



Meeting note

Project name	Cleve Hill Solar Park
File reference	EN010085
Status	Final
Date	24 October 2018
Meeting with	Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd
Venue	Telecon
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Cleve Hill Solar Park Ltd
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely. It was explained that names of attendees (personal data) would not be published, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Statutory Consultation Update

The Applicant highlighted changes made to increase the area provided for habitat mitigation. This change doesn't affect the order limits for the proposed development, but does alter the area proposed for overwintering bird mitigation from 41 hectares (as presented in the PEIR) to 56 hectares in the submission, through the removal of areas of solar panels from the design.

The Inspectorate asked if the Applicant considered that any further consultation would be required in relation to this change. The Applicant confirmed that no further consultation was required, as the order limits originally consulted on had not changed. The change was implemented as a response to feedback received during consultation.

The Inspectorate advised that the Consultation Report should set out the justification for this approach and that they have a duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity and to have regard to any relevant responses.

The Applicant updated the Inspectorate on progress on the Construction Traffic Management Plan. This included a transport-specific briefing session which was held with elected members on 19 September 2018.

Non-statutory consultation/engagement

The Applicant updated the Inspectorate on progress with regard to maintaining the existing flood defences. A joint statement with the Environment Agency (EA) has been prepared, which sets out the scope of works deemed to be maintenance and the agreed position that CHSPL should be able to undertake those works in the event the project is implemented. It also explains how the EA's marine licence exemption could be modified via the DCO so that it may apply to CHSPL. The joint position paper will be submitted with the application, along with correspondence received from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).

The MMO has not been able to confirm its position in relation to the proposed modification of the exemption, but as an alternative has suggested that the Applicant could include a Deemed Marine Licence in the DCO in relation to maintenance of the flood defences.

Both of these approaches will be covered in the draft Development Consent Order.

The Applicant confirmed that all relevant parties that would need to be consulted with under s42 of the PA2008 in relation to a Deemed Marine Licence had already been consulted.

Draft Documents Review

The Applicant confirmed that it would not be submitting draft documents for review. The Inspectorate advised that it was not mandatory for them to do so.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to review advice given to other Applicants, following the acceptance phase on previous projects submitted to the Inspectorate. This advice could contain useful information relating to quality and consistency of the documentation.

The Inspectorate outlined the restrictions in relation to personal data under the GDPR and noted that the Book of Reference would not be published until a decision to accept any application had been made.

Anticipated Submission Date

The Applicant advised that the application was likely to be submitted on Friday 16 November 2018.