

Meeting note

Project name	Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm
File reference	EN010115
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	10 November 2022
Meeting with	Five Estuaries Ltd (the Applicant)
Venue	Microsoft Teams meeting
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	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.

Project update

The Applicant confirmed that the project involves a radial connection, with a substation proposed in the Tendring area. However, it is continuing to explore co-ordination options with a number of other projects as part of the Offshore Transmission Network Review "Early Opportunities" workstream. The Applicant provided a timeframe for consultation on the HRA in Q1 2023, which would be parallel to the statutory consultation. The Applicant explained that it was currently consulting on the SoCC and preparations for statutory consultation were ongoing, which would include briefing Local and Parish Councils. The Applicant confirmed that it was not aware of any overlapping consultations at this time for other projects in the area.

The Applicant confirmed the Stage 1 Consultation Interim Feedback Report has been published on its website. The Preliminary Environmental Information Report was being prepared which would be made available as part of its Statutory Consultation in Q1 2023.

The Applicant confirmed that a navigational risk assessment workshop was held in October 2022. Land interest questionnaires have been issued and notices have been placed.

The Applicant confirmed its intention to submit the DCO application in Q3/4 2023, depending on responses to its statutory consultation.