



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Hornsea Project Four
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<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
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<b>Meeting with</b>	Ørsted (the Applicant)
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project update meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	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.

### ***Project update***

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that section (s)42 statutory consultation would be taking place between 13 August 2019 and 23 September 2019. During this time consultation events would run between 2 September 2019 and 7 September 2019. The Inspectorate queried when it would receive the s46 notification, the Applicant replied that this would be sent by 12 August 2019, prior to the commencement of the consultation.

The Applicant explained that there will be a document register (Application Register) setting out which documents would be available during the consultation period and which will be updated when the DCO application is submitted. The Application Register documents those PEIR chapters, technical reports, annexes, plans and strategies that would be available during statutory consultation and includes the impacts and effects register and the commitments register.

The Applicant spoke about their preparation of a "4 Step Guide to Reading this PEIR" and a supporting document entitled "How to Read this PEIR" which explained its novel approach to its PEIR to stakeholders. The Applicant said that it felt this document would assist understanding as there had been issues of miscommunication, particularly in regard to what was included in its PEIR.

The Applicant asked for clarity on 4.5.2 in the Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion. This was in relation to operational noise being within the scope of the Environmental Statement (ES). It was agreed that the Inspectorate would consider the matter and respond after the meeting. **Post meeting note:** At the meeting, a question was raised in relation to operational noise being within the scope of the ES. The Inspectorate agrees that where evidence supports the conclusion that significant effects are unlikely, a detailed assessment may not be required. The approach should be agreed with the relevant stakeholders and the Inspectorate points the Applicant to the Evidence Plan process already underway in relation to this project.

### ***Compulsory Acquisition***

The Applicant confirmed that at present the land take around the substation is substantial; however, the aim is to reduce this through continued engagement and agreement with National Grid.

### ***Programme***

The Applicant confirmed it was aiming to submit in quarter one of 2020. The Inspectorate asked whether it was the Applicant's intention to submit draft documents to the Inspectorate for review. The Applicant confirmed that the matter would be discussed

at the next meeting. The Inspectorate advised that, should the Applicant submit draft documents, it should submit a list of novel approaches and specific queries along with the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in order to help focus the review. Additionally, the Inspectorate advised that the Applicant should ensure the use of precedent in the dDCO was justified.

The Applicant confirmed it would have workshops with Natural England, the Marine Management Organisation and other major stakeholders following the close of the s42 consultation period to refine the dDCO and the Deemed Marine Licence. The Applicant asked if the Inspectorate would be able to attend these. The Inspectorate said this could be discussed at the next meeting.

### ***Specific decisions/ follow-up required?***

The following actions were agreed:

- The Applicant to provide the guide to the PEIR document (see **Annex A**)
- The Inspectorate to provide clarity on point 4.5.2 of the Scoping Opinion (See **Post meeting note**)
- The Inspectorate to arrange a meeting for August.

**PLEASE READ this 4 Step Guide**  
**Refer to the document “Reading this PEIR” for further detail on the Steps and Documents.**

### **STEP 1 - Impact/Effect Register**

The function of the impact/effect register is to document ALL potential impacts/effects associated with the proposed development of Hornsea Four and to identify those that are “scoped out” and those of Likely Significant Effect (LSE) to be taken forward for simple or detailed assessment in the PEIR.

Please refer to the Impact Register for further detail.

**NOTE:** Likely Significant Effect in EIA Terms)

### **Question 1 - Impact and Effect Register**

Are all potential impacts associated with the relevant receptor correctly identified within the Impacts/Effects Register and aligned with the Hornsea Four Scoping Opinion and therefore clearly setting the scope of the PEIR?



### **STEP 2 - Commitment Register**

The function of the commitment register is to serve as repository of **ALL** commitments. The key function of Commitments is to reduce or eliminate LSE. Commitments may be suggested by members of the public, stakeholders and technical contributors to the EIA.

Please refer to the Commitment Register for further detail

### **Question 2 - Commitment Register**

Are the Commitments proposed:

- A. Sufficient to support “Scoping Out” of impacts?
- B. Are they adequately secured (see Step 3)?

Do you have any additions or amendments to the Commitments at PEIR?



### **STEP 3 - DCO Application Register**

The register provides a guide to Hornsea Four’s (the Applicant) Development Consent Order (DCO)

The DCO Application Register provides a full list of the documents that have been submitted as part of the draft consultation documents at the point of S42 statutory consultation. The register is a live document and will be updated when revisions are made, and a final register will accompany the DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate.

### **Question 3 - DCO Application Register**

Are the relevant documents presented for consultation to secure the commitments and “Scoping Out” of impacts/effects of LSE?



### **STEP 4 - PEIR Chapter & Technical Report**

The PEIR Chapter presents an assessment (simple and detailed) of the LSEs that have been agreed via Scoping and the Evidence Plan process.

### **Question 4 – PEIR & Technical Report**

Do you agree with the scope of the EIA at PEIR and the simple/detailed assessments?