



**Council Officers Project Liaison Group meeting, Tuesday 26th May, 12pm-1.30pm at
Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Office, 20 New Road, Brighton, BN1 1UF**

Notes & Action Points

1. Introductions

Chair – Paula Seager, Natural PR

Secretary – Kate Howard, Natural PR

Chris Tomlinson - Rampion Development Manager, E.ON

Richard Carpenter - Onshore Cable Contract Package Manager, E.ON

James Eaton - Onshore Consents Manager (DCO requirements), E.ON

Philip Tarren – Substation Site Manager, E.ON

Steve O’Neill – Cable Route Site Manager, E.ON

Raphaëlle Madignier - Substation Contract Package Manager, E.ON

Steve Tremlett – Senior Planning Officer, Brighton and Hove City Council

Max Woodford – Director of Forward Planning, Lewes District Council

Andy Clarke – Senior Planning Officer, Mid Sussex District Council

James Neave – Team Manager, West Sussex County Council

Jeremy Burgess – South Downs National Park Authority

Apologies

Alan Buck - Brighton & Hove City Council

Tim Bartlett - Lewes District Council

Andrew Marsh - Mid Sussex District Council

Joseph Pearson - Mid Sussex District Council

Presentation for points 2 – 7. All of the E.ON team contributed to this. Please see presentation slides for details.

Questions were taken from the floor during the presentation

2. Final design (offshore, cable route and substation)

During the cable route and design section of the presentation, James Neave asked how long the duration of the drilling work would be. Richard Carpenter replied that the drilling time itself would be shorter than setting up the drilling equipment.

In terms of reducing and managing construction traffic on local roads, Richard confirmed that there would be strictly observed construction traffic routes and site access points and that a temporary haul road along the cable route working width would be used for the majority of construction traffic movements.

3. Indicative construction programme

Andy Clarke asked whether there would be lighting at the substation site. James Eaton replied that a construction lighting management plan was available in the CEMP. During operation it is expected the site would be unlit except during periods of maintenance. This is detailed within the Stage 1 submission. Richard Carpenter confirmed that during construction low level security lighting would be in place at compounds along the route. James Eaton explained that abnormally larger loads need to be delivered to site and there may be some night deliveries subject to discussions with the Relevant Authorities on the appropriate time. These would likely occur in Spring 2016.

Max Woodford asked if the work would be affected by wet weather. Chris Tomlinson confirmed that there would be some limitations on working in wet seasons, where certain activities would be restricted, such as top soil stripping. .

Chris Tomlinson stressed that offshore plans are currently only high level and there will be more details to follow towards the end of the year.

4. Minimising construction impact

Andy Clarke asked about whether any vehicles will be left overnight on the holding area for the substation. Philip Tarren said no, it would not be in anyone's best interests to do this.

5. Construction communications

No questions were raised

6. Operations & maintenance

During this section of the presentation Max Woodford confirmed that Newhaven has been allocated £50m investment for various areas including flood defence.

7. Supply chain, skills and education

Max Woodford asked where the Operations and Maintenance Meet the Buyer event will be held. Chris Tomlinson confirmed that it would be Newhaven early next year, most likely at the Hillcrest Community Centre but the venue is to be confirmed and perhaps the UTC would be an appropriate venue.

Max Woodford asked whether Rampion would be attending the Ecotech show in July. Chris replied that he gave it careful consideration but decided it they would rather focus on reaching the local community near the cable route with their own series of information events.

8. PLG meetings and contact points

Paula Seager asked whether this was a useful meeting and how regularly the attendees would like to come to these meetings in the future. All agreed that construction milestones provide a pertinent point at which to meet again and that three times a year is about the right amount.

Chris Tomlinson said that E.ON would be back in touch after the summer holidays about an October meeting to review construction progress and gather feedback. Early 2016 would be the best time for the one after that, to communicate the offshore construction plans.

E.ON and James Neave suggested each local authority should feel able to bring colleagues to these meetings as appropriate.

9. AOB

N/A