



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm
<b>File reference</b>	EN010098
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
<b>Date</b>	25 February 2019
<b>Meeting with</b>	Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	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.

### ***Project Update***

The Applicant provided a general project update covering how it had:

- successfully seen and reviewed the scoping response from East Riding of Yorkshire Council;
- had been working on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which it aimed to finish by 29 July 2019;
- aimed to complete a draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) by the end of February 2020.

The Applicant noted that due to the likely completion date of the PEIR it was going to extend the period of statutory consultation (28 days) by two weeks (to 40 days), so as to take into account the impact of the summer holidays.

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it had employed a Community Liaison Officer (CLO) (Andrew Acum of Mercury Communications) in the area (Beverley) near the Project (Cottingham) to improve communication with hard to reach parties.

The Applicant updated the Inspectorate on the survey work currently ongoing. It had just completed the winter Marine Traffic survey; finished offshore overwintering bird surveys; and onshore surveys were ongoing. The Inspectorate asked whether there were any issues with access to land, to complete surveys. The Applicant confirmed that there were some issues at present gaining access for all the required surveys and further to this they had engaged all landowners either directly or through land agents.

### ***Continued Refinements:***

The Applicant described how the PEIR was going to be akin to a draft Environmental Statement (ES), with only onshore ecology and shipping and navigation excluded, as survey and investigative works for these had yet to be finalised. The Applicant discussed the role of the Impact and Commitment Registers and how these were intended to be submitted at PEIR. Some feedback had been received from stakeholders in relation to wording of Commitments and the Applicant was looking at how the language could be made more robust.

The Applicant also clarified that it would map out where there were gaps in information within the PEIR and that discussions had been ongoing with stakeholders around how best to present this information.

The Applicant explained how it had been using the information collected for the PEIR to refine and reduce the area of investigation to be present in the application. It had been undertaking discussions with Trinity House, Natural England, the Crown Estate and

stakeholders in oil and gas in reference to this. The Applicant said there had already been approximately 40% reduction in the agreement for Lease (AFL) area and it was going to present this and further possible reductions to the Inspectorate at the next meeting.

The Applicant spoke about how it had made further refinements to the landfall search area compared to what was presented at scoping, reducing this by 50%. Further to this it had refined the sub-station location to two preferred zones. The Applicant said it had met with Barmston Parish Council in relation to landfall and was going to meet with Parish Council's in which substations might be located.

### ***Specific decisions/ follow-up required?***

The following actions were agreed:

- A meeting to be arranged within the next few months
- At the next meeting the Applicant intends to include items on Proportionality, securing Commitments, draft DCO Application Register and the Inspectorate will discuss whether the Applicant will submit draft documents to the Inspectorate for review