Hi Paige,

As Ed stated, the EA are handling the assurance of this strategy and there are no outstanding actions on it despite the statements from the local EA team. Below is a statement from the Large Projects Review Group who assured the strategy, as such there are no actions n Defra and the publication of the post adoption statement should sit with the local EA team who I imagine you have been dealing with.

“The assurance of the Strategy is complete. Now that the strategy has NFSOd approval, the EA Area team produces a post adoption statement for publication in the media and the strategy is made available as a public document. That may not have been done yet.

We will investigate the progress of publication and let you know as soon as possible.”

Regards,

Kim Longman

Hi Ed,

Thank you for bringing this to someone attention for PINs and providing me with an update.

Warm regards,

Paige

Just to close the loop on this. Kim Longman from our floods team will look into this and respond for Defra as necessary.
Hi Ed,

Thank you for your reply,

The Environment Agency’s proposals for managed realignment at Graveney Marshes have become an important issue in the Examination of the Cleve Hill Solar Park DCO application. The Examining Authority was told that the Applicant had been in touch with the Environment Agency over the likely timescales for adoption of the Medway Estuary and Swale Strategy (MEASS), as it was considered that this would provide some certainty to the Examination, and that the Agency response was that the Strategy was now with Defra awaiting approval. It is on this basis that the Examining Authority has directed the question to Defra.

Many thanks
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Hello Paige

I contacted my floods policy colleagues but they tell me that this should really be for the Environment Agency as they own the relevant strategy. Is it possible to redirect the question to the Environment Agency?

Regards

Ed

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Good afternoon Ed,

You may be aware of the Cleve Hill Solar Park project that is currently going through the Examination process at the Planning Inspectorate.

During this process the Medway Estuary and Swale flood coastal risk management strategy (MEASS) has been mentioned at hearings that have been held.

I just wanted to respectfully make you aware that the Examining Authority has raised a question to Defra, for its comments about the progress of the MEASS. Below is a link to the Examining Authority’s Further Written Questions – the one addressed to Defra can be found on page 5 question 2.0.10.


I am aware that Defra are not an Interested Party in this proposed development but I wanted to
draw this to its attention in case Defra wanted the opportunity to respond.

If there is a more appropriate contact that I need to direct this to, please make me aware.

Kind regards,
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