



Meeting note

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Meeting with	EDF Energy
Venue	Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Siân Evans (Case Officer) Richard Hunt (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) WBGP Carly Vince (EDF Energy) Peter Smith (EDF Energy) Richard Lowe (Aecom)
Meeting objectives	West Burton C Project Meeting Update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

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.

Consultation and submission programme

The Applicant is undertaking one round of informal consultation over the summer of 2017. The Applicant advised that they will be distributing more than 4000 newsletters within a 3km radius of the proposed application site and to locations within 10km if the settlement lies along an access route. The Applicant agreed to send a copy of the newsletter to the Inspectorate. The Applicant will be exhibiting its proposals locally in the first weekend of July 2017.

The Applicant has launched a webpage to provide further information about the project to the public. The Inspectorate agreed to update the project page on the Inspectorate's website to include the link to this new webpage.

The Applicant is currently consulting Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council on the Statement of Community Consultation. Although not a requirement, the Applicant is also consulting West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council, which border the site.

The Applicant is consulting parish clerks, local councillors and the local MP. The Inspectorate confirmed that it encouraged early engagement with all these parties.

The Applicant advised that a rail line is included in the red line boundary and that Network Rail will be formally notified of the application but that the line is in private ownership and no modifications are anticipated to the line at present. The Applicant is considering the potential to import material via the railhead although the feasibility of this needs to be considered further.

The Applicant advised that they will be doing a presentation on the Planning Act 2008 process for Nottinghamshire County Council. The Inspectorate suggested that the details of the project mailbox (WestBurtonC@pins.gsi.gov.uk) and customer services telephone number be given to the local authority so that they can get in contact with the case team if they have any further queries. The Inspectorate also offered to provide some slides used in previous presentations.

There will be one round of formal consultation which will commence Autumn 2017. The draft Environmental Statement will be published as the Preliminary Environmental Information Report.

The Applicant proposes to submit their application Q1 2018 to enable them to enter the 2019 capacity auction, should a Development Consent Order be made for the Project.

Response to Scoping Opinion and next steps

The Applicant provided an update on their assessment work.

The potential to remove material/ waste offsite was discussed and the Applicant outlined that waste removal offsite was not likely to be required.

The Applicant advised that health effects would be considered as part of the socio-economic chapter.

The construction noise assessment was discussed and the Applicant stated that this would include baseline noise monitoring, outline management plans and generic noise modelling (eg for distance attenuation). The Applicant will use this information to set specific noise levels to be achieved at the site boundary.

The Inspectorate reflected on the consultation responses received at scoping stage and advised the Applicant to document all discussions with consultees and to draft Statements of Common Ground to establish what is agreed, where possible. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to confirm the division of responsibilities between the District Council and County Council.

The Applicant advised that they have met with Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency (EA). The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to agree methodology and receptors with each of them.

The Inspectorate noted that aviation had been scoped out of the Environmental Statement however there are airports within the region and therefore whilst a specific ES chapter was not required, the Inspectorate advised that the airport operators, including the Ministry of Defence, should be consulted. The Inspectorate also suggested the Applicant consult the Met Office due to the presence of a met mast. The Inspectorate also advised the Applicant to consult the Ministry of Defence.

The Applicant advised that a Habitat Regulations Assessment is not required but they will submit a screening matrix.

Developing the Rochdale Envelope

The Applicant advised that due to ongoing technology developments they have not finalised whether the power station will use gas turbines or gas engines, nor the number of units/stacks. The Applicant will try and narrow the design as much as possible before submission but will be looking for flexibility in their application, possibly including different technology options within the same Development Consent Order (DCO). They will assess the project using worst case scenarios for either technology.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider how to consult on the different options and the effects of each option. The Applicant should ensure the local authorities understand the DCO as they will be required to enforce it. The Applicant explained that the Explanatory Memorandum could be used to articulate the flexibility sought within the DCO.

The Inspectorate queried how this flexibility would affect the Environmental Permit required from the Environment Agency (EA). The Applicant advised that they are seeking less flexibility in the permit required from the EA. This will be submitted around the same time as the application for development consent.

Application documents

The Applicant advised that they intend to submit draft documents for review by the Inspectorate in September 2017. The Inspectorate noted that this is at the same time as the statutory consultation is due to take place and therefore a consultation report would not be available for review. The Applicant advised that the informal consultation would be included in the report and a skeleton draft of the statutory consultation. The Inspectorate also advised that some of the documents may change as a result of the consultation and therefore there may be insufficient time before submission of the application for the Inspectorate to undertake a second review. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to allow two to three months for a review of draft documents.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to submit a Guide to the Application. It is helpful if this is kept as a separate document and updated at each deadline with the Inspectorate's document references.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to look at s55 checklists for applications that had been accepted to see what evidence the Inspectorate looks for and the checks that are carried out. In particular it is important that the persons listed in the Book of Reference match the list of s42 consultees, and any differences between the two documents are clearly explained in the consultation report.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

The Applicant to send the Inspectorate a copy of their newsletter [Complete].

The Inspectorate to send slides on the Planning Act 2008 process [Complete].