



Meeting note

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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	Vattenfall
Venue	Temple Quay House, Bristol.
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Kay Sully (Case Manager) Hefin Jones (Case Manager) Richard Kent (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Vattenfall Helen Jameson (Project Manager) Daniel Bates (Consents Manager) Sean Leake (EIA Consultant to Vattenfall)
Meeting objectives	Thanet Extension project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

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 (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 Update

The Applicant advised that the Section 42 consultation period recently ended (12 January 2018) and the responses received during that period are currently being reviewed. The Applicant will continue to hold discussions with statutory bodies and landowners and hope to agree Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) in due course. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to view the "Statement of Commonality Document" submitted for the [Richborough](#) application which is a useful document when preparing and tracking the status of SoCG during examinations.

Draft Documents

Draft documents are likely to be submitted to the Inspectorate for review in March 2018 and the application is expected to be submitted for examination in June 2018.

Some alterations to the landfall and onward cable route have been identified following the preparation of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the Section 42 responses. Site investigation works will be undertaken in the spring / early summer; results of these are unlikely to be completed before the application is submitted for examination.

The Applicant confirmed that the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) is in draft form and is likely to be submitted to stakeholders shortly (via the relevant topic groups established as part of the evidence plan process).

It was confirmed that the finalisation of the evidence plan process is on-going. The Applicant also explained that they are still considering how many Deemed Marine Licences may be included as part of the DCO.

Other Matters

The Inspectorate referred to Kent Wildlife Trust's letter which they submitted as their consultation response (and copied in the Inspectorate) in which they raised concerns with the adequacy of the consultation process to date. The Applicant confirmed that the matters raised by the Wildlife Trust will be fully addressed in the Consultation Report.

The Applicant confirmed that it is aware of the forthcoming submission of the [Manston Airport \(MA\) Application](#) and is seeking to discuss a consistent approach with MA relating to the assessment of the cumulative impact of both proposals.

Next Meeting

The Applicant advised that it may be useful to have a teleconference meeting in February, prior to the submission of draft documents. The Inspectorate will contact the Applicant to discuss suitable dates as soon as possible.