

Highways England and Scottish Power Renewables

- 1.1 This position statement sets out the current status of engagement between Highways England and Scottish Power Renewables (SPR) since the submission of SPR's relevant representation received by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 8 November 2018. It is being sent to the Planning Inspectorate in advance of the Preliminary Meeting to give comfort that substantial effort is being made by both parties to resolve the issues raised in the relevant representation.
- 1.2 Since the submission of SPR's relevant representation, a number of meetings have been held between both parties remotely and in the Glasgow offices of SPR and Arup. The focus of these discussions and the exchange of information between the parties has predominantly related to the issues raised within SPR's relevant representation to PINS (although other issues have also been discussed). A further technical meeting was held on 17 January 2018 on site at Carland Cross Wind Farm to undertake further survey work and meet with the SPR Operations team. Discussions between the parties are ongoing.
- 1.3 Since the submission of SPR's relevant representation, Highways England has provided further information to SPR and SPR is now considering whether this information is sufficient to resolve a number of the issues. Discussions are ongoing between Highways England and SPR to reach agreement on a satisfactory resolution of the issues. Paragraphs 1.5 to 1.8 note the issues identified in SPR's relevant representation and the current status of those issues.
- 1.4 Highways England maintains the position that there are issues which remain outstanding due to the level of detail currently available. In an attempt to address outstanding issues at this stage, Highways England is developing high level commitments for the detailed design, pre-construction, construction and operation phases that are to be included within a legal agreement between both parties. This has been accepted by both parties as a sensible approach.
- 1.5 The following issues are considered by Highways England to be resolved from a technical perspective but this is subject to confirmation by SPR following review of additional information provided by Highways England:
 - Issue 1 – Design of Chybucca Junction
 - Issue 2 – Vertical Alignment through new Carland Cross Interchange
 - Issue 3 - Vertical and Horizontal Alignment of the new Access Roads
 - Issue 4 – Carland Cross to the Windfarm Tie-in
 - Issue 5 – Horizontal Alignment of new Windfarm Access Road to Turbine 2
 - Issue 6 – Junction Spacing Between Carland Cross Interchange and Internal Junctions (this is also subject to confirmation from Highways England that appropriate rights in respect of the use of the proposed solution will be available to SPR)
 - Issue 7 – Width of roads
 - Issue 8 – Decommissioning
 - Issue 13(A) - Design of Cable Routes
 - Issue 13(B) - Access Track Drainage
- 1.6 The following issues will be subject to resolution through commitments set out within a legal agreement between both parties:
 - Issue 9 – Construction phasing at Carland Cross
 - Issue 10 – Phasing of Works at Chybucca junction

Issue 11 – Phasing of Works at Chiverton Cross

Issue 12 – Combined Phasing of A30 Works

- 1.7 Highways England will submit (as required) updated works plans and schedules to incorporate the agreed amendments to the wind farm access. Highways England hopes to be in a position to do this prior to Deadline 2.
- 1.8 With respect to Issue 14 (Inadequate Consultation), since submission of the relevant representation, the level of engagement between Highways England and SPR has increased and therefore progress has been made in this regard.
- 1.9 All matters remain subject to completion of a legal agreement between the parties and the agreement of suitable protective provisions for SPR.