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Application by Thurrock Power Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant project

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on Transportation and Traffic, Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Cultural Heritage and Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on the draft Development Consent Order.

The Examining Authority (ExA) notified Interested Parties (IPs) on Monday 29 March 2021 of the decision to hold the Issue Specific Hearings listed below:

Date	Hearing	Starting Time	Venue
Tuesday 27 April 2021	ISH1 on Transportation and Traffic (including matters relating to the proposed causeway)	Arrangements conference starts 9.30am	By virtual means
Wednesday 28 April 2021	ISH2 on Cultural Heritage	Arrangements conference starts 9.30am	
Thursday 29 April 2021	ISH3 on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	2.00pm Arrangements conference starts 1.30pm	

Purpose of the Hearings

ISH1 – Transport and Traffic

The main purpose of ISH1 is to explore some of the issues that arise from the application and representations in relation to Traffic and Transportation.

ISH2 - Cultural Heritage

The main purpose of ISH2 is to explore some of the cultural heritage issues that arise from the application and representations.

ISH3 – Draft Development Consent Order

The main purpose of ISH3 is to consider the drafting aspects of the dDCO and in particular to:



- Clarify issues around how the dDCO is intended to work, what is to be consented, the extent of the powers and what requirements, provisions and agreements are proposed;
- identify any possible issues not covered by the dDCO as currently drafted;
 and
- establish or confirm the views of IPs as to the appropriateness, proportionality and efficacy of the provisions and requirements as currently drafted.

For the avoidance of doubt, ISH3 will not consider the underlying issues arising from the Application or the representations which have been made in relation to those issues. The decision to hold the hearing should not be taken to imply that the ExA has reached any view at this stage of the examination as to whether or not the Order should be granted.

Agendas

In order to ensure that those attending the hearings can make the best use of the time, the ExA has prepared the agendas below. Please note that these are indicative and are subject to change. The ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of enquiry during the discussion which are not on the agenda.

Invited Participants

The Applicant, all IPs, Statutory Parties and Affected Persons are invited to attend. However, as the event is being held virtually it would assist with the running of the hearing if you could let the Inspectorate's Case Team (thurrockFPG@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) know by **Thursday 22 April 2021** which of the hearings you wish to attend so that the relevant instructions can be sent for you to join the event.

Representatives of the following companies and bodies are requested to attend to address matters identified in the agendas.

ISH1 into Transport and Traffic

- Port of Tilbury London Limited
- Highways England
- Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
- RWE Generation (UK) Limited
- Any other IPs who wish to take part in the hearings

ISH2 into Cultural heritage

- Historic England
- Thurrock Council (Archaeology)
- Any other IPs who wish to take part in the hearings

ISH3 into the dDCO:

- Thurrock Council
- Any IPs with an interest in the drafting of the dDCO; implementation or discharge of proposed articles, requirements or other provisions; seeking protective provisions or any related side agreements

Participation, conduct and management of hearing

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearings will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required.

Participation is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing.

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

The ExA will be referring to the revised version of the dDCO accepted into the Examination at Deadline 2 [REP2-014].

Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including further written questions.

The virtual event will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

AGENDA FOR ISH1

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

Item	Matters		
1.	Welcome, introductions, purpose and arrangements for the hearing		
2.	Preliminary matters		
3.	 Main discussion points Asda roundabout Assumptions on traffic movements Low Street level crossing, Princess Margaret Avenue level crossing and Station Road Delivery of Abnormal Indivisible Loads Proposed mitigation 		
4.	Update on statements of common ground		
5.	Other matters		
6.	Review of issues and actions arising		
7.	Close		

AGENDA FOR ISH2

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Item	Matters	
1.	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing	
2.	Preliminary matters	
3.	 Main discussion points: Archaeology including: Trail trenching Outline WSI Setting of heritage assets Walton Common 	
4.	Update on statements of common ground	
5.	Other matters	
6.	Review of issues and actions arising	
7.	Close	

AGENDA FOR ISH3

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DDCO)

Item	Matters		
1.	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing		
2.	Structure of the Order		
	The Applicant will be asked to:		
	 summarise the structure of the dDCO; describe the extent of the Works, provisions and powers sought; briefly introduce each of the Schedules and their purpose; and provide a brief summary of the changes made in the revised dDCO submitted at Deadline 2. 		
3.	Main discussion points		
	 Proposed Changes (if any) Applicant to provide an update on any proposed changes to the application and how these affect the drafting of the dDCO. 		
	 Schedule 2 (Requirements) The Applicant will be asked to provide an overview of the Requirements and respond to any queries from the ExA. 		
	 Schedule 8 (Deemed Marine Licence) The Applicant will be asked to provide an overview of Schedule 8 and update the ExA on discussions with statutory bodies. 		
	 Schedule 9 – Protective Provisions The Applicant will be asked to provide an update on the protective provisions. 		
	Interested Parties will be given an opportunity to ask questions and/or comment on the above.		
4.	Opportunity for Interested Parties to comment on other aspects of the dDCO and raise any matters not covered in item 3 above.		
6.	Other matters		
7.	Review of issues and actions arising		
8.	Close		