



## Meeting note

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<b>Meeting with</b>	Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Limited
<b>Venue</b>	Temple Quay House
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>The Planning Inspectorate:</b> Chris White (Infrastructure Planning Lead) Karl-Jonas Johansson ( Case Officer) Alison Down (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Emma Cottam (EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Lucy Hicks (EIA and Land Rights Advisor)</p> <p><b>Sembcorp Utilities (UK) Limited</b> Scott Taylor (Sembcorp) Ged Armstrong (Sembcorp) Dave Sigsworth (Sembcorp) Terry Waldron (Sembcorp) Carole Nichols (Sembcorp) Geoff Bullock (DWD) Claire Brook (Bond Dickinson) Rod Ellison (ERM) Russell Cullen (ERM) Georgia Tew-Street (ERM)</p>
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Project update – Tees CCPP
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

#### Welcome and Introductions

The Applicant and the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) 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 s51 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. The Inspectorate advised that following reallocations of project work, Alison Down's role on this project has been taken over by Emma Cottam. Lucy Hicks will now be providing support to Emma.

### **Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**

The Applicant confirmed that the draft SoCC had been agreed by Redcar and Cleveland Council. The Inspectorate confirmed that it does not require further formal notification that the SoCC has been signed off.

### **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**

The Applicant explained that work on the PEIR is ongoing. The document will likely be finalised before the end of May 2017 and will include a draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) report as an appendix/supporting section. The Applicant confirmed that information on the phasing of the project would be included in both the PEIR and the consultation material.

### **Air Quality and Habitats Regulations Assessment**

It was noted that consultation on the revised draft UK Air Quality Plan has recently commenced and that the final version of the UK Air Quality Plan will be published by 31 July 2017. The Applicant was advised to have regard to the draft plan (and any future changes) and to continue liaising closely with the Environment Agency and Natural England to understand their positions on this matter.

The need to have regard to recent court judgements relevant to the consideration of air quality effects on European sites (such as Wealden District Council vs the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (SoSCLG), Lewes District Council and South Downs National Park Authority [2017] EWHC 351 (Admin)) was also noted.

PINS noted that the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) and the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) are jointly preparing guidance on the assessment of air quality impacts on habitats, with particular reference to nitrogen deposition.

The Applicant acknowledged these points and explained that discussions are progressing with the Environment Agency (EA) regarding air quality modelling. The Inspectorate advised that any agreement reached in this regard could usefully be recorded in a Statement of Common Ground with the EA.

The Applicant is also preparing a letter setting out the proposed scope of the HRA, which will be sent to the EA, Natural England and the Inspectorate.

### **Statutory Consultation**

The Applicant intends to conduct its statutory consultation before the main holiday season starts in 2017 and will update the Inspectorate on the precise dates before the end of May 2017. The Applicant confirmed that it will send the Inspectorate its s46 notice.

**Submission date**

The Applicant confirmed that the current timetable for the submission of the application to the Inspectorate was Q4 2017. It was agreed that the Applicant would update the Inspectorate about the submission date as appropriate.

**Specific decisions/follow up required?**

- Draft documents review to be discussed at the next meeting.