



Meeting note

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Meeting with	Boston Alternative Energy Facility
Venue	Temple Quay House, Bristol
Attendees	The Planning Inspectorate Boston Alternative Energy Facility Limited
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Welcome and introductions

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 section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). Further to this, it was made clear that any advice given did not constitute legal advice upon which the Applicant (or others) can rely.

Project update

The Applicant has had high level engagement with Lincolnshire County Council, Boston Borough Council and the Port of Boston (about navigational issues) and has discussed the site with an agent for The Crown Estate. The Applicant has scheduled a meeting with Natural England for February 2019. The Applicant is in discussion with the Environment Agency regarding maintenance of the flood barrier located on the site. The Applicant was advised to review how the Cleve Hill's application approached this issue. The Applicant is also planning a meeting with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and local fishermen during the spring.

Consultation programme

Non-statutory consultation was completed in October 2018. The Applicant stated that both Boston Borough Council and Lincolnshire County Council are in general supportive of the scheme.

From the responses received during the consultation period, the main issues being raised related to traffic, odour, flooding, safety, air quality, impact on wildlife and noise.

The Applicant highlighted that some consultees confused this project with the existing Boston One gasification facility which had recently been developed, and will try to clarify this better before the statutory consultation starts.

A second round of non-statutory consultation is currently running and will end in March 2019.

Compulsory Acquisition and Crown Land

The Applicant confirmed that there were a relatively small number of landowners within the site including the Crown Estate.

Draft documents review

The Applicant specified that it would like to submit draft documents in late spring (DCO, Plans and Environmental Statement (ES)). It was clarified that the process would take about 12 weeks and that the Inspectorate would only look at the project description chapter of the ES rather than the ES in its entirety. The review period could be shortened if it is targeted to specific documents/queries.

Anticipated submission date

The Applicant is aiming to submit the application in Q3 2019.

Any other business

The Applicant was advised to review the Riverside project as it has similarities with this project. It was agreed that the Applicant would approach the Inspectorate about when they would require the next project update meeting.

Actions/follow ups

- The Inspectorate to update the anticipated submission date on the project page.