

Meeting note

Project name East Anglia One North and East Anglia Two

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Meeting with ScottishPower Renewables and Suffolk County Council

Venue Teleconference **Meeting** Project update

objectives

Circulation All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

The Applicant (ScottishPower Renewables), the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) and Suffolk County Council introduced themselves and their respective roles. The Inspectorate outlined its openness policy and 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 applicants (or others) could rely. It was explained that names of attendees (personal data) would not be published, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Preparation for submission

The Applicant advised that they are on track to submit their application on the morning of Friday 25 October 2019. The Inspectorate advised that for any application received after 5pm, the Acceptance period will start on the next working day. The Inspectorate advised that applications can now be submitted wholly electronically and this will be confirmed in a 'warm-up' letter which will be sent to the Applicant this week, setting out what the Inspectorate needs prior to submission of an application. This letter includes information about the shapefile and Acceptance fees.

The Inspectorate queried whether the teleconference arranged for 23 October 2019 is required. The Inspectorate advised that if the Applicant has any queries regarding submission it can contact one of the project Case Managers. The Inspectorate advised that when contacting any individual members of the Case Team by email it is helpful if the project mailboxes are copied in:

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The Applicant advised that some local authorities have raised queries in relation to Local Impact Reports (LIR) being requested early in the Examination. The Inspectorate advised that this would be a decision for the Examining Authority (ExA) to make. If the applications are accepted, the appointed ExA can make a procedural decision to request early LIRs in the Rule 6 invitation to the Preliminary Meeting letter. The Inspectorate advised the local authorities to be ready for this. Suffolk County Council advised that the local authorities are working together. They are also meeting with a local action group.

The Inspectorate confirmed that they will be scoping for suitable venues in Suffolk to hold the Preliminary Meeting(s) and hearings. The Inspectorate would welcome any venue suggestions from the local authorities.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

- The Inspectorate to send 'warm-up' letters to the Applicant and Local Authorities.
- The Applicant to confirm in the next two weeks whether the teleconference arranged for 23 October 2019 is required.