



Meeting note

File reference	EN020001 - Hinkley Point C Connection Project
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Meeting with Venue	National Grid Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Chris White – (Lead Case Manager) Siân Evans – (Case Officer) Tayo Olaitan – (Assistant Case Officer) Matthew Woodhead – (Assistant Case Officer) Frances Russell – (Environmental Services Team) Nicola Mathiason – (Legal) Dean Alford – (Programme Officer) Helen Lancaster – (Environmental Services Team) Hannah Nelson – (Environmental Services Team) National Grid (NG) Peter Bryant – (Senior Project Manager) Nikki Suri – Lead Project Manager (Communications) Jim Brown – Lead Project Manger (Construction)
Meeting objectives	A meeting with National Grid to gain an understanding of their application drawings and plans, discuss the preparation of their application and confirm the submission date
Circulation	All attendees and invitees
Absences	Mark Wilson & Kate Mignano (PINS); Linda Desmond (NG)
Duration	9.30- 11.15am

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

PINS advised on its openness policy, that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the PINS website under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act) and also to note that any advice given under s.51 does not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) can rely.

Presentation on Plans

Examples of the 17 different types of plan to be included in NG's Development Consent Order (DCO) application were shown. There are expected to be approximately 600 plans in the submitted application. As per their consultation material, the overall project route will continue to be depicted in alphabetical sections. A to H will be the relevant sections going forward in the DCO application.

Within each plan, explanatory material will be housed down the right hand side. At the top will be a small inset map, which orientates the plan within the overall project, with a key to the symbols deployed within the plan. At the bottom there will be descriptive text which includes the title of the plan and the Drawing Number.

Each plan's drawing number will reference some or all of the following information:

- The location of the plan (e.g. alphabetical section);
- The plan type (e.g. work plan, land affected plan etc.);
- Whether it is a key plan or a plan sheet that is part of a set; and,
- The sheet number (a plan sheet numbered higher than (1), will be from a set of plans subsidiary to a key plan).

It will be necessary to view NG's key plans first, to understand the substance of any subsidiary plans. All the works to be completed as part of this project, i.e. existing works to be dismantled and new works to be constructed, will be contained within the order limits of the project.

Points Raised During the Presentation

Land Plans

NG confirmed the use of colour coding to differentiate between the types of intended land usage, and any rights sought. Six colours will be used. Where different land uses overlap, the 'higher' land use colour code will be shown on the plan, with the more subsidiary land uses contained within it. The works schedule will need to be consulted to understand the full extent of the uses and rights being sought in each plot on the land plans.

Special Category Land

PINS recommended that Crown Land should be identified on a plan which could be labelled as the Crown Land Plan, as this would be more transparent, rather than treating it as a sub category of Special Category Land, which it was not and could introduce unnecessary confusion. Special category land had a specific definition in the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. Crown land is not included within this definition.

Access and Rights of Way Plan

PINS queried the difference between 'temporary stopping up (managed)' and 'temporary stopping up', in relation to private rights of way.

NG explained that this referred to the way access would be controlled, and would involve a member of staff, stopping the works temporarily, to allow safe access.

Habitats Plan

PINS queried the extent (width) of the habitats mapped, based on the example plan shown, and how NG had decided on the width of the study area adopted throughout the scheme.

NG confirmed they would take this away and respond later.

Trees and Hedgerows Plan

PINS queried whether the applicant intended to include an article in the DCO modifying the Hedgerow Regulations.

NG confirmed they would take this away and respond later.

Other business

Electronic Deposit Locations

PINS reiterated that the Planning Inspectorate had moved towards the presumption of using electronic deposit locations during examination, and would be identifying appropriate locations for this project in this respect. Should the application be accepted for examination, there will be no need for PINS or NG to supply hard copies of any submissions to deposit locations.

NG confirmed that this was understood, they advised that their Nailsea hub would be open to house hard copies of their application documents only, and that this would be made clear on their website.

Application Submission - Update

NG confirmed they would be submitting their application after the 26 May Bank Holiday.

NG suggested that PINS could expect some joint Adequacy of Consultation (AoC) responses from some local authorities.

Actions and Follow up Required

NG

- To confirm in writing their main point of contact for PINS going forward
- To respond to the mapping query about the habitats plan shown
(NG has since confirmed that they surveyed a 250m buffer either side of the order limits)
- To respond to the query regarding modification of the Hedgerow Regulation in the DCO
(NG has since confirmed that they would not be putting an article in the DCO to modify the Regulations)
- To provide the shape file by end of day on 29 April
(NG submitted 29 April)

NG/PINS

- To agree the requirement for a final meeting prior to application submission
(Provisionally set for 15 May)

Additional Follow up Comment from NG

In relation to PINS recommending a review of the title of the Special Category land plan shown, NG later advised that other land besides the Crown Estate had been identified, and therefore they did not propose to change the drawing titles.