



Meeting note

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| Author | Karl-Jonas Johansson |
| Date | 22 May 2013 |
| Meeting with | York Potash |
| Venue | The boardroom, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN |
| Attendees | <u>The Planning Inspectorate</u> Tom Carpen (Principal Case Leader) Pauleen Lane (Group Manager) Kath Haddrell (Senior Case Manager) Karl-Jonas Johansson (Assistant Case Officer) Tim Hallam (Legal Manager) <u>Consents Service Unit</u> Adrian Harding John Gordon David Watts <u>The Developer</u> Richard Hunt (YPL) Morag Thompson (Marrons) |
| Meeting objectives | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To introduce a potential Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project for a Harbour Facility relating to the current proposed York Potash Pipeline.2. To discuss issues relating to non-Development Consent Order consents in relationship to the pipeline and potential harbour application |
| Circulation | All attendees |

Introductions

The Inspectorate, Consents Service Unit and the developer introduced their respective teams and roles to the other attendees. The Inspectorate advised that a meeting note would be taken and published on our website in accordance with s.51 of the 2008 Planning Act as amended (PA2008). It was also agreed that two meeting notes would be produced, one relating to the harbor facility and the other one to the non-Development Consent Order consents. The second meeting note will be produced by the Consents Service Unit separately.

Project Introduction

The overall project consists of four parts: Off- and on-shore mining, a pipeline for transport of the potash, a processing facility and a harbour facility. The minehead and the processing facility do not fall under PA2008 but under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (TCPA). The developer informed the Inspectorate that the off-shore mining consent had been granted a Marine Licence by the Marine Management Organisation, whilst the mining consent falling under the TCPA is currently being considered by North York Moors National Park Authority.

The developer informed the Inspectorate that its proposed use of the harbour facility was enough to make it a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). It was mentioned that the conveyer belt that would connect the harbour facility to the processing plant would be included as associated development in the Harbour draft Development Consent Order (DCO). The developer added that the "redline" boundary and the early plans for the project will be submitted shortly to the Inspectorate.

EIA Scoping

It was agreed that the GIS shape file and the initial information for the proposed harbour facility project would be submitted in advance of the scoping request scheduled for end of June 2013. The applicant advised that it aims to submit the application in March 2014.

Environmental Issues

The developer informed the Inspectorate that there is a Ramsar site close to the proposed harbour. The developer indicated that it was too early to say whether there were likely be any significant effects on the Ramsar site.

Compulsory Acquisition and Crown Land

The developer advised that it was too early to determine if there would be any compulsory acquisition powers sought in the DCO for the harbour facility. It advised that there was a possibility that Crown Land might be affected. The Inspectorate informed the developer that the Able NSIP decision period had been extended by two months due to Crown Land issues. The Inspectorate advised the developer to start negotiating with relevant Crown authorities as soon as possible and to get any agreements in writing before the examination started. The Inspectorate also advised the developer to review the Able documentation on the national infrastructure website as the projects have some similarities.

Timescales

The developer gave the following indicative timescales:

- Consultation on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) - Mid July 2013
- Single consultation phase - September/October 2013
- Submission of draft documents to PINS for comment - early November 2013.
- Submission of application - March 2014.

The Inspectorate suggested that the developer try to discuss the draft SoCC with the relevant local authorities before the formal consultation on it commenced, in case there were substantive issues.

The parties agreed that any draft documents would be supplied at least six weeks in advance of a submission.

The Inspectorate reiterated the importance of clarity at the formal consultation stage so all stakeholders would understand which project they were consulted upon, given the distinctive projects involved here.

York Potash Pipeline update

The developer confirmed that it would send the Inspectorate the draft consultation report shortly and that there would now be a single Environmental Statement (ES) specific to the pipeline.

The developer explained to the Inspectorate that due to changes to the project the s.48 notice would be different if published today, but that it was not intending to carry out any further consultation or publicity on the project as amended.

The developer informed the Inspectorate that the post-consultation changes related to the works plan at the Redcar end of the Pipeline. The changed elements will now be part of the proposed TCPA application relating to the processing plant. The Inspectorate suggested that these issues should be explained in a covering letter accompanying the draft consultation report so advice could be provided. The Inspectorate indicated that reducing the order limit area was less likely to be a risk to the project than an increase of it but it was for the applicant to carefully consider on a case by case basis whether they should re-consult on the project as revised.

The developer also highlighted that during the formal consultation the ES non-technical summary had been used as the Preliminary Environmental Information. This was due to the ES not being ready at the consultation stage.

The Inspectorate clarified that any second draft document review would take 3-4 weeks. The developer indicated that they might simplify some of their plans and resubmit them for a second review, but that they aimed to submit the pipeline application at the end of June.

Minehead Application Update

The developer informed the Inspectorate that the North Yorkshire Moors National Park authority would be considering the minehead planning application at a planning meeting on the 2nd of July 2013

Specific decisions / follow up required

- Follow up meeting to be arranged
- "Redline" boundary finalised before second meeting on the harbour application
- Developer to submit draft consultation report to the Inspectorate for the pipeline application

