

Meeting note

Project name	Cory Decarbonisation Project
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Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	26 September 2023
Meeting with	Cory Environmental Holdings Limited (CEHL)
Venue	Microsoft Teams
Meeting objectives	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.

S35 Direction – Decision not to proceed with the Hydrogen Project

The Applicant updated the Inspectorate in regard to the proposed development identified within the Section 35 Direction. The Applicant confirmed that they propose at this stage to only pursue the carbon capture element of the Direction. The hydrogen project also identified in the Direction may be pursued at a later date as a separate DCO.

Early Adopters Programme (EAP)

Programme

The Applicant confirmed that Statutory Consultation will be launched 18 October 2023 shortly followed by submission of the DCO in March 2024. The Inspectorate reminded the Applicant to proactively share any updates to its detailed programme plan with key statutory consultees.

Component 3: Issues Tracker

The Applicant confirmed that a populated version of the issues tracker template would be shared for the next meeting in November 2023 in order that emerging/ ongoing issues could be discussed with the Inspectorate. The Inspectorate reiterated the expectation for the issues tracker to be shared with key statutory consultees and published on the Applicant's website.

Component 5: Policy Compliance Document (PCD)

The Applicant explained that it had prepared discrete draft PCDs dealing with National Policy Statements and other tiers of the policy framework. The Inspectorate reiterated the original brief accompanying the invitation to the EAP, which explained that the expectation was for the PCD to be a single document addressing both national and local policy frameworks.

Component 8 – Outline Code of Construction Practice

The document (described as a skeleton draft) was shared with the Inspectorate and the Applicant summarized its scope and structure. It was requested that the Applicant provided a matured version at a later date in order that the Inspectorate could undertake a more helpful review of its content.

Component 7: Design Approach Document (DAD)

The Applicant confirmed that it had regard to the advice provided by the Inspectorate in relation to the scope and structure of the DAD. The design evolution of the project was presented which included how the proposed layout has evolved, the interaction of the scheme with local nature reserves, proposed compensatory land and the River Thames. The remaining programme was illustrated, showing how the DAD would progress from September 2023 to January 2024. The Inspectorate confirmed that when available a matured version of the draft DAD could be reviewed by an Inspector prior to submission.

AOB

The Applicant stated that engagement is ongoing with the Friends of Crossness Nature Reserve.