



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Eggborough Power Limited
Venue	Telecon
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate: Tom Carpen (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Richard Kent (EIA and Land Advisor) Stephanie Newman (EIA and Land Advisor) Karl-Jonas Johansson (Case Officer) Eggborough Power Limited James Crankshaw (Eggborough Power Limited) Jason Morris (Eggborough Power Limited) Geoff Bullock (Dalton Warner Davis LLP) Jake Barnes-Gott (Dalton Warner Davis LLP) Richard Lowe (AECOM) Jonathan Riley (Pinsent Masons)
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees.

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

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 s.51 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

Review of actions from previous meeting

It was confirmed that the actions relating to setting up the monthly meetings and the outreach event in October had been completed. The Inspectorate confirmed that it would send to the Applicant a proposed list of draft application documents that they may wish to have reviewed by the Inspectorate.

General project update

The Applicant is currently reviewing the Secretary of State's scoping opinion. Both parties talked through whether new issues had come to light in the opinion and the broad responses from the consultation bodies. The Applicant advised that it appreciated the need to properly assess the impacts of the deconstruction of the current coal fired Eggborough generating station and to transparently explain the approach to the assessment(s) as part of the Environmental Statement, as raised in the Inspectorate's scoping report.

The response from Natural England (NE) to the scoping report was discussed and the Applicant confirmed that it was making progress with them towards the ultimate goal of agreeing a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).

Consultation update

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that the non-statutory consultation was currently underway and close to completion. It reported that the consultation events had been well attended and the responses to the consultation had been mostly positive. The main issues raised by the consultees related to employment and land rights issues. The consultees had not expressed a strong preference for any of the gas pipeline corridors. However the Applicant indicated that a decision on which route they are taking forward will be taken soon, pending further analysis of the environmental considerations.

The level of engagement from the relevant parish councils was discussed and the Applicant noted that they had met with them prior to the start of the non-statutory consultation period to provide clarity over the consultation processes. The Inspectorate highlighted to the Applicant that one of the parish councils had raised concerns regarding the decommissioning of the coal-fired power in its response to the scoping consultation. The Applicant confirmed that it was aware of the issue and explained that the programme for the decommissioning of the existing power station had been discussed with the parish councils.

Land update

The Applicant stated that the land surveys were progressing and there had been no major objections from the landowners identified so far.

The Inspectorate informed the Applicant of the benefits of a new approach to recording land issues relating to compulsory acquisition that had been successfully used on the North London Heat and Power Project and that is currently being rolled out on other National Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) projects. It was agreed that the Inspectorate would send the schedule template to the Applicant who would discuss using it with their land agent.

Outreach

Closer to the event on the 26th October 2016, the Applicant agreed to circulate a draft site visit itinerary, agenda and finalised attendee list. The Inspectorate requested that the Applicant seek to understand the experience of the attendees in the NSIP process in order that the Inspectorate could better tailor its advice. It was agreed that the Inspectorate would chair the meeting and do a short presentation regarding the

National Significant Infrastructure Project process if necessary. It was clarified that the Inspectorate will publish a note of the meeting on the project webpage.

Surveys

The Applicant reported that Phase one habitat surveys had been completed for the pipeline corridors and it was currently in discussion with the Environment Agency and Selby District Council regarding the potential scope of air quality surveys. It was further confirmed that agricultural land classification surveys requested by NE would commence in November 2016.

Evidence plan

The background to the voluntary evidence plan process was discussed. The applicant is of the view that there was no need for one for as the project was unlikely to have any significant effects on designated sites. The Applicant's approach in terms of working towards SoCG in this respect was welcomed.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

- The Inspectorate will send a list of draft application documents it would offer to review;
- The Inspectorate will send the Applicant its Compulsory Acquisition schedule (*post-meeting note – Schedule sent on 11 October 2016*);
- The Applicant will circulate a draft site visit itinerary, outreach agenda, attendee list including their level of understanding of the NSIP process.