



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Keadby 3
<b>File reference</b>	EN010114
<b>Status</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
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<b>Meeting with</b>	SSE Thermal
<b>Venue</b>	Virtual
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (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.

### Strategic Context

The Applicant explained the strategic context behind the project, acknowledging that Keadby 3 will help to achieve the national goal of Net Zero by 2050. The Applicant explained that large scale decarbonised flexible power generation provided by the project will complement the increasing levels of renewable energy on the grid and help to maintain security of supply. The Applicant explained that Keadby 3 will have links to the Zero Carbon Humber (ZCH) cluster and would likely connect into the Humber Low Carbon Pipelines by National Grid Carbon. As Keadby 3 will only be built with a clear route to decarbonisation, construction will not commence until the low carbon power agreement is finalised, therefore, the Applicant was seeking a seven year implementation period in the DCO, to allow for the National Grid pipeline to receive development consent.

### Project Overview

The Applicant provided an overview of the Proposed Development. Keadby 3 would provide a high efficiency low carbon combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station with a capacity of up to 910MW electrical output, including a post combustion carbon capture plant (CCP). The Applicant explained that Keadby 3 would be sited to make use of existing connections for natural gas, cooling water and electricity on land adjacent to Keadby 1 and Keadby 2. The Applicant explained that it was in discussion with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Crown Estate regarding works on the River Trent. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to keep an audit trail of any

discussions and agreements with the Crown Estate to provide clarity to any future ExA about the extent and nature of the Crown Estate's land interests in relation to the application.

The Applicant outlined their view of the benefits of the proposed development which included: skills and employment, education and community support, and construction and permanent access arrangements.

## **Environmental Assessment**

The Applicant confirmed that the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the Environmental Statement (ES) use reasonable 'worst-case' assessment parameters to predict impacts and effects, applying the 'Rochdale Envelope' approach. The Applicant confirmed it is working with the Environment Agency to work on the air emissions assessment.

The Applicant explained that the design is an ongoing process, it intends to establish project specific design principles which will influence a 'Design Principles Statement' appended to the Design and Access Statement. The functional requirements and views of technical consultees and community consultation responses will help to inform the final design of the Proposed Development.

The Applicant outlined the predicted environmental effects associated with the proposal and stated that for the majority of topics there are no significant residual effects considered likely. Where there are, work is being done to determine further design, impact avoidance and/or mitigation strategies. Regarding landscape and visual amenity, the Applicant has identified that adverse effects are predicted at three viewpoints. The Applicant will produce a Landscape and Biodiversity Management and Enhancement Plan (LBMEP) in response to this.

## **Stage 2 Consultation**

The Applicant provided an overview of the Stage 2 Consultation. The Applicant reflected upon Stage 1 Consultation and the Stage 2 consultation ran for eight weeks. The responses the Applicant received from statutory bodies reflected the technical engagement taken separately from s42 consultation.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to build flexibility into the SoCC regarding in person and virtual consultation approaches, in order to be responsive to changes regarding Government restrictions. The Applicant confirmed that the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) contained a menu of potential consultation methods and was written to accommodate the need for a distanced consultation, including a virtual exhibition. The Applicant set out some analysis of the community feedback received. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to refer to [Advice Note 14](#) when compiling the Consultation Report. Advice Note 14 was updated at the end of February 2021.

The Applicant explained that, following an internal reorganisation, the name on the application documents will be Keadby Generation Limited. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to consider issuing a Section 48 notice that reflects this.

## **Land and Rights Acquisition**

The Applicant outlined its approach to land rights and acquisition. The Applicant intends to voluntarily acquire rights to third party land where possible. The Inspectorate enquired about any discussions the Applicant has had with utilities regarding protective provisions. The Applicant confirmed that some discussions with utilities have occurred to date, including to request protective provisions.

## **Application Timescales**

The Applicant confirmed it intends to submit the DCO application in Q2 2021.

## **Actions**

The following actions were agreed:

- PINS to update project page with Q2 2021 submission date and Keadby 3 mailbox.