



Meeting note

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Meeting with	DONG Energy
Venue	Telecon
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead - Energy) Kay Sully (Case Manager) Karl-Jonas Johansson (Case Officer) Helen Lancaster (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) DONG Energy Stuart Livesey (Project Development Manager, DONG Energy) Sophie Banham (Consents Manager, DONG Energy) Emily Woolfenden (Consultation Manager, DONG Energy) Emily King (EIA Specialist, RPS)
Meeting objectives	Project meeting update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Introduction

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate continued by outlining its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

The Applicant gave a brief project overview to enable all parties to get familiar with the project.

Consultation

It was clarified that the consultation events scheduled for 2 - 10 March 2017 would be non-statutory aimed at the local communities to provide further information as the Project proposal is refined and to seek feedback on this, and that the statutory

consultation would be likely to take place in September 2017. It was further advised that the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report would be issued in July 2017.

The Applicant stated the additional March 2017 round of events had been created to ensure the public receive further updates on the project as it evolves and to encourage comment on these.

As the landfall for the project is different from Hornsea One and Two, the local communities will not have the benefit from having previous experience of a National Significant Infrastructure Project examination, however the Applicant noted that communities will have experienced non-DCO works associated with the Sheringham and Dudgeon offshore wind farms and onshore connections.

Engagement with statutory consultees

The Applicant informed PINS that the Project was still addressing comments raised by stakeholders in the Scoping Opinion and has numerous meetings ongoing/scheduled to clarify these further with stakeholders and plan a process to progress these.

The Applicant was advised to review the responses from the scoping opinion as these may be the bodies that the Applicant might want to consider drafting Statements of Common Grounds with or whom might seek Protective Provisions within the Development Consent Order.

It was confirmed that the Applicant would submit an application for a marine licence in March 2017 for drilling boreholes in and around the Cromer Shoals Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) to explore the ability to undertake a HDD (horizontal directional drill) beneath the nearshore section of this area with the aim to seek to minimise impact on the MCZ. It was noted that the marine licence application will require an assessment of the effects on the MCZ'

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that Norfolk County Council has not currently entered into a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with the Applicant and that a different kind of arrangement was being proposed by the Council. The relevant district councils have yet to inform the Applicant if they want to enter into a PPA.

Outside of the Evidence Plan process other meetings are ongoing including topics related to historic environment, commercial fisheries, HAZID workshop etc.

Overlaps with Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Project

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it has regular monthly meetings with Vattenfall's Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm Project's (Vanguard) project manager to consider the implications of the two projects for the statutory consultees and local communities, and the effects of both projects. Both projects are keen to avoid stakeholder confusion/fatigue and therefore seek to highlight key activities and avoid/minimise the potential for these overlapping where possible.

As the cables for the two projects will cross over at some point along the route, the Applicant was advised to work closely with Vanguard to resolve any issues, including cumulative impacts, early on and if necessary to draft reciprocal protective provisions to safeguard both projects assets.

Compulsory acquisition

The Applicant confirmed that negotiations with landowners are progressing well. It was also confirmed that the Development Consent Order would contain compulsory acquisition powers as a safeguard if negotiations do not progress. The importance of accurate records of negotiations with landowners was discussed as the Examining Authority may require the Applicant to provide evidence of the negotiations during the examination.

The Applicant confirmed that it did not intend to apply for access rights under s53 of PA2008 at this time, based on progression with land access to date.

Submission date

Currently aimed at Q2 2018.

Next meeting

To be agreed.