

Meeting Note

File reference	Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm, DONG Energy - EN010027
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Meeting with	DONG Energy
Meeting date	Friday 27 January 2012
Attendees (IPC)	Kathryn Powell (Case Manager) Rebecca Pong (Senior EIA & Land Rights Advisor) Jeffrey Penfold (Assistant Case Officer)
Attendees (non IPC)	Malcolm Johnson (DONG energy) Trine Hoffman Sørensen (DONG energy) Pernille Hermansen (DONG energy) Daniel Haswell (DONG energy) Emily Marshall (DONG energy) Cliff Pullen (DONG energy)
Location	Telephone Conference Call

Meeting purpose	<p>Conference call between IPC and DONG Energy to discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on progress made with regard to the IPC Outreach event to be organised by the IPC. • Local Impact Report (LIR) – Feedback from DONG Energy regarding Local Authority consultation and merging LIRs between multiple authorities. • Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) – update from DONG Energy on time schedule for submission. • Transboundary Screening Report – update from DONG Energy on time schedule for submission.
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>Update on progress made with regard to the IPC Outreach event to be organised by the IPC:</p> <p>An Outreach event is being held by the IPC on Tuesday 7 February 2012 in Lancaster, in relation to the Heysham to M6 Link Road proposal. The event has the potential to accommodate local authorities regarding the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm who would benefit from a better understanding of the IPC process.</p> <p>An Outreach event for the Walney Offshore Wind Farm proposal (and potentially the Roosecote and Moorside proposals) is intended to be held in Barrow-In-Furness in March 2012. The purpose of the event is to aid those authorities in the local vicinity</p>
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in understanding the IPC process.

DONG Energy is to send the IPC a full list of identified Local Authority contacts for this proposal.

Local Impact Report (LIR) – Feedback from DONG Energy regarding Local Authority consultation and merging LIRs between multiple authorities:

DONG Energy discussed with the IPC the queries received from local authorities on the production of LIRs and queried whether County Councils can distribute a LIR to lower-tier authorities for input in producing a single LIR.

IPC stated that local authorities may submit a single LIR if they wish, however those local authorities who input into a LIR should be identified clearly within a LIR. The IPC stressed the importance of clearly stating each local authority's views on the impact the proposal may have on their area.

The Isle of Man is not considered a local authority identified within the Planning Act 2008 and therefore will not be invited by the IPC to write a LIR. IPC Advice Note Three was revised in July 2011 and identifies the Isle of Man as a non-prescribed consultee for the purposes of Regulation 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. However the scoping opinion for this proposal predated this revision and as a result the Isle of Man was not consulted.

Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) – update from DONG Energy on time schedule for submission:

The developer confirmed that a consultant has been employed to undertake a HRA. Data collected from surveys undertaken will be presented for consultation to the relevant authorities and DEFRA this summer. This ensures that the second round of consultation under s42 of the Planning Act will be accompanied by the relevant data.

The IPC referred the developer to IPC Advice Note Ten: Habitats Regulation Assessment and its appendices (checklists), in the preparation of the HRA report.

Emphasis was placed on the need for the developer to talk with relevant conservation bodies such as Natural England and other stakeholders.

The developer confirmed that a draft HRA Screening Report can be expected by the IPC early summer 2012.

The IPC advised that it is unable to comment on the merits of the draft report but can provide advice on procedural matters. It is

	<p>also noted that there is no statutory deadline for the provision of comments on draft HRA reports.</p> <p>Transboundary Screening Report – update from DONG Energy on time schedule for submission:</p> <p>IPC requested an update on progress made to date on the Transboundary Screening Report.</p> <p>The developer confirmed work is still underway on the Transboundary Screening Report but intentions are to submit the report to the IPC in the first week of March.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	IPC to contact identified authorities on the list produced by the developer for the outreach event and to update DONG Energy accordingly on Friday 4 February.
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Circulation List	Meeting attendees.