



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	Statera Energy
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>The Planning Inspectorate:</b> Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead - Energy) Richard Price (Case Manager) Karl-Jonas Johansson (Case Officer) David Price (EIA Manager) <b>Statera Energy:</b> Andrew Troup (Statera Energy) Julian Boswall (Burgess Salmon) Oliver Troup (Statera Energy) Kirsty Cassie (Statera Energy)
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Inception meeting in respect of a proposed battery storage project near Tilbury, Essex
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

#### Introduction

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) case team introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate continued by outlining its openness policy and ensured those present understood that any issues discussed and the advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given by the Inspectorate did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) could rely. It was clarified to the Applicant that the publication of the meeting note could be delayed up to six months or until a formal scoping request had been submitted, if the project information was regarded commercially sensitive by the Applicant.

#### Project background

The Applicant gave an overview of its current project portfolio and background to the project and how the project would align with the other National Significant

Infrastructure Project (NSIP) in the vicinity of Tilbury. The project would have an output of approximately 450 MW of which 299 MW would come from a peaking/ black start power station and approximately 150 MW from battery storage. The project would connect to the grid via an existing substation close to the site and the gas supply would come from the National Transmission System above ground installation near Coldharbour Fort. The Applicant had established contact with the relevant landowners for the project; National Grid and Thurrock Council. The Applicant further clarified that it did not expect to need to compulsorily acquire any land. The Applicant was advised to explore which Statutory Undertakers affected by the proposed development might need Protective Provisions in the Development Consent Order (DCO).

The project's red line boundary was not yet finalised but much of the land was currently designated as Green Belt. The Applicant was advised by the Inspectorate to consider the planning policy implications related to this. The Applicant was also advised to contact Highway's England to discuss how this project would interact with other potential NSIPs in the Tilbury area.

It was the Applicant's intention to potentially use Tilbury Port when constructing the project but the Environmental Statement (ES) would base its worst case scenario on all construction material coming by road.

The Applicant was of the opinion that visual impact wouldn't be significant due to the industrial landscape around the project site.

The Applicant was of the opinion that a Deemed Marine Licence would not be needed for the project.

## **Scoping**

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it intended to submit a scoping request in the autumn of 2017. The Applicant was advised to review [Advice note seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: Preliminary Environmental Information, Screening and Scoping](#) in advance of submitting a scoping request.

## **Environmental Permit**

The Inspectorate clarified that with regard to any environmental permits likely to be required, current best practice was to submit the permit application at the same time as the submission of the DCO.

## **Survey**

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to discuss survey requirements with relevant organisations such as Natural England for protected species surveys. The Inspectorate advised that survey data should be sufficient to ensure all environmental impacts are appropriately assessed. The Applicant should consider the potential timescales required to ensure all necessary surveys are carried out and are suitably robust.

## **Post-consent changes**

The Inspectorate informed the Applicant on the different procedures with regard to any changes to a consented DCO and the potential timescales for these PA2008 procedures.

**Submission date**

Autumn 2018