

Meeting note

Project name TiGRE Project 1

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Author The Planning Inspectorate

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Meeting with TiGRE Project-1 Limited

Venue Teleconference

Attendees The Planning Inspectorate

Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead)

Tracey Williams (Case Manager)

Siân Evans (Case Officer)

Emma Cottam (EIA and Land Rights Advisor)

The Applicant

Dermot Grimson (TiGRE Project-1 Ltd) Sophie Wright (Niras Consulting Ltd) David Bloxsom (Niras Consulting Ltd)

Meeting objectives

Project update

Circulation All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

Introduction

Tigre Project-1 Limited (the Applicant) and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined 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.

Project update

The Applicant clarified that the project, previously known as Gas2Wire, was now called TiGRE Project 1 and that this company had been set up by the investors – TiGRE Project Services Ltd (formerly Indigo Power Ltd), GE and Oxford Capital.

The Applicant explained that since the last meeting with the Inspectorate it was now unlikely that the pipeline would be used for gas storage. There are currently three

connection options, all proposed to be at the offshore substation of existing or proposed offshore wind farms. There will be no new cabling to shore, although landfall of the existing cable associated with the offshore wind farm is likely to be in Suffolk, rather than Norfolk. The Applicant will meet with Suffolk County Council. The Inspectorate recommended holding a public meeting/ event to explain the project to the local communities.

The Applicant advised that they intend to submit a scoping request to the Inspectorate in early August 2018; the Applicant will keep the Inspectorate informed in this regard. The Applicant was advised to be clear in the Scoping Report what it is proposing to scope out of consideration in the ES. Requests to scope out particular aspects/matters should be supported by information which addresses the questions set out in Advice Note Seven.

The Inspectorate advised that a GIS shapefile should be submitted to the Inspectorate a minimum of 10 days before the scoping request and advised the Applicant to look at Advice Note Seven for the technical specifications of the shapefile. The Inspectorate advised that a project page on the Inspectorate's website will need to be published before the scoping request is submitted.

The Applicant advised that they do not consider there to be any potential for significant transboundary effects on other European Economic Area (EEA) States as a result of the project. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to include information to support this position in the Scoping Report and to review Advice Note Twelve in this regard.

The Applicant advised that they have undertaken informal consultation with a number of statutory consultees but have currently had difficulty in contacting a couple of them. The Applicant has met the MPs for Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Applicant advised that non-statutory consultation will commence next month. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider the exact timing of this, as it can cause confusion for consultees if non-statutory consultation takes place at the same time as the Inspectorate is undertaking its scoping consult. It will be important that responses to the scoping consultation are directed to the Inspectorate.

The Applicant advised that their Statement of Community Consultation is in the final stage of review. The Inspectorate advised that it would be useful if the Applicant consulted the Marine Management Organisation on this, as well as the relevant local authority(ies).

The Applicant intends their formal consultation to take place in November/ December 2018 and submission of the application in March/ April 2019. The Inspectorate advised that due to the novel nature of the application the Applicant may wish to submit draft documents to the Inspectorate for review. This can take approximately 6-8 weeks so the Applicant may wish to build this into their programme.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

 The Applicant to confirm the coordinates of the project to enable publication of the project page on the Inspectorate's website.

- Applicant to send the Inspectorate a GIS shapefile and to confirm the exact submission date for scoping request.
- Applicant and Inspectorate to schedule a post-scoping project update meeting.