



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	DONG Energy (Hornsea Project Three)
<b>Venue</b>	Telecon
<b>Attendees</b>	The Planning Inspectorate: Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Helen Lancaster (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Karl-Jonas Johansson (Case Officer)  DONG Energy: Stuart Livesey (Project Development Manager, DONG Energy) Sophie Banham (Consents Manager, DONG Energy) Emily Woolfenden (Consultation Manager, DONG Energy)
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Hornsea Project Three project update meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

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 s51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

### General

It was confirmed that there were no outstanding notes since the previous meeting.

### Statutory Consultation

The Applicant explained that there had been some issues with the s42 consultation material issued to the statutory parties but that it had been rectified and all electronic documents re-issued and made accessible via the website. The Applicant further clarified that due to the lengthy consultation period all consultees would still have had the minimum 28 days of consultation.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to set out in detail in the consultation report how it had rectified the problem. The Applicant was also advised to keep a record in the consultation report of all statutory party responses saying they had no interests relating to the project. The Applicant also informed that it was offering follow up meetings with statutory consultees.

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it had set up notices at approximately 1 km intervals along the cable corridor and on land with unknown owners to ensure that all parties with land interest were aware of the project. The Applicant intends also to publicise the upcoming consultations events in local and regional media mid to late August. The events will be held from approximately 3pm to 7pm (thereabouts) at seven locations in Norfolk to give stakeholders flexibility to attend the events either in the day or the evening.

## **Evidence plan**

The Applicant stated that most of the current work regarding the Evidence Plan at this time is progressing internally as it realigns for post s42 formal consultation.

It was confirmed that the draft evidence plan had been added as an appendix to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) group is working to resolve the issues regarding surveying the MCZ. Natural England (NE) has shared the draft conservation advice package for Cromer Shoals Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) with the Applicant. This was not received in time for the completion of the PEIR but the Applicant was able to include an example in an annex to the PEIR showing how the advice might be used in the MCZ assessment.

The issues relating to Natural England (NE) not being able to attend the Evidence Plan meeting in person were discussed. It was suggested that giving NE early sighting of documents might help NE to utilise its resources better. It was confirmed that the Applicant is using NE's discretionary advice service.

## **Surveys**

The Marine Management Organisation has requested further information in relation to the licence application for geotechnical survey within the Cromer Shoals MCZ following advice from NE. Geotechnical surveys for the cable route and array area outside the MCZ have been undertaken. The offshore ornithology/marine mammal surveys may be extended to the end of October if this is feasible. Benthic ecology surveys are about to begin.

Onshore ecological surveys are ongoing. There have been issues with access, particularly where shooting has been taking place apparently without landowners' knowledge. However the relevant stakeholders are content with the current progress of the survey work. Archaeological surveys have largely been completed but some additional work may be required, subject to discussions with the local authorities and Historic England.

## **Any Other Business**

The status of the Consents Service Unit (CSU) was discussed. The Inspectorate confirmed that CSU was no longer active. The Applicant was advised to contact its local NE and Environmental Agency contacts who should be able to assist with the various consents.

The Applicant is looking to start developing statements of common ground with relevant stakeholders. The Inspectorate suggested that based on the experience from previous applications, the Statutory Parties are unlikely to finally agree Statements of Common Ground before an application has been submitted.

The Applicant was advised to consider producing a Statement of Commonality to show how the various Statements of Common Ground are progressing. The Inspectorate stated that it could review the document if requested at the draft documents review stage.

The draft Development Consent order will contain powers to compulsory acquire land.

The Applicant was advised to consider including a substation design document similar to the one produced for the Hinkley Point C Connection.

**Specific decision/follow ups required**

- Applicant to send the Inspectorate its latest community consultation newsletter
- Outcome from the statutory consultation to be discussed at next meeting
  - Issues raised
  - Attendee numbers at venues
  - Issues around venues
  - Engagement levels from Parish Councils
- The Inspectorate to send the Applicant CSU proforma
- Meeting scheduled for 19 September cancelled
- Applicant to decide if the meeting scheduled for 17 October should be at Temple Quay house