

Meeting note

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Meeting with Venue	Telephone conference
Attendees	Developer Richard Gwilliam (National Grid Carbon) Liz Wells (National Grid Carbon) Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Hannah Pratt (EIA officer) David Price (EIA Manager) Tom Carpen (Principal case manager)
Meeting Objectives	Update on the progress of the project
Circulation	All Attendees

Summary of Key Points and Advice Given:

Introduction

The Planning Inspectorate advised the developer about their openness policy (that any advice given will be recorded and placed on the National Infrastructure pages of the planning portal website under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) (PA 2008) and that any advice given does not constitute legal advice upon which developers (or others) can rely).

Project Update

Change to application boundary

The developer provided an update on the progress of the project and sought advice regarding its approach to Flood Risk.

The applicant advised that it intended to make changes to the project boundary and sought the Planning Inspectorate's view on whether a further scoping opinion would be needed.

The Planning Inspectorate advised that there was no requirement for a project to be scoped and it would be for the applicant to decide based on the scope of any changes and the value a scoping request would give.

The Planning Inspectorate also advised that the applicant should reflect the changes and any further consultation in its consultation report.

Flood risk assessment

The applicant submitted information in advance of the meeting seeking the Planning Inspectorate's advice on the process for classifying the project as "essential infrastructure" for the purposes of Flood Risk Assessments.

The Planning Inspectorate advised that its initial consideration was that it would be for the Secretary of State to determine along with any decision on the application. The Planning Inspectorate advised that, without prejudice to any future examination, it had the potential to be an issue for examination. Therefore the applicant may wish to anticipate that as part of its pre-application work by discussing and sharing the reasoning set out to the Planning Inspectorate, with the local planning authorities, the Environment Agency and relevant Internal Drainage Boards. Where possible the applicant could look to develop a Statement of Common Ground on the issue.

The Planning Inspectorate agreed to follow up with written advice.

The Planning Inspectorate agreed with EA advice that one Flood Risk Assessment for all Above Ground Infrastructure (AGIs) would be appropriate rather than individual Flood Risk Assessments per AGI.

Update on milestones

The applicant advised that formal consultation would run from 23 September to 1 November 2013.

The Planning Inspectorate advised that to feedback on draft documents by early January it would need to receive them by 5 December 2013. The applicant advised that it may be able to submit the draft Habitats Regulations Assessment sooner.

The applicant intends to submit the application at the end of February 2014

Update on Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

The applicant provided a brief update on discussions with Natural England regarding the HRA, including discussions on potential in-combination effects in relation to the White Rose power station project.

The Planning Inspectorate advised the applicant to ensure that any mitigation measures covered in the HRA are also reflected in the draft Development Consent Order.

Pumping Station

The applicant provided an update on the matters relating to the pumping station. The Planning Inspectorate asked how defined the design is likely to be upon submission of the application. It advised that as part of non-statutory consultation it had held a Design Review with CABI at Barmston Village Hall (The closest settlement to the proposed location) to which East Riding Council officers were invited. The applicant advised that developed concepts designs will be submitted as part of the DCO but permission sought for a Rochdale Envelope approach.

The Planning Inspectorate advised the applicant to be clear to consultees on what aspects of design they are consulting on, and for that clarity to follow through in the application submission (notably in the draft DCO).

Post Meeting Note: The applicant sent a copy of the CABI Design Review report to The Planning Inspectorate for information.

Safety

The Planning Inspectorate advised the applicant to consider how it would cover the risk of carbon release from the pipeline itself in its application, including the role of the Health and Safety Executive.

The applicant advised that safety is an integral consideration and that the Planning Inspectorate's comments are noted.

Specific decisions/ follow up required?

Planning Inspectorate to provide written advice regarding "Essential Infrastructure" Flood Risk Assessment matters

The applicant reiterated their invite to The Planning Inspectorate of a site visit