



Preliminary Meeting Note

Application: Keadby 3 Low Carbon Gas Power Station Project

Reference: EN010114

Time and date: 10am – 7 December 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams

This meeting note is not a full transcript of the Preliminary Meeting. It is a summary of the key points discussed. A recording of the event is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed via the following link: [Recording of the Preliminary Meeting](#).

1. Welcome and Introduction

Christopher Butler, welcomed those present and introduced himself as the single Examining Authority (ExA) to examine the Keadby 3 Low Carbon Gas Power Station Project application.

The ExA explained the appointment was made by delegation from the Secretary of State (SoS) on 12 August 2021.

The ExA explained he would be examining the application made by Keadby Generation Limited ('the Applicant') before making a recommendation to the SoS who will decide whether an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed project, which is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), should be made.

The ExA explained the purpose of the Preliminary Meeting (PM) and noted that the Examination will commence after the PM closes.

The ExA confirmed that all documents and submissions received and accepted during the Examination will be published on the [project-specific page of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#).

The ExA invited those present at the PM to introduce themselves. The Applicant, North Lincolnshire Council and Client Earth introduced themselves/ their representatives.

2. Examination Process

The ExA briefly explained the examination process under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), further info can be found in the [Advice Note 8.4](#).

3. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

The ExA explained the purpose of the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (section 88 of the PA2008), which can be found in [Annex C of the Rule 6 letter of 08 November 2021](#) and asked for any observations on them.

The Applicant and Client Earth stated they had no comments to make. North Lincolnshire Council responded to state that it would have no comment to make on Compulsory Acquisition matters throughout the Examination, and that it had no specific expertise on matters relating to climate change.

4. Procedural Decisions

The ExA clarified the procedural decisions made under section 89(3) of the PA2008 and asked for any observations.

Procedural decisions can be found in [Annex E of the Rule 6 Letter](#).

The ExA noted their intention to make further Procedural Decisions to request; an up-to-date Compulsory Acquisition Schedule at each deadline, with a final version being submitted at Deadline 6 and; an update on the progress that has been made with Affected Persons and an updated Book of Reference by Deadline 2.

The Applicant stated it had no issues with these further Procedural Decisions. It further responded to confirm that Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) were being drafted and submission was expected soon. The Applicant noted that Doncaster Metropolitan District Council had responded to state that it did not believe a SoCG was necessary, and that it was yet to receive a response from the Health and Safety Executive.

No further comments have been made by any of the parties in attendance.

5. Examination Timetable

The ExA noted that the draft Examination Timetable contained in [Annex D of the Rule 6 letter](#) suggested the date of 15 April 2022 for Deadline 6 submissions. As 15 April 2022 falls on a public holiday, the ExA proposed this deadline is brought forward by one day to 14 April 2022. No parties present raised objections to this.

The ExA noted the request, [already received in writing by the Applicant](#), to amend the draft Examination Timetable contained in Annex D of the Rule 6 letter and also welcomed further suggestions from the parties in attendance.

North Lincolnshire Council and Client Earth stated they had no comment to make on the draft Examination Timetable, or the suggested amendments to this timetable made by the Applicant.

The Applicant explained its reasoning behind suggested amendments to the draft Examination Timetable.

The ExA noted that a period of 21 days would be expected for responses to be provided to the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES), further noting that the Applicant's suggested timetable would only allow 11 days. The ExA

provided the opportunity for all parties to respond on this matter. The Applicant suggested Deadline 7 could be moved back to enable adequate time to respond to the RIES. In response, the ExA noted this would leave little time at the end of the Examination to deal with any new matters. The Applicant replied suggesting a compromise of a middle ground between enabling adequate time to respond to the RIES while ensuring time is left towards the end of the Examination period. North Lincolnshire Council and Client Earth stated they had no objections to this approach.

All comments received were duly noted by the ExA and considerations will be reflected in the Rule 8 Letter.

The Examination Timetable can be found in the [Rule 8 letter](#) published on 14 December 2021.

6. Hearings and Site Inspections

The ExA clarified the purpose of:

- Issue Specific Hearings
- Compulsory Acquisition Hearings
- Open Floor Hearings
- Accompanied Site Inspections
- Unaccompanied Site Inspections

The ExA noted that two Unaccompanied Site Inspections had been undertaken and notes of these inspections could be found on the [project page of the National Infrastructure website](#).

The ExA noted that Accompanied Site Inspections were likely to be required but were subject to potential future restrictions on travel relating to Covid-19. The Applicant stated it was happy with the approach of the ExA and noted that, were it of value, drone footage of the site had been taken by the Applicant.

The ExA noted the [request by the Applicant](#) for all hearings to be held in a virtual format. The ExA clarified that future hearings could be held in person, virtually or as a blended event, subject to any public health controls that may apply at the time.

The ExA invited any comments on the approach to hearings and site inspections. North Lincolnshire Council stated it was happy to be led by the ExA. Client Earth requested an Issue Specific Hearing on paragraph 33 of the Requirements Schedule to the draft DCO. The ExA responded to confirm an Issue Specific Hearing would take place on the draft DCO within the duration of the Examination.

Further information relating to hearings and site inspections can be found in our [Advice Note 8.5](#).

7. Any Remaining Questions

The ExA invited any remaining questions or submissions regarding procedural matters. No comments were made.

8. Any Other Matters

The ExA invited comments on any other matters. No comments were made.

The ExA thanked everyone for their attendance and engagement and closed the PM.