouring proposed developments such as Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station and does not intend to carry out any onshore area studies that would extend into the land in EDF's ownership.

Scoping Opinion

Following the issue of the Scoping Opinion, pursuant to The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, by the Inspectorate on 20 December 2017, the Applicant enquired whether their understanding was correct that aspects and matters that it had not been agreed in the Scoping Opinion could be scoped out could subsequently be scoped out from the EIA with relevant consultee agreement and thorough justification in the ES.

The Inspectorate confirmed that this was the correct interpretation of the Regulations, and the advisable course of action would involve providing an explicit agreement log presenting all matters that had been scoped out. The agreements could be reached through the ETG process, documenting consultees' opinions, and providing detailed reasoning within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and later in the Environmental Statement. The Applicant confirmed the scoping process facilitated by the Inspectorate has been very beneficial, and also mentioned the usefulness of the continuous engagement with the statutory consultees such as the Marine Management Organisation and Natural England.

The Inspectorate advised that the mitigation proposed by the Applicant could be summarised in the ES as long as clear cross-reference was made to the relevant measures and their location in the application documents was identified, such as, for example, within a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) or a Waste Management Plan (WMP). The Applicant confirmed that the additional certified documents will be submitted with the DCO application to ensure that all mitigation can be secured and delivered.

The Applicant stated that although it had received objections from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) with regard to aviation issues, it expected to be able to agree potential mitigation to cover the East Anglia THREE, East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO



projects by the time the DCO application is submitted. Similarly, the Applicant is currently involved in negotiations with NATS aimed at resolving their objections.

The issue of cumulative impacts of the Proposed Developments was also discussed during the meeting. The Applicant stated that the cumulative offshore impacts of all projects within the North Sea area have been discussed at the Southern North Sea Offshore Wind Forum to try to find a way that they can be addressed by the industry. There is a recognised need for a common agreed approach in relation to the capacity of all projects that have been consented but not yet built, as well as the various parties' approach to ensure that descriptions of the proposed projects are provided in the same way to avoid potential confusion, and to agreeing the Evidence Plans. In relation to the onshore impacts the Applicant confirmed that it has received a joint response from the Local Authorities (LAs) on the potential landscape, visual and infrastructure impacts.

The Applicant advised that the onshore study to finalise the red line boundary is ongoing. Phase 1, the definition of study area, has been completed and the Applicant is currently at Phase 2, identifying preferred zone(s) for the substation sites. This will be followed by the micro-sitting arrangements for the substation location (within preferred zones) in March / April 2018 (Phase 3), and then the identification of the preferred cable route (Phase 4). The Applicant has held workshops with the LAs, Parish Councils and other statutory consultees, as well as the local landowners, and intends to present the projects' final red line boundary at the public information day in June 2018.

The Applicant confirmed that it has been working with National Grid, and also undertaken an additional assessment of the AONB to inform the site selection, as part of the onshore study area and site selection. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to continue collaborating with other parties; and to demonstrate that the Applicant has considered alternative routes for the proposed cable corridors where appropriate. Additionally, in the absence of the finalised red line boundary the Applicant was advised to use baseline data to help site selection and to inform the PEIR for the future statutory consultation. With regard to onshore site selection and potential cumulative impacts, The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to review the decision on the Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm and the interaction with a potential interconnector project. The Inspectorate also advised the Applicant that their cumulative impact assessment would be examined with regard to the advice contained in The Inspectorate's 'Advice Note Seventeen: Cumulative Effects Assessment', with particular reference to the 'tiered' approach to the consideration of other developments.

The Applicant confirmed its intention not to use powers under s53 of the PA2008, relating to authorisations for rights of entry to land to carry out surveys.

The Inspectorate also suggested looking at the document called 'Guide to the Application' which was provided by National Grid for the Richborough Connection Project, and was updated at each Examination deadline. It can be found here: [Guide to the Application](#). Applicants are advised to consider including a 'Guide to the Application' as part of the suite of application documents at submission, and to update it at every Examination deadline as it has proved to be very useful to the Examining Inspectors and Interested Parties in past Examinations. Other good example documents can be found on our website at the link here: [Good example documents](#).



The Applicant advised that, in light of additional information from The Crown Estate, it will be making some minor amendments to the offshore area of search (red line boundary). The Applicant stated that this will not introduce any new consultees, or receptors or impacts from those assessed during the scoping phase. The Inspectorate advised that on that basis it did not appear necessary to re-scope following these amendments (although that is a matter for the Applicant).

The Applicant advised that it intends to look into creating and using a 'digital Environmental Impact Assessment' for future projects, in parallel with the traditional form of the documentation. The plan is to develop a platform this year, update it for the EA1N PEIR, and request feedback from potential users. The Applicant's intention is to have a fully functional platform for the EA1N project. The Applicant confirmed that it would welcome feedback/ input from the Inspectorate.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required

The following actions were agreed:

- The Inspectorate advised that during the scoping process some consultees were missed; however, this will be rectified shortly to enable all statutory consultees (undertakers) to provide comments.
- The Applicant and the Inspectorate agreed to continue the six-week update meetings, with the next teleconference to be scheduled at the end of March / beginning of April 2018.