



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 by telecon
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 explained that the residue from the gasification process will be turned into aggregates that will be exported UK wide. It was further clarified that aggregates are expected to be exported from the site by river.

The Applicant explained that it didn't think there would be a significant traffic impact from the adjacent municipal waste transfer station if it managed to secure the contract to treat the waste from there, as there would be a reduction in the need to transport waste across Lincolnshire. The DCO application will not include accepting this waste because contracts will not be secured in time. However, the Applicant will not rule out accepting this waste in future subject to the required consent and procurement rules.

The Applicant confirmed that it is corresponding with the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the responsibility for the flood defences to the east of the Site.

Environmental Issues

The Applicant has held discussions with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) regarding the Deemed Marine Licence (DML). The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to review the s55 checklist (available on the National Infrastructure website) with regard to requirements for projects that include a DML.

The loss of mudflats was discussed. The Applicant confirmed that it was assessing this as part of the EIA and HRA but stated that it was of the opinion the mudflats were of poor quality and their loss was unlikely to have direct effects on habitats of the Wash & North Norfolk Coast SAC. The Applicant was advised to include any agreements on these issues in any Statement of Common Ground with Natural England.

Consultation programme

The Applicant stated that odour, noise and air quality were key issues arising from responses to the statutory consultation. The Applicant confirmed that the local community and the council didn't regard the changes to the public footpath to be a key issue, as the re-routing would use an existing footpath.

Compulsory Acquisition and Crown Land

The Applicant confirmed that the proposed wharf was not located on Crown Land.

Draft documents review

The Inspectorate stated that the draft document review usually takes 6-8 weeks followed up by written advice and a meeting at Temple Quay House. It was confirmed that the Inspectorate could review the draft Development Consent Order (DCO), Explanatory Memorandum, the Habitats Regulations Assessment and specific chapters of the Environmental Statement (project description). The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to highlight any novel approaches in the DCO.

Anticipated submission date

The application is currently due to be submitted in Q4 2019.