



Meeting Note

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| Meeting with | National Grid (Yorkshire and Humber Carbon Capture and Storage Project) |
| Meeting date | 29 November 2012 |
| Attendees (Planning Inspectorate) | David Price (EIA and Land Rights Manager) Laura Allen (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Hannah Pratt (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) |
| Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate) | Giles Pink (Berwin Leighton Paisner for National Grid) Liz Wells (National Grid) |
| Location | Conference Call; The Planning Inspectorate Offices, Temple Quay House, Bristol |

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| Meeting purpose | To give feedback to National Grid on the proposed approach to identifying the number of anticipated S.53 authorisation requests. |
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| Summary of key points discussed and advice given | <p><i>The Planning Inspectorate referred to its openness policy, protocol for meeting notes and exchange of information</i></p> <p>Prior to the conference call the Planning Inspectorate had been provided with draft plans provided by National Grid (NG) identifying each of the anticipated s.53 authorisation requests that NG are proposing to submit to the Secretary of State. The Planning Inspectorate reviewed these draft plans and provided feedback during the conference call, as set out below, on each of the proposed authorisation request, by reference to plot numbers 1 to 8.</p> <p>Plot 1 – Consists of three registered parcels of land. NG confirmed that all of these titles are within the ownership of a single family and confirmed that contact has been established through a single land agent acting on behalf of all of the registered owners. The Planning Inspectorate advised that this may be considered as a single authorisation request as the land appears to be sufficiently contiguous or neighbouring to each other. The Planning Inspectorate emphasised the importance of demonstrating that NG are satisfied that the land agent with whom they have been negotiating for access, has been authorised to act on behalf of all of the registered owners.</p> |
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Plot 2 – Consists of a multiple areas of land which NG have confirmed are included within a single registered title. The Planning Inspectorate advised that this would constitute a single authorisation request as all of the land is included within the same registered title. The Planning Inspectorate highlighted that there were inconsistencies on the plan with regard to labelling of registered title numbers and plot reference numbers.

Plot 3 – Consists of two parcels of land which NG have confirmed are included within a single registered title. The Planning Inspectorate advised that this would constitute a single authorisation request as all of the land is included within the same registered title.

Plot 4 – Consists of three parcels of unregistered land identified on three separate plans, which NG has indicated are held by members within the same family and confirmed that contact has been established through a single land agent acting on behalf of all of the owners. The Planning Inspectorate advised that on the information presented so far, the Planning Inspectorate may exercise its discretion and determine that these three parcels of unregistered land constitute three separate s.53 authorisation requests, as the three parcels of land are unlikely to be considered sufficiently contiguous or neighbouring to each other to constitute a single authorisation request.

Plot 5 – Consists of two parcels of land which NG have confirmed are included within a single registered title. The Planning Inspectorate advised that this would constitute a single authorisation request as all of the land is included within the same registered title.

Plot 6 - Consists of a single parcel of land which is included within one registered title. The Planning Inspectorate advised that this would constitute a single authorisation request as the land is included within the same registered title.

Plot 7 – Consists of three separate registered parcels identified on two plans. NG has stated that the parcels of land are all within the ownership of the same family and that a single land agent acting on behalf of all of the registered owners. The Planning Inspectorate advised that on the information presented so far, the Planning Inspectorate may exercise its discretion and determine that these three parcels of registered land constitute two separate s.53 authorisation requests as whilst two parcels of land may be considered sufficiently contiguous or neighbouring to each other to constitute a single authorisation request, the other parcel of land does not appear to meet either of these requirements and would therefore appear to be a separate authorisation request.

Plot 8 – Consists of multiple registered and non registered parcels of land. The Planning Inspectorate advised that on the information presented so far, the Planning Inspectorate may exercise its discretion and determine that these multiple parcels of land constitute a single s.53 authorisation request as the parcels of land may be considered sufficiently contiguous or neighbouring to each other and that the land has been identified by NG as being within the same ownership.

Questions by NG

Would the Planning Inspectorate accept cross-referencing to materials/evidence that is applicable to more than one s.53 authorisation request?

The Planning Inspectorate confirmed that this would be acceptable but asked that every effort is made to make sure this cross-referencing is clear to follow in each of the s.53 authorisation requests.

General Advice

The Planning Inspectorate recommends the use of an overarching key plan that includes all land subject to the S.53 authorisation requests along with the proposed DCO order limits (usually shown by a red line boundary). This will enable the Planning Inspectorate to identify how each of the s.53 authorisation requests relates to each other and to the proposed DCO application site.

The Planning Inspectorate also advised NG that it would be useful if the plans provided with the s.53 authorisation requests could clearly identify on the plans the title numbers for registered parcels of land and that each parcel of land included within a s.53 authorisation request should have a unique land/plot reference number to clearly identify each parcel of land. The Planning Inspectorate advised that a consistent format should be used across all plans included within the authorisation requests to assist presentation and interpretation of the plans.

The Planning Inspectorate confirmed that payment for each s.53 authorisation request is £1,000 and is payable by BACS transfer. The Planning Inspectorate confirmed that following the submission of s.53 authorisation requests to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, will exercise its discretion to determine the appropriate number of s.53 authorisation requests, taking into account the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 5 (Section 53: Rights of entry – available on the Planning Inspectorate's website) and the relevant DCLG Guidance of the Fees Regulations.

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| | <p>The Planning Inspectorate advised NG to consider whether it may be appropriate to propose different authorisation conditions for separate parcels of land within an authorisation request, taking into account the existing land use of each parcel i.e. agricultural land used for crops, land used for grazing animals, or land including built structures. The Planning Inspectorate identified that where different conditions are proposed for separate parcels of land within a single authorisation request this may indicate that the authorisation request includes multiple s.53 requests.</p> <p>NG indicated that the intention would be to submit the s.53 authorisation requests before Christmas.</p> |
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| Specific decisions/ follow up required? | <p>The Planning Inspectorate will provide National Grid with the BACS transfer information for payment of the s.53 authorisation fees.</p> <p>BLP to discuss with NG whether they intend to submit all S.53 applications at once or to adopt a phased approach instead.</p> |
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