

East Yorkshire Solar Farm PINS update meeting 25th January 2023

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# AGENDA.

Introductions (including safety moment by AECOM)

Programme Update

Design Update

Consultation Update

Land Update

Environment Update

AOB

# **Safety moment**



# Programme update

- Statement of Community Consultation formal draft to be issued next week
- Statutory consultation targeted for May 2023
- Submission expected Autumn 2023

# Design update

- Initial Masterplan prepared
- Tracker panels
- Interaction with other schemes aware of SEGL2 (TCPA), Humber Low Carbon (NSIP), Drax CCS (NSIP)

# **Consultation update**

- SoCC drafted and updates made following informal consultation
- David Davis MP engagement
- Preparing for statutory consultation venues, inspection points and materials
- Accessibility best practice examples of accessible consultation, material format languages etc

## **Consultation update**

- PPA signed with ERYC
- PPA being reviewed by SDC and NYCC
- Holding joint meetings with the authorities
- Technical meetings with specialist LPA officers
- Advice agreements with Natural England, Historic England and Environment Agency setting up meetings now to discuss potential difficulties
- Engaging with Network Rail, National Grid, Marine Management Organisation

# Land update

- Desktop referencing has almost concluded
  - ➤ HMLR Title interrogation
  - RLB has been tidied and designed to reduce number of landowners affected. Additional land added due to non-statutory consultation feedback
  - > Online research of stat undertakers and utilities, Crown and Special Cat land
  - > Identification of Cat 3s in progress
- •Summary of findings so far key points:
  - > RLB contains Crown land, but no Special Cat
  - > Only a few unregistered areas
  - > Quite a few unknown interests as always, but most titles/deeds fairly simple
- Contact referencing to begin start of Feb
  - Land Interest Questionnaires (LIQs) issued to all parties within RLB and stat undertakers/utilities with potential/unidentified interests
  - > Chaser letters and phone calls/e-mails where possible to chase LIQs
  - > S42 mailing list to be provided in April, ahead of stat con in May
  - Unregistered notices to be erected/monitored in run up to stat con
- Access

## **Environment update**

Work on the PEI Report is progressing to programme. Key developments since the last meeting:

#### **Ecology**

- Over wintering bird surveys are ongoing Site could potentially support sufficient Golden plover to indicate a functional link to designated sites inc. Lower Derwent Valley SPA and Humber Estuary SPA. TBC surveys ongoing.
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) Stage 1 reporting on going. Functionally-linked habitat would require HRA Stage 2 (Appropriate Assessment) at ES stage.
- High Level Tree Constraints survey underway. Will feed into design at ES.
- Phase 1 surveys to recommence in March at start of season.
- DAS agreement with Natural England for various aspects, where specialists are available. (GCN, EIA Methodology, Soils)

#### Heritage

- Geophysical survey of Solar PV Site 80% complete, data shared with East Riding. No results that would influence a design change. Completion 2023.
- Geophysical survey of the cable corridor to commence 2023 following combined meeting with North Yorkshire to ensure consistent approach.
- Consultation with Historic England to be undertaken.

## **Environment update**

#### **Landscape and Visual**

- Site surveys undertaken to define viewpoints and ZTV undertaken with LPAs for agreement.
- Feeding into design.

#### Traffic and Access

- Site surveys undertaken.
- High level traffic routing report (including swept path) completed to investigate access options.

#### **Human Health**

Meetings with OHID and Public Health /Env Health teams at Selby, ERYC and NYCC. Use of new IEMA methodology agreed. Baseline data shared.

#### Noise

- Baseline monitoring ongoing methodology and locations agreed with LPAs.
- Discussions with local resident to establish monitoring location in garden.

## **Environment update**

#### Soils / ALC

- Reconnaissance survey completed in January. Additional areas to be included. Scale of survey to be increased pre-ES following consultation / agreement with Natural England.
- Data fed into design.

#### **Water and Flood Risk**

- Site walkovers completed. Reporting and WFD Screening on-going.
- Existing Flood Model Data requested from LPAs
- Meeting requested with Environment Agency (EA) to discuss FRA and modelling requirements. (DAS-type preapplication advice agreement in place).
- Joint meeting to be set up with EA, both LLFAs and IDBs re all aspects of the water environment (flood risk, water quality and drainage, etc).
- Sequential test evidence being gathered

#### **Additional Consultation**

- PRoW team at ERYC to confirm definitive routes. Response awaited.
- ERYC and NYCC have agreed to scope out assessment of impacts to Mineral Safeguarding Areas.
- MMO regarding Marine Licencing.

# **AOB**

News regarding NPS EN-1 and EN3

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