



## FRISTON PARISH NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

### EAST ANGLIA 1 NORTH OFFSHORE & EAST ANGLIA TWO OFFSHORE WINDFARMS EXAMINATION BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

First and foremost, our sincere thanks to everyone who registered as an Interested Party and then submitted Relevant Representations which were passionate and articulate. Around 150 specifically supported the representations of your Council and SASES which helps to ensure that our voices are given weight within the examination process.

Those of you who registered by sending Relevant Representations will have now received letters or e-mails from the Planning Inspectorate inviting you to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss procedural matters relating to the Examination process. They set out the dates and details for important hearings and deadlines. These amount to 47 pages each which are at first sight forbidding and take some digesting!

Making Relevant Representations has given you a legal right to make further oral and written representations in the Examination process. You are an 'Interested Party'. **However even if you have not registered the Examining Authority may allow you to attend and speak at the Open Floor Hearings but speaking is at their discretion.**

Accordingly, this is the first of a series of newsletters to keep you informed and to focus on the immediate dates and deadlines. In no way does this supplant the detailed information provided by the Planning Inspectorate.

1 – The aim is to carry out the Examinations for both Scottish Power projects concurrently. The Preliminary Meeting and the various hearings will be held at the Britten Studio of the Hoffman Building at Snape Maltings.

**2 – Tuesday 10th March 2020 is the deadline to advise the Case Team that you wish to attend any of the Preliminary Meeting, the Issue Specific Hearings and Open Floor Hearings.**

Register by e-mail: [EastAngliaONENorth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:EastAngliaONENorth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) AND  
[EastAngliaTWO@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:EastAngliaTWO@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

3 – We firmly believe that the greater the numbers attending hearings during the process underlines the weight and gravity of our concerns.

Of these meetings and hearings, **the Open Floor Hearing is the most important for the community voice to be heard.**

4 – Whilst you do not have to speak at the hearings, we would encourage you to do so at the Open Floor Hearing. **These destructive Scottish Power projects are probably the most important issue to have affected this area for decades and will impact the area for decades and centuries to come. Now is the time to speak!** However,

- prepare what you are going to say in advance, be focused
- be succinct
- if someone speaks before you and makes a point you want to make, do not repeat it, just say you agree with what has already been said.

**5 – Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Preliminary Meeting.**

Seating available from 9am, Start 10am.

The purpose is primarily to set out **procedural** matters and framework for the duration of the Examination process. The merits of the Scottish Power projects will not be discussed. All day and into the evening have been allocated to try and ensure all issues have been identified. Please advise the Case Team as above by 10th March if you wish to attend; also, if you wish speak at this meeting, especially if you wish other Principal Issues to be added to the Panel's initial assessment document (Item 4 on their agenda).

**6 – Wednesday 25th March 2020, 10am.**

**Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)** to consider the Project Descriptions and Options for both developments. More details in the letters from the Planning Inspectorate.

**7 – Wednesday 25th March 2020, 3.30pm**

**Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2)** relates to Habitats Regulations, Mitigation, Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest (IROPI). More detail in the letters from the Planning Inspectorate.

**8 – Thursday, 26th March 2020 Seating 9am, Start 10am. – All day.**

**OPEN FLOOR HEARING (OFH1)**

**As stated, this is probably the most important hearing to attend.** It is the opportunity for anyone attending to air their specific concerns. Please try to be focused, succinct and not repetitive – quality rather than quantity of words. Although the meeting is scheduled for all day it will end if no one more wants to speak. So, do not think you can turn up later on in the day. The hearing may be over!

**9 – Deadline 1 – Tuesday 7th April 2020** for notification to the Examining Panel to comply with procedural matters.

**10 – Deadline 2 – Tuesday 28th April (12 Noon).**

**This deadline is crucial primarily for receipt by the Examining Panel of detailed Written Representations from Interested Parties and much documentation relating to the process.**

**Written Representations will allow you to go into more detail of your concerns. Even if you have submitted Relevant Representations you should send Written Representations.**

We have sought to identify key dates and deadlines. You must refer to the Planning Inspectorate's letters for further detail. We stress that you must advise the Case Team if you wish to attend any of the above meetings/hearings and the issues you wish to speak to.

SASES have engaged legal and technical expertise to address the following key issues primarily but not exclusively as they affect Friston:

- Site Selection
- Cumulative Impact
- Landscape
- Noise
- Flooding
- Heritage
- The Development Consent Order

We shall of course make representations on all issues in the SASES Relevant Representations but your individually expressed views are just as important and will add weight of opinion.

This is only the start of the process. There will be further public hearings to follow. We shall continue to keep you informed as the Examination proceeds.

Meanwhile:

**FRISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
MONDAY 23RD MARCH, 2020  
7PM FRISTON VILLAGE HALL.**

Another meeting but most important so please try to attend. Among the key topics:

- Examination Process update.
- Giles Hanglin reporting for Hazelwood Farms
  - Flooding
  - Our Events for 2020
- Reports from local organisations.