



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO
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<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
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<b>Meeting with</b>	ScottishPower Renewables
<b>Venue</b>	Gromit, TQH, Bristol
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project update meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	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 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

### Project update

The Applicant provided a general update in relation to both projects and the engagement with the local authorities (LAs) and other statutory stakeholders. Ahead of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and s42 consultation programmed for Q1 2019 the Applicant is currently progressing offshore and onshore assessments and continuing with the onshore matters such as the arrangement of the proposed substations, drainage solutions and the mitigation strategy for landscaping and planting.

The Applicant is in discussions with EDF Energy in regard to the land at Broom Covert, Sizewell for use as a possible substation location. The Applicant explained that this Land is currently used as reptile mitigation land for the Sizewell C development. This land will only be made available should (ScottishPower Renewables) SPR secure alternative mitigation land for EDF Energy. The Applicant explained that the land will only be made available should it be demonstrated there is no increase in risk to the programme or cost of the Sizewell C project. The Applicant stated that it is holding regular meetings with EDF Energy on technical, commercial and programme aspects associated with securing the Broom Covert Sizewell land while in parallel investigating possible areas for replacement mitigation land. However, the Applicant explained that there are several existing constraints affecting the search, such as Sizewell C Cycle path, EDF Helipad, Sizewell C temporary construction supply, existing services, and third party interests on land. Review of options for connecting to the national grid 400kV system is also underway for the Broom Covert site.

The Applicant further explained that the additional risks to delivery of the Broom Covert, Sizewell site include the ability to secure and prepare replacement mitigation land to meet EDF Energy's time constraints, AONB National Planning Policy Protection, possible

unacceptable commercial terms, third parties not relinquishing land rights, competing uses for existing mitigation land, and inability of SPR to secure the Broom Covert, Sizewell substation land prior to DCO submission. These aspects are being investigated by the Applicant. However, the Applicant's intention is to make a decision on the substation location after the Consultation Phase 3.5 is completed, and to provide full justification of the site selection in the PEIR (Q1 2019).

The Inspectorate suggested that the Applicant might wish to send a schedule to the Inspectorate identifying the areas of cross-over between the East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two projects, highlighting which aspects of both projects are the same, and which aspects are different

The Inspectorate stated that the ExAs for each project will be considering [Advice note 17: Cumulative Effects Assessment](#) in a consistent manner, current best practice which is the tiered approach to assessing cumulative impact of the projects.

The Inspectorate recommended that the LAs look at other projects where cumulative impacts are/have been considered due to their proximity: [Norfolk Vanguard](#) and [Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm](#) as well as [Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange](#) and [Rail Central \(Strategic Rail Freight Interchange\)](#).

## **Consultation**

Phase 3 of the statutory consultation ended on 28 August 2018, and the Applicant is due to republish their updated Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) later in September 2018, and then carry out a Phase 3.5 statutory consultation between 29 September and 29 October. A Draft SoCC has already been issued to LAs and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) who were content with the Applicant's decision to do so. The Applicant will share the information with the Inspectorate before the distribution of the consultation material to ca. 19,000 addresses which are in vicinity of the EDF land, the additional proposed mitigation land and areas of possible offsite highway improvements.

## **Stakeholder engagement**

The Applicant advised that it is preparing a 'Stakeholder Road Map' setting out a programme of engagement regarding the projects which are two distinct DCO applications to be submitted at the same time. It will involve producing and trialling a sign-posting document to assist statutory consultees and other readers to identify which elements of the applications are the same and which are different during the pre-application stage. The Applicant stated that so far the feedback received has been positive. The Inspectorate welcomed the idea of the document which might also be useful for the examination.

The Applicant advised that the next round of Evidence Plan Steering Group meetings are planned for October / November 2018. The meetings are considered very informative for stakeholders in relation to what can be expected in the final PEIR. The Applicant also has regular monthly meetings with Natural England, Historic England, MMO and LAs.

The Inspectorate advised that it usually takes up to three months to provide a review and comments on the draft key application documents such as Development Consent

Order, Explanatory Memorandum, Statement of Reasons, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Plans, Consultation Report and initial Chapters of the Environmental Statement. The Applicant might consider identifying any novel issues in the DCO, and submitting specific queries relating to these documents, for the Inspectorate's review.

### **Specific decisions/ follow-up required**

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant will provide updated contact details of the EA1N and EA2 projects team.
- The Applicant will send the SoCC information to the Inspectorate.
- The Applicant will send a schedule to the Inspectorate identifying the areas of cross-over between both projects which highlight which aspects of both projects are the same, and which aspects are different.