

# Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO
<b>File reference</b>	EN010077 and EN010078
<b>Status</b>	<b>Final</b>
<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
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<b>Meeting with</b>	ScottishPower Renewables
<b>Venue</b>	Teleconference
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project Update Meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

## Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which Developer (or others) could rely.

## Project update

The Developer provided an update following the end of the Phase 3.5 consultation and explained it will take forward the Grove Wood, Friston substation site based on its views on what is most appropriate in terms of national policy, particularly in relation to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty located close to the Broom Covert, Sizewell site. The Developer stated it had issued press releases and informed local authorities (LAs) of this decision. The Developer's intention is to provide full justification of the site selection in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

The Developer explained that the order limits overlap for both projects regarding the onshore works, and part of the offshore export cables. The Developer explained that while the order limits overlap, the projects will be capable of being constructed simultaneously or sequentially.

The Inspectorate advised that it had received and replied to some correspondence which will be published as s51 advice on the projects' pages.

## Consultation

Simultaneous Phase 4 statutory pre-application consultation is due to take place from 11 February to 26 March 2019 for both East Anglia TWO (EA2) and East Anglia ONE North (EA1N); this will include publication of PEIR. The two consultations (one for each project) will run in parallel. The Inspectorate asked how documents would be presented in a way which makes the similarities and differences between the projects clear. The Developer is proposing to issue a signposting document to help explain where matters are identical for both projects. This will be issued to certain Statutory Consultees but won't form part of the formal package of consultation documents. The Inspectorate queried why this

wouldn't be issued more widely. The Developer suggested it would use public information days to discover whether this would be useful to issue this document more widely.

## **Draft Documents**

The Developer stated it is intending to submit draft documents for both proposals, 6 months ahead of the application submission date. The Inspectorate advised that it does not undertake a line-by-line review of draft Development Consent Orders (DCOs), the Developer should provide a comprehensive draft Explanatory Memorandum (EM) and list any specific queries they have regarding the dDCO and to highlight any novel approaches they may be taking in the dDCOs, to assist the Inspectorate in reviewing the documents. The Inspectorate advised the Developer to review the recently updated Advice Note 15 Drafting Development Consent Orders.

## **Assessment approach**

The Developer explained their assessment approach which includes three scenarios:

- The impact of building one project alone;
- both being constructed simultaneously; and
- EA2 being constructed ahead of EA1N.

The Inspectorate queried whether this meant EA2 would always be built before EA1N.

The Developer confirmed that there was a commitment to construct EA2 first. The Developer explained that they have only screened Sizewell C into their onshore cumulative impact assessment at this stage. However, they have screened several other offshore wind farm projects into the offshore cumulative impact assessment. If more information about different projects becomes available then the Developer will screen these into future cumulative impact assessments.

## **Specific decisions/ follow-up required?**

The following actions were agreed:

- A face to face meeting to discuss the logistics of submitting two applications at the same time and how the documents will be structured.
- A further meeting may be required on this following consultation