

Meeting note

Project name	Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm
File reference	EN010117
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	17 July 2023
Meeting with	Rampion Extension Development Limited
Venue	Microsoft Teams
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 and Confirm Target Submission Date

The Applicant stated that the preparation of draft development consent order application is in its final stages with the expected submission date being the end of week commencing 31 July 2023.

Planning Inspectorate Pre-submission Requirements

The GIS Shapefile will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate after today's meeting (**Post Meeting Note** – this has now been submitted).

The Applicant explained that if a Stat Consultee asked to see an unredacted version of a confidential study then the Case Officer would filter that request through to the Applicant who would then provide the unredacted version.

The Applicant explained that the comments received from the Inspectorate in the draft document review table have been considered and that amendments to documents have been made. The Inspectorate raised that may be useful for the Applicant to produce a document in the application submission explaining how these comments have been considered.

Submission

The Applicant will submit the application via a file sharing site, with document sizes not exceeding 50MB as per Inspectorate advice. The Applicant is not intending to submit any hard copies of the documents. The Inspectorate explained that the

Examining Authority may request hard copies of specific documents in due course, if the application is accepted for examination.

Notification Requirements

Section 56 notifications will follow the Inspectorate guidance and the application will be fully available online with no current plans to print and produce hard copies for the public. The applicant will be sharing the NTS and selected plans at deposit locations with information on how people can access the full suite of documentation on the Planning Inspectorate website.

The Applicant is also currently considering the possibility of producing USB's with the full suite of application documents for the public. The Inspectorate advised that along with this information the applicant points members of the public towards the [Advice Note 8 Series](#) on the Planning Inspectorate website, to provide an explanation of the planning process. Although the statutory duration of time for representation is 28 days, the Applicant is intending to run a longer Relevant Representations period.

Examination Planning

The Applicant gave an overview of logistics planning for possible Hearings, if the application is accepted for examination. It was explained that there are limited suitable venues inland. However, there are two possible venues in the Worthing area. The Applicant will continue to explore possible venues and share its list with the Inspectorate in due course. The Applicant is also considering which AV company to appoint for the project.

Compulsory Acquisition Update

The proposed development comprises of approximately 630 parcels of land, with some 2000 land interests (including category 2 and category 3 interests). There are some 85 Category 1 land interests, 10 of which are in the late stages of negotiations for heads of terms or with solicitors. The project also covers Special Category Land including Commons, Allotments, Public Open Spaces and National Trust Land. The Applicant also confirmed that the foreshore intertidal area included Crown Land, with third party interests in the land.

Submission of Without Prejudice Derogation Case

The Applicant considers there is no Adverse Effect on Integrity from the project. However, in line with the requirements in the draft National Policy Statements, the application will be accompanied by a Without Prejudice Derogation Case.

The Inspectorate Advises that Report to Inform an Appropriate Assessment should describe the compensatory measures and how these will be secured, cross referencing to any other DCO mechanisms that are proposed. The Applicant stated the RIAA will be as a separate document. The Applicant is referred to [Advice Note 10](#) sections 3 and 6.