

# Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	<b>Stallingborough Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) and Carbon Capture Plant (CCP)</b>
<b>File reference</b>	<b>EN010161</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>31 July 2024</b>
<b>Meeting with</b>	<b>RWE Generation UK plc</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Microsoft Teams</b>
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	<b>Project Update Meeting</b>
<b>Circulation</b>	<b>All attendees</b>

## 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.

## Overview of activities since the previous meeting

Non-statutory consultation was undertaken from 8 April to 20 May 2024, including both in-person and online events and a newsletter with feedback form to approximately 13000 addresses. 38 responses were received in total.

The Applicant confirmed that the shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment for planned ground investigation works had been adopted by North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC), with a response provided to comments received from Natural England and the Environment Agency.

## Progress with Feasibility Studies

The Applicant displayed the proposed application site boundary and provided an update on the feasibility studies' progress including for the cooling water infrastructure, construction laydown areas, Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL) routes and electrical grid and natural gas pipeline connection route corridors.

The Inspectorate questioned whether there was any overlap between AIL routes and the various proposed developments around the Port of Immingham. The Applicant confirmed that it is engaging with Associated British Ports about this matter.

The Applicant identified the key constraints for the natural gas pipeline and electrical grid connection routing, including Cress Marsh Strategic Mitigation Sites, Healing Cress Beds Local Wildlife Site and the consented Velocys Sustainable Fuels Facility.

## Updated project programme

The Applicant informed that the project programme had been extended by seven months. Statutory consultation was planned for Q4 2025 with an anticipated application submission date in Q3 2026.

The Inspectorate enquired whether a draft document review was planned and advised the Applicant to schedule sufficient time in the Programme document to have regard to draft document review feedback prior to the submission of the application. The Applicant confirmed that a draft document review was planned in 2026.

The Inspectorate advised that if targeted consultation was necessary, the Applicant should allow sufficient time in the programme to take responses into account prior to finalising the Consultation Report. The Inspectorate requested that the Applicant advises of any changes to key milestone dates.

### **Engagement with technical stakeholders**

The Applicant confirmed that there were Expert Topic Groups (ETGs) in place covering matters including: Water Environment, Ecology, Transport and Heritage.

The Applicant informed that a separate meeting had been held with the UK Health Security Agency to discuss human health impacts and with Natural England to discuss ecology.

The Inspectorate enquired about how engagement with LPAs was progressing and the Applicant confirmed that it had made good progress with NELC with bi-monthly meetings arranged.

### **AOB**

The Inspectorate referred to the advice in National Policy Statement EN-1 regarding good design and questioned whether the Applicant had a design panel. The Examining Authority would consider how the Applicant had demonstrated how the design principles have been followed. The Applicant confirmed that it would be incorporating good design into the application, and it was considering how to present this.

### **Specific decisions/ follow-up required?**

The following actions were agreed:

- The Inspectorate and the Applicant to arrange the next project update meeting for October 2024.
- Applicant to advise of any changes to the programme including date for the PINS draft document review.
- Applicant to provide a copy of the non statutory consultation report once published.