



Meeting note

Project name	East Anglia TWO (EA2) and East Anglia ONE North (EA1N)
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	ScottishPower Renewables
Venue	Temple Quay House
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 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.

General Update

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it had altered the order limits of the offshore area of EA2 to reduce its northern extent. This had been done as a result of consultation responses from the Local Authorities and Natural England. The Inspectorate asked whether this reduced capacity, the Applicant replied that capacity would not be reduced however the space between turbines would be reduced. The Inspectorate advised that changes that had been made to the proposal as a result of consultation should be clearly set out in the consultation report.

Programme

The Inspectorate explained that it is trialling the receipt of electronic only applications (where certain hard copy documents may be requested by an Examining Authority at a later date, if the Application(s) is/are accepted for examination).

The Inspectorate advised that the above advice relates solely to the submission of the application(s) to the Inspectorate; whether the Applicant provides hard copy application documents at deposit locations is for the Applicant to decide in light of any legislative requirements and feedback at the pre-application consultation stages.

Interface document

The Applicant explained its current ideas for explaining similarities and differences between the two DCO applications (and application documents) to stakeholders. This was to produce eleven interface documents which covered the whole application, these documents would be further broken up into sub-sets that covered individual documents. The interface documents would be in a table format which set out the differences between the documents for each application.

The Inspectorate spoke about what in its view the aim of these signposting documents was i.e. to reduce the amount of work stakeholders would have to undertake in order to engage in and understand each of the applications. In light of this, the Inspectorate noted that while the interface documents the Applicant aimed to produce did sound positive and would work well for some application documents, for more detailed documents such as the Environmental Statement it may increase workload due to the need to read the additional interface document. The Inspectorate therefore advised if the ES and other similar detailed documents could be formatted in such a way that they expressed the similarities between respective documents/applications for example certain elements which are different are highlighted/underlined; to avoid the need for the reader to refer back to a separate signposting document. The Applicant said it would consider this but at this stage did not feel this would be appropriate.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- The Inspectorate to send information on electronic submission to the Applicant
- The Inspectorate to provide written advice on the Applicants intended approach outlined above.