



Meeting note

Project name	Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	06 November 2019
Meeting with	Ørsted, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Natural England, Historic England, GoBe Consultants, RHDHV
Venue	Teleconference - Temple Quay House, Bristol and York
Meeting objectives	Steering Group fourth meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

Introductions were made for those who had not met previously. The Inspectorate ensured those present understood that a summary note of the meeting would be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

The developer gave an update of project activities, including additional site visits undertaken, and an overview of responses received from their Section 42 consultation. Following on from this it confirmed selection of area 'A4' as the preferred landfall option and advised that the detailed reasoning behind this would be set out in the Environmental Statement to be submitted with the application. The developer also stated that it intends to take measures to avoid impacts on the English Coastal Path. Natural England advised that as much certainty as possible around commitments and methods of working would be required. Agreement was reached to discuss effects on coastal processes within the technical panel group meetings.

The developer explained that the search area for the proposed HVAC Booster Station remains the same as presented at PEIR, although a minor change has been made to accommodate temporary works. Minor changes have been made to the onshore cable corridor following landowner comments, in particular to areas at the proposed onshore substation. Options for connection to the National Grid have been refined.

A discussion was held around the results of the additional survey work described, where Natural England advised that it had concerns regarding adequate sight of the results and updated Environmental Statement chapters prior to the application being made. The developer acknowledged that its intention is to update the environmental information and make it available, however given the timescales involved there was not an intention to share responses to comments received prior to application.

Discussion on the information to be shared was held and the developer confirmed that these matters would be discussed in individual technical panel meetings.

In addition to the matters above, discussion was held about responses to consultation received and assessment work undertaken, including that relating to the historic environment, marine ecology and processes, onshore land use, onshore traffic and transport issues. Technical panel meetings are scheduled for November and December 2019 (tbc)