



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>Ørsted</b> (previously DONG Energy)
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House, Bristol
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>The Planning Inspectorate:</b> Chris White - Infrastructure Planning Lead Kay Sully – Case Manager Ewa Sherman - Case Officer Katherine King – EIA and Land Rights Advisor  <b>Applicant</b> Stuart Livesey Sophie Banham Emily Woolfenden Oliver Palamith (Commercial Manager) Richard Grist (Site & Land Rights Manager)
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Hornsea Project Three project update meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	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 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.

#### Project

The Applicant provided an update in relation to the further statutory consultation due to be undertaken. S42 and s47 consultation under PA2008 is progressing now as the Applicant issued the s46 notification and is following the same approach as that taken for the consultation carried out in the summer.

The further consultation came as a result of the consultation feedback (highlighting proposed alternative routes and also access routes) and the new areas being consulted on beyond the 200-metre-wide cable corridor search area and 1km buffer zone previously consulted. A s48 notice is being published in the local and national newspapers [*Post note meeting*: this has been completed].

The Inspectorate enquired about the precise date of the consultation commencement, following receipt of the notification and the supporting documents. The Applicant confirmed that the consultation period will run from the date the notice is published in the local papers for the second time, i.e. from 24 November until 22 December 2017.

The Applicant advised that following the change of the company name from DONG Energy to Ørsted, which came to effect earlier this month, their website has been migrated to a new site and all those who might have interest in land and/or are affected by the proposal updated, to ensure they are able to find all relevant information. The Ørsted logo and Hornsea Project Three logo (which is being retained to seek to maintain clarity) will appear on all documents; there is a new website address [www.hornseaproject3.co.uk](http://www.hornseaproject3.co.uk), and to avoid any confusion the previous website address for DONG Energy will be automatically redirecting any queries to the new Ørsted project page. Details of the name change were included in the October community newsletter and Phase 2 Consultation Summary Report, a note explaining the company name change was included in alongside the further statutory consultation pack. The Inspectorate advised that the reasons for the change of name should be reflected in the application documents for clarity, especially in the application form and the Consultation Report.

The Inspectorate queried whether more landowners have been consulted on the new area identified on the Outline Map 4 for a temporary construction compound, supplied with the consultation documents. The Applicant confirmed that the new area was included on the plans from the previous consultation, however was marked in purple as at that stage the assessments had not been undertaken. The relevant parish was consulted at that stage. All new land interests identified by the Applicant who are directly impacted by the new areas identified will be consulted directly. Due to the changes in project area, the number of the landowners affected by the whole scheme has increased. Currently there are approximately 110 freeholders affected but the final number is likely to be confirmed next month [Post meeting note, the project Site & Land Rights Manager will attend next meeting to provide an update here]. The Applicant intends to enter into voluntary agreements with landowners which they hope to be in place early in 2018.

The Applicant stated that work on the Evidence Plan is progressing, with the formal meetings being held or scheduled with the marine mammal and ornithology expert working groups. The Applicant provided an update on the surveys being undertaken. The onshore ecology surveys are nearly completed, the winter birds surveys are ongoing. There were historically some issues in terms of access in relation to completing the archaeology surveys. Where possible, these land parcels are now being revisited to complete surveys although in some cases, access has still not been granted. In relation to the offshore area the Applicant has completed the ornithology and marine mammal surveys, and continues discussions with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in relation to the planned Geotech survey in the nearshore. Also, work is starting on the Statements of Common Ground with the statutory and non-statutory consultees, ahead of the DCO submission in Q2 of 2018.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider allowing time for a review of the draft documents. A full review of a suite of draft application documents takes about 6 to 8 weeks. However, the Applicant may wish to consider submitting only those documents that raise a new issue, or if they involve a particular query.

The Inspectorate also suggested looking at the updated section 55 checklist ahead of the DCO submission which has been added to the [Advice note six](#).

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

It was agreed to cancel the next teleconference on 19 December 2017. Instead the next project update meeting will be held on 16 January 2018 to focus on any matters arising out of the statutory consultation.