



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	Teesside CCPP
<b>Venue</b>	Telecon
<b>Attendees</b>	<b>The Planning Inspectorate</b> Tom Carpen (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Karl-Jonas Johansson (Case Officer) Kay Sully (Case Manager) Emma Cottam (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) <b>Teesside CCPP</b> Scott Taylor (Project Manager, Sembcorp) Carole Nichols (Project Co-ordinator, Sembcorp) Terry Waldron (PR Manager, Sembcorp) Dave Sigsworth (Environmental Manager, Sembcorp) Geoff Bullock (Planning Consultant, DWD) Rod Ellison (Environmental Consultant, ERM) Kevin Murphy (Environmental Consultant, ERM) Claire Brook (Legal, Bond Dickinson) Catriona Munro (Environmental Consultant, ERM)
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project update meeting
<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 advice given would be recorded and placed on the Inspectorate's website under s.51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

The Inspectorate updated the Applicant on the upcoming structural changes within the Directorate and clarified that Chris White would be taking on Tom Carpen's role as the Infrastructure Energy Lead, with Tom taking up the Transport lead. Kay Sully was introduced as the case manager for the project.

## **Project update**

The Applicant is still considering turbine technology, the environmental impact assessment and working towards finalising the scoping report. The Applicant will give an update on how it will progress the environmental permit after it has met with the Environment Agency (EA).

## **Draft documents review**

The Inspectorate advised that it could review draft versions of the key application documents such as the draft Development Consent Order (DCO), Explanatory Memorandum, Consultation Report, sample works plans and land plans and particular non-technical chapters of the Environmental Statement (ES), such as, for example, those covering the ES structure, project description, and EIA methodology.

The review of draft documents usually takes 2-3 months but it depends on how many iterations of each document the Applicant submits. It was clarified that the first round usually takes about 4 weeks, including a meeting at the Inspectorate offices at Temple Quay House.

## **Site visit**

The site visit and round-table meeting have now been arranged and will take place on Thursday 2 March 2017. The Inspectorate advised that it has yet to finalise which staff members will be attending. The Applicant confirmed that officers from the host authority and the EA will attend the site visit.

*Post-meeting note: The Inspectorate has requested that Natural England (NE) attend the site visit.*

## **Scoping**

The Applicant advised that its draft scoping report is currently being reviewed internally and it anticipates that this will be submitted in mid/late February 2017.

*Post-meeting note: the Applicant has provided the Inspectorate with updated shapefiles for the purposes of scoping.*

The Applicant explained that it may seek to scope some topics out of the EIA. To support any requests to scope topics out of the EIA, the Inspectorate explained that the scoping report should provide sufficient evidence and well-reasoned justification of why significant effects are not anticipated.

The Applicant intends to include information relating to transboundary effects in its scoping report. The Inspectorate stated that following the issue of the scoping opinion it will undertake a transboundary effects screening.

## **Surveys**

The Applicant explained that it has been undertaking baseline data collection surveys, including those to support the flood risk, landscape and visual impact, ecological and heritage assessments. The Applicant noted that, given the previous use of the site as

a power station, the site is considered to be of low ecological value and that the potential for heritage assets to be present on the site is also thought to be limited.

The Applicant has started to consider the potential cumulative impacts and noted that it may need to undertake further air quality modelling. The Applicant was advised to discuss and agree the scope of the cumulative assessment with the host authority.

### **Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

The Applicant was advised to discuss and agree the content, scope and conclusions of its No Significant Effects Report (NSER)/HRA Report (as appropriate) with NE. The Applicant should submit evidence of such agreement with its DCO application. This could be included in a Statement of Common Ground with NE or as an appendix to the Applicant's NSER/HRA Report.

### **Environmental Statement**

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it intended to use its Preliminary Environmental Impact Report as draft ES.

### **Consultation**

Since the last project update meeting the Applicant has met with two local MPs and two local residents groups. Further meetings are planned for February 2017 with formal statutory consultation commencing in April/May 2017.

The Inspectorate informed the Applicant that if any of the main stakeholders needed help understanding the process they could contact the Inspectorate directly.

### **Compulsory Acquisition (CA)**

The Applicant confirmed that the DCO would not contain CA powers and that there was unlikely to be a need for protective provisions. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant that should there be a need for protective provisions, it is advisable to seek to secure these as early on as possible.

### **Submission date**

This is expected to be Quarter 4 2017.