Meeting note

Project name Bradwell B
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Meeting with The Planning Inspectorate

Bradwell B

Venue Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting Inception meeting

objectives

Circulation 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 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. The Inspectorate explained that the publication of the meeting note could be delayed up to six months (if requested by the Applicant for commercial reasons), or until a formal scoping request had been submitted.

Project information and background

The Applicant for Bradwell B is a joint venture owned by EDF Energy and CGN. The site has identified in the NPS for Nuclear Power as a potential suitable site for the deployment of a new nuclear power station. The type of reactor to be used on the site is a HPR1000. The current Bradwell A Nuclear Power station is currently being decommissioned, by a separate company.

The Applicant has met with the two local host authorities (Essex County Council and Maldon District Council), who are supportive of the project in principle. The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it is engaging with other stakeholders on a regular basis.

The Applicant is currently considering its approach to the movement of freight and workers during construction, in addition to the need for other associated development (e.g. park and ride facilities and accommodation for construction workers).

It was clarified that any works to the national grid would not be included in the DCO and progressed by a third party.

Environmental Matters

The Applicant is intending to use the evidence plan approach. It was confirmed that the Applicant had roughly two years of some on-shore environmental data and one year of off-shore environmental data.

Compulsory Acquisition

The main site consists of two parcels of land owned by EDF Energy. The Applicant confirmed that the Development Consent Order is likely to seek Compulsory Acquisition powers.

The Applicant confirmed that the Ministry of Defence had no land interest relating to the Project.

Project timescales

The Applicant is planning two rounds of consultation. The non-statutory consultation is currently scheduled for early 2020 and the statutory consultation approximately a year later. The Applicant currently intends to submit a scoping request in mid to late 2020. The Applicant was advised to be clear in its consultation report which round of consultation was statutory.

The Applicant has not yet set a timetable for the submission of the DCO, as this will be informed by the non-statutory consultation and project progress.

Any other business

It was agreed to hold a meeting after each major project milestone.

Follow ups

• The Applicant will send the Inspectorate the necessary project information to create a project page on the Inspectorate's website.