



Meeting note

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Venue	Wilton International Complex, Teesside
Attendees	Kay Sully (the Planning Inspectorate) KJ Johansson (the Planning Inspectorate) Alison Down (the Planning Inspectorate) Emma Cottam (the Planning Inspectorate) David Pedlow (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council) Andrew Whitehead (Natural England) Michael Miller (Natural England) Ellen Bekker (Natural England) Ian Bond (INCA)
Meeting objectives	Site visit and round-table meeting for the proposed Tees CCPP project
Circulation	All attendees

Note of pre-application site visit

The site visit comprised a driving tour of the Wilton International complex and a walking tour of the application site, commencing at the Visitors Induction Centre at the Wilton International complex.

Driving route

All attendees travelled via coach through the Wilton International complex. The Applicant identified various existing plant and infrastructure in the wider complex, including a new energy from waste plant, biofuel power stations and water treatment

plants. The route continued through the complex and south-east along the A1053 to access the application site (located in the south-western part of the complex).

Walking route

All attendees walked from the car park around the internal perimeter of the application site, which was noted to be defined by boundary fencing. The Applicant identified the locations of existing utilities infrastructure within the site, including electricity substations, gas connections and potable water. It was noted that National Grid leases the plots containing the electricity substations from the Applicant.

The route continued past an existing noise barrier located in the southern part of the application site (associated with the now-decommissioned power station). The Applicant highlighted a vegetated earth bund located to the south-east of the application site, built to mitigate views of the now-decommissioned power station for residents in Lazenby. The Eston Hills were noted to the south of the application site.

The walking route finished at the car park, where the Applicant pointed out the proposed locations for the construction laydown areas, located in the southern part of the application site.

On conclusion of the site visit, all attendees travelled via coach to Sembcorp UK Headquarters at the Wilton International Site for a round table meeting. The location of two reservoirs at the A174/ A1053 roundabout and the residential area of Lazenby were pointed out along the route.

Round table meeting

Introduction

All attendees introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) outlined 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 section 51 of the Planning Act 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 provided an overview of progress on the project, noting that statutory consultation was likely to take place between April and June 2017. The Applicant noted that it had been engaging with various stakeholders, including local MPs, community groups and environmental bodies on a non-statutory basis. A proposed geographical area to be covered by the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) has been identified by the Applicant.

The potential for the project to supply energy for current and future developments on the Wilton International site were noted.

Discussions with the Environment Agency (EA)

The Applicant provided an update on discussions with the EA regarding the necessary environmental permit, noting that the EA had recently provided a letter setting out its

position. The Inspectorate noted that any such agreements could usefully be reflected in a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the EA.

Air quality modelling and discussions with Natural England (NE)

The Applicant explained its progress to date on air quality modelling, noting that nitrogen oxides are the main pollutants arising from natural gas (which would be utilised as the fuel for the proposed development). The results of the air quality modelling will be used to inform the height of the stacks, which are likely to be between 75m – 90m high.

The Applicant has begun discussions with NE about European sites that could be affected by the proposed development, and is considering the potential impacts on them from nitrogen deposition. The resulting assessment information will be fed into the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). The Applicant highlighted the proposed extension of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (SPA). NE explained that consultation on the proposed extension would commence in April 2017, after which this area would become a potential SPA ('pSPA') and under UK Government policy would be awarded the same level of protection as a SPA.

Draft and submission documents

The Applicant confirmed that it intends to provide the Planning Inspectorate with draft application documents for review. The Inspectorate explained that the Applicant should allow approximately four weeks for draft documents to be reviewed, and noted that it could also review a draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) report if required. The potential for a draft/ outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to be provided with the Development Consent Order (DCO) application was discussed.

The Applicant explained that it was not intending to produce a Book of Reference (BoR) given that it would not require any compulsory acquisition. A table akin to a BoR is likely to be produced; the Inspectorate noted this and advised the Applicant that it will need to be clear on what document is being submitted with the application.

The Inspectorate noted that provision of a 'Guide to the Application' document (similar to those provided by National Grid on other projects) with the DCO application could assist the Examination. Such a document could be updated by the Applicant throughout the Examination to allow for easy tracking of updated versions of application documents.

The Inspectorate advised that it should be indicated in the Environmental Statement (ES) where proposed mitigation measures are secured in the DCO, and that the provision of a table/ tables in the ES cross-referencing this information would assist the Examining Authority.

The Inspectorate confirmed that sufficient evidence and justification should be provided in the ES for any matters proposed to be scoped out of the environmental impact assessment, including any matters which the Secretary of State had agreed at scoping stage could be scoped out.

Other

The Applicant confirmed that it was not anticipating any protective provisions to be necessary at the current time.

It was confirmed by the Applicant that the site could accommodate the necessary carbon capture and storage equipment necessary for the project and that the plant would be combined heat and power (CHP) ready. It was clarified that no commercial agreement regarding CHP was in place yet.

The Applicant explained that submission of the application is still anticipated to be in Quarter 4 of 2017. The Applicant was advised to update the Inspectorate should there be any changes to this timescale. The Inspectorate advised that whilst it would need to scope venues to ensure they comply with necessary regulations, securing a venue for the preliminary meeting at an early stage would be advantageous as has potential to reduce time during pre-examination. It was noted that Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council offices were previously used for the Dogger Bank Teesside A&B offshore wind project, so it may be worth considering this as a potential venue.

Specific decisions/ follow up required

- The Inspectorate is to update the project page of its website to reflect the updated project name and description; and
- Next telecom between the Applicant and the Inspectorate is scheduled for 5 April 2017, shortly after the publication of the Scoping Opinion. Applicant to contact the Inspectorate if it would like to postpone this telecom to allow more time to review the content of the Scoping Opinion.