



Meeting note

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Meeting with	The Planning Inspectorate Bradwell B
Venue	Temple Quay House, Bristol
Meeting objectives	Project Meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. 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.

Consultation update

Non-statutory stage one consultation commenced on 4 March 2020 and will run for 12 weeks¹. The Applicant gave a high level introduction to their consultation. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to have regards to the National Infrastructure Commission's design principles when developing the project. The Inspectorate suggested that the Applicant may wish to consider a design panel when developing the project. The Applicant was recommended to review the Hinkley Point C Connector Project and HS2 in regards of design practices. The Applicant was also recommended to look at the Hornsea4 Commitments Register, which sets out how the Applicant is committing to the issues raised by the local community.

Project update

The Applicant is developing a masterplan for the project. The Applicant is currently consulting on two possible development scenarios for the workers campus (a third location has been discarded). The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to clarify this in any future consultation material.

The Applicant was advised not to decouple the major permits needed for the project as the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State will need assurance that the relevant permits are coming forward.

¹ Post meeting note: the time period for the consultation has now been reviewed in light of the impact of Covid-19 and will now run until 1st July 2020.

The Applicant highlighted that it is considering the possibility of submitting applications for planning permission, under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for some site clearance works as well as works to highways.

Scoping

The Scoping Request is likely to be submitted in September 2020. The Inspectorate highlighted the recent legal challenges around climate change and advised the Applicant to discuss this with the relevant environmental bodies. The Applicant was also advised that flooding is likely to be a key issue in the Scoping Opinion and to work closely with the Environment Agency and the relevant Lead Local Flood Authority.

Compulsory Acquisition

The Applicant confirmed that it now has a land team in place and did not currently envisage submitting any s53 applications.

Project timescales

There has been no change to the likely submission date since the previous meeting.

Follow ups

The next meeting will be scheduled before the Scoping request is submitted.