



# The Development Consent Process

Roundtable Meeting – 10 June 2015

North London Heat and Power Project

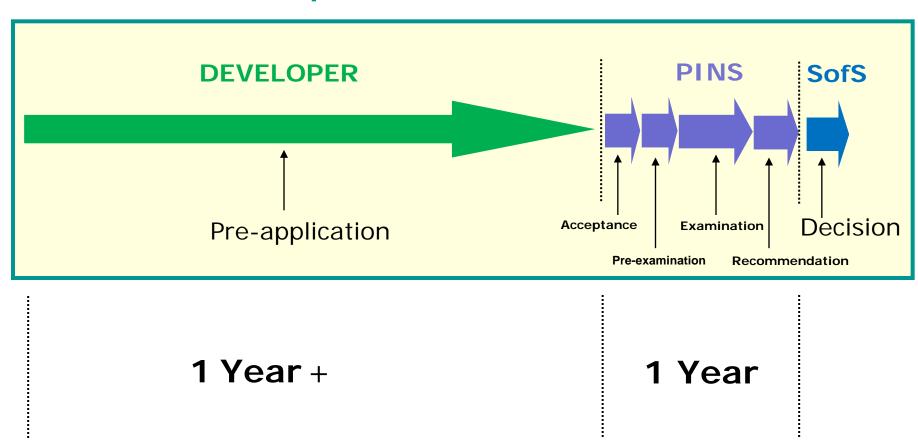
How to take part in the application process:

Local authorities, Parish Councils, Statutory bodies





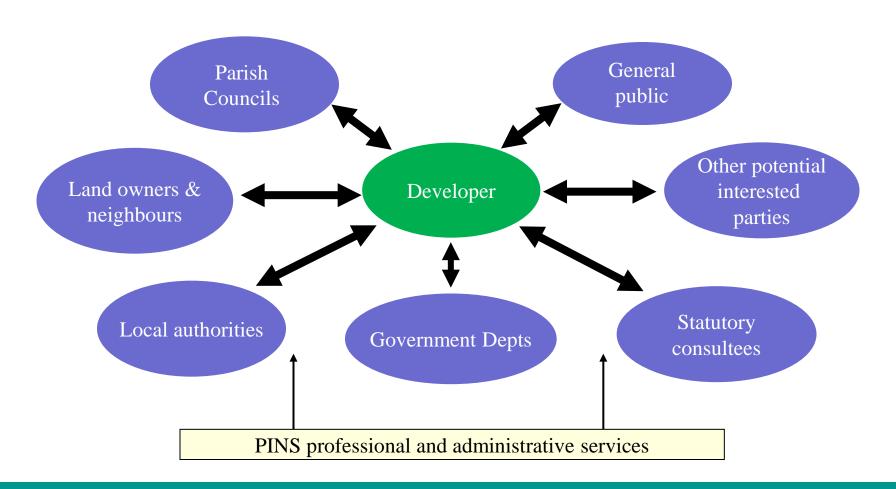
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## Pre-application: The Developer in the lead







#### The Role of local authorities

Statutory Consultee (Scoping Opinion and s42

consultation)

- Represent the community
- Providing objective technical evidence
- Discharge requirements (on land)
- Enforcement







### The Role of local authorities

#### Pre-application

#### Acceptance Pre-examination

#### Examination

#### Post Decision

28 days to provide comment on draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Respond to developer consultation about the scheme (s42)

Discuss with developer about Section 106 agreements and requirements

Local authorities are advised to begin work / arrange delegations for Local Impact Reports / Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

Local authorities are advised to consider and make arrangements for joint working with other local authorities

Agree the terms of any planning performance agreement with the developer

28 days for PINS / SoS to decide whether to accept the application for examination (14 days for local authority to submit adequacy of consultation representation)

Respond to the invitation to the preliminary meeting (rule 6 letter)

Consider the draft examination timetable and provide comments if necessary

Attend the Preliminary Meeting

Continue preparation of SoCG, LIR and written representation(s)

Prepare for examination - legal and specialist support?

Continue negotations with developer

6 months for Examination (maximum)

Take receipt of the procedural decision including the examination timetable (rule 8 letter)

Submit LIR SoCG and written representation early in examination

Attend and participate at hearings/ accompanied site visits

Submit a signed planning obligation by the deadline

Respond to ExA written questions and requests for further information

Comment on other interested parties' representations and submissions

Discharge of requirements and monitoring

Enforcement

Responding to notifications - non material and material change applications





# Adequacy of Consultation

- Local Authorities invited to provide their view
- Can be short and simple
- Tight timeline good to prepare
- Applicant invited to share consultation report









### Statements of Common Ground

- What is agreed, and what is not agreed
- Simple and Soon don't overcomplicate, and don't delay
- Just because an issue is agreed, doesn't mean it won't be examined.
  You may want to include reasoning within the SoCG







# The Local Impact Report

- A report on the "likely impact of the proposed development" on your area
  across all the Council's functions (not just planning)
- Secretary of State must have regard to it
- Deadline in examination timetable; but you can start work now - get your delegations in place.







#### Resources

- We know you aren't expressly funded for this.
- Focus on what matters to you
- Planning performance agreements (MoU) have been used in the past; but that's between you and the applicant.





## 3 Key messages

1. Use pre-application to request information and raise issues with the applicant

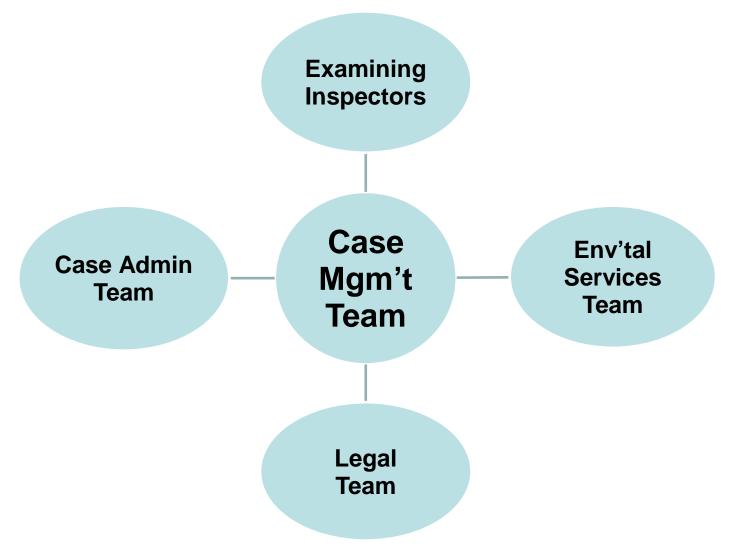
2. Joint working can help manage resources

3. PINS are impartial and can advise all parties





# Multidisciplinary Team

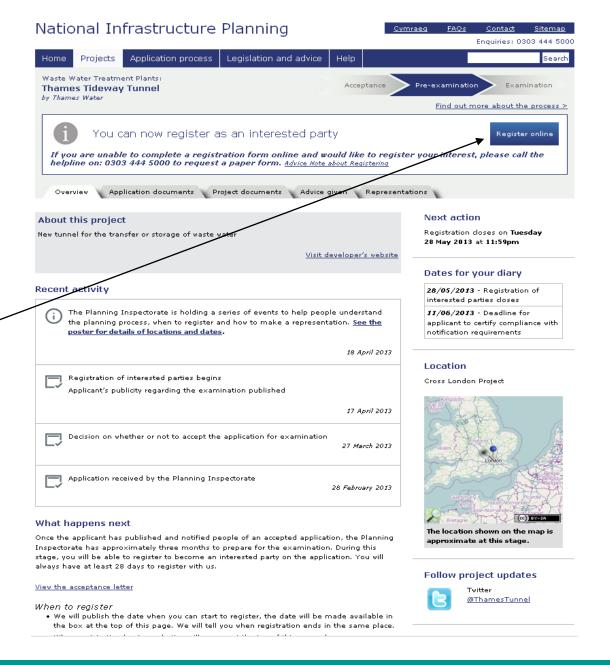






# Our project page

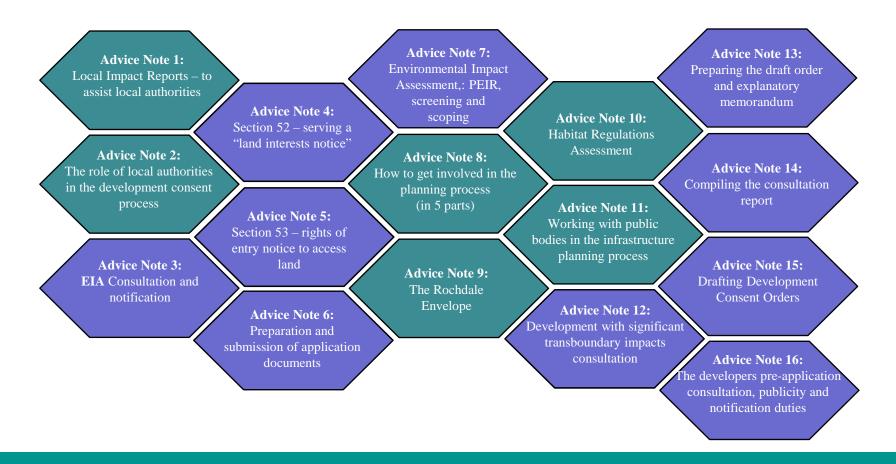
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# Stakeholder specific issues

- For each issue:
- Do you have all the information that you need? Is there further information you require about the project?
- Are there any key matters you wish the applicant to be aware of?
- Do you have any questions for the Planning Inspectorate about how we will consider the issue?