



Meeting Note

File reference	Onshore Wind Sector
Status	Final
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Meeting with	RenewableUK
Meeting date	13 June 2012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Susannah Guest – Principal Case Manager Frances Russell – EIA Manager Simon Farmer – Knowledge and Information Manager
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Yana Bosseva - RenewableUk Nikita Perepelov – RenewableUK
Location	Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Follow up to February 2012 meeting
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) outlined the process whereby the former IPC had been abolished but that the process, knowledge and expertise had transferred to the National Infrastructure Directorate at PINS. RenewableUK reported that no significant issues had been raised by their members regarding this transfer.</p> <p>PINS outlined the current structure of the organisation and the operational teams within the National Infrastructure Directorate. The transfer of former IPC Commissioners to Examining Inspectors was noted. PINS outlined its ability to deploy resources flexibly in response to situations such as the recent publication of the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>In accordance with the requirements set out in the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) Section 51 and Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 Regulation 11, PINS noted the Information Protocol which directs what and how information is made available. RenewableUK noted that an amendment to Section 51 PA 2008 by the Localism Act 2011 had removed the bar on providing advice relating to the merits of a case. PINS was aware of the provision and confirmed that it was seeking to provide advice if requested and was looking at its facilitation role in the pre-application process.</p> <p>RenewableUK also noted that the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 had amended the number of parties that could automatically assume Interested Party status to an examination. PINS recognised this amendment and indicated that it was</p>
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	<p>seeking to provide information on a case by case basis where appropriate and applicable. RenewableUK suggested that PINS could make such information more widely available.</p> <p>RenewableUK provided feedback on some current examinations and suggested PINS could make available additional advice in respect of who was responsible for the practicalities of running an Examination (e.g. the applicant's role and responsibility for hearing sessions). In more general terms, it was noted that DCLG have undertaken a review of their suite of guidance documents relating to the PA 2008 regime and these documents were available in draft on the internet.</p> <p>In response to a query in respect of community benefits, PINS noted advice which had been published and was available to view via the following weblink: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/north-west/scout-moor-onshore-windfarm/?ipcsection=advice&ipcadvic=48ddc37406</p> <p>RenewableUK noted an up-coming training event from their calendar. They highlighted that they could operate as a liaison point should PINS be looking for any technical training in respect of wind power.</p> <p>PINS noted that information relating to the organisation was available via PINS e-newsletter: http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b08282a145ac673979c287b2e&id=cd573ca6d8</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	<p>PINS to confirm the most appropriate contact details within PINS for matters such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations from PA 2008 – Susannah Guest & Jessica Potter, as sector leads for Onshore Wind and Offshore Wind respectively. • Case specific information – relevant PINS National Infrastructure Directorate Case Leader. • Training of National Infrastructure Staff – in the first instance Simon Farmer, or Susannah Guest and Jessica Potter. • Training of Inspector cadre and PINS-wide related issues – Stakeholder Forum (of which RenewableUK are a member). <p>PINS would review its current training programme and raise with the appropriate contact the offer of training/liaison from RenewableUK.</p>
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