



Meeting note

Project name	Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm
File reference	EN010098
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate)
Date	20 October 2021
Meeting with	Ørsted (the Applicant)
Venue	Online
Meeting objectives	Signposting request
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning 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.

Signposting

The Inspectorate explained that it had yet to reach a decision on whether the application would be accepted for examination. However, it had some concerns in relation Energy Balancing Infrastructure (EBI) included in Work No. 7 in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO).

The Inspectorate explained it was finding it difficult to locate information in the Environmental Statement (ES) regarding the nature and location of the EBI, which it required to confirm whether an adequate assessment of its potential environmental effects had been undertaken. The Inspectorate confirmed that it had identified maximum physical parameters (Table 4.41 of ES Volume A1 Chapter 4: Project Description), and maximum noise levels (Table 4.46 of ES Volume A1 Chapter 4: Project Description) within the ES. However, the ES appeared to provide flexibility in terms of the EBI location (ie either onshore or offshore), and the EBI technological options.

In light of this, the Inspectorate provided the Applicant with an opportunity to signpost where in the submitted application documents the above information was. It was made clear to the Applicant that there was no opportunity to add any additional information that was not available in the submitted documents. Subsequently, on 21 October 2021, the Applicant submitted an [Energy Balancing Infrastructure Signposting document](#).

Specific decisions/ follow-up required?

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant to provide a signposting document