



Meeting note

Project name	Riverside Energy Park
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Author	The Planning Inspectorate
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Meeting with	Cory Riverside Energy (CRE)
Venue	Teleconference
Meeting objectives	Project update
Circulation	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 applicants (or others) could rely.

Consultation update

The Applicant provided an update on their programme of non-statutory / community engagement, and statutory consultation in line with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The first stage included non-statutory exhibition events in late May 2018 in the locations close to the site and along the proposed cable route. The Applicant issued 23,000 postcards and provided consultation material via the updated project website and information through Twitter.

The statutory consultation was carried out between 18 June and 30 July 2018, and included seven exhibition events in early July at various venues. The same number of addresses was targeted for issue of a four-page leaflet. Currently the Applicant is considering the consultation responses received from the landowners and statutory bodies, more than 50% of which indicate support of the proposal, based on positive experience from the existing project.

The Applicant also advised of the ongoing engagement with key consultees, such as the prescribed bodies and the landowners.

Project update

The Applicant explained that it has further progressed the design of the Proposed Development and therefore refined the Indicative Application Boundary to produce the Application Boundary for submission, following additional work undertaken by UK Power Networks (UKPN). The minor changes comprise additional land along the electrical connection route and other refinements.



To ensure that all potential parties are informed about the recent proposed refinements the Applicant has issued a document called the Supplementary Information to the PEIR (SIP), made it available on their website, and invited comments from various bodies and the public, and consulted affected landowners. The Applicant's intention is to include all electrical connection route options within their application and assess them all within the Environmental Statement (ES), with a view to identifying a preferred option during pre-examination /examination if sufficient technical information is available to do so. In conjunction with UKPN, the Applicant has identified different route options at several discrete parts of the cable route; these will be further assessed by UKPN through undertaking intrusive investigations in 2019 to establish which are deliverable and the most suitable. If a decision cannot be made before close of examination, the Applicant intends to retain the options within the DCO.

The additional period of inviting comments and landowner consultation is between 31 July and 7 September 2018, and the justification of this approach will be fully explained in the Consultation Report (CR).

The Applicant advised that it will need to undertake further ecological surveys to cover the supplementary areas which are included in the Application Boundary. Some surveys are still ongoing and might have to be completed during the pre-examination stage after the submission of the application. The Applicant stated that this approach is being discussed and agreed with Natural England. The Inspectorate advised that this approach should be clearly explained in the ES with any assumptions made clearly stated and justified.

Draft application documents

The Applicant confirmed that it would submit the following draft DCO application documents to the Inspectorate for review and comments: Development Consent Order, Explanatory Memorandum, Book of Reference, Statement of Reasons, Consultation Report, Work Plans and Land Plans, and five initial Chapters of the ES.

The expected submission date for the Application is November 2018.

Specific decisions/ follow-up required

The Applicant and the Inspectorate agreed to hold the next meeting in September 2018.