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## 25 Transboundary Impacts

### 25.1 Introduction

25.1.1 This chapter of the Environmental Statement (ES) provides a summary of Transboundary Impacts associated with the Facility.

### 25.2 Consultation

25.2.1 The Scoping Opinion (July 2018) notes in paragraph 3.3.19 that the ES should identify whether the Facility has the potential for significant transboundary impacts and, if so, what these are and which European Economic Area (EEA) states would be affected.

25.2.2 However, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 a screening response was provided to the Applicant by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations). This screening was undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS and concluded that the Scheme was not likely to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA state.

25.2.3 Further to the assessments within this ES, no additional information has been identified warrants any further revision to this transboundary effects assessment.

25.2.4 A summary of the Scoping Opinion and screening response in relation to transboundary impacts is detailed in **Table 25-1**.

Table 25-1 Consultation and Responses

Consultee and Date	Response	Chapter Section Where Consultation Comment is Addressed
The Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion, July 2018	<p>Schedule 4 Part 5 of the EIA Regulations requires a description of the likely significant transboundary effects to be provided in an ES. The Scoping Report has not indicated whether the Proposed Development is likely to have significant impacts on another European Economic Area (EEA) State.</p> <p>Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations inter alia requires the Inspectorate to publicise a DCO application on behalf of the SoS if it is of the view that the proposal is likely to have significant effects on the environment of another EEA state, and where relevant, to consult with the EEA state affected.</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that where Regulation 32 applies, this is likely to have implications for the examination of a DCO application. The Inspectorate recommends that the ES should identify whether the Proposed Development has the potential for significant transboundary impacts and if so, what these are, and which EEA States would be affected.</p>	This response has been noted.
The Planning Inspectorate, Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the SoS for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations), October 2018 (The Planning Inspectorate, 2018)	<p><u>Transboundary screening undertaken by the Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS</u></p> <p>Under Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, the Inspectorate is of the view that the Proposed Development is not likely to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.</p> <p>In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts) and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>No further action required at this stage.</p>	This response has been noted.

## 25.3 Transboundary Impact Assessment

25.3.1 The summary of the transboundary impacts of the Facility are detailed in **Table 25-2**.

**Table 25-2 Transboundary Impact Summary**

Topic	Transboundary Impact?	Potential Impact
Cultural Heritage	None	None
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	None	None
Noise and Vibration	None	None
Contaminated Land	None	None
Terrestrial Ecology	None	None
Surface Water, Flood Risk and Drainage Strategy	None	None
Air Quality	Potential impact	Impacts are addressed in <b>Chapter 14 Air Quality</b> in <b>section 14.10</b> . It was concluded that that no significant transboundary effects would occur as a result of the Facility.
Marine Sediment and Water Quality	None	None
Estuarine Processes	None	None
Marine and Coastal Ecology	None	None
Navigational Issues	None	None
Transport	None	None
Socio-Economics	None	None
Health	None	None
Climate Change	None	None
Waste	None	None
Major Accidents and Risk Management	None	None

## 25.4 References

The Planning Inspectorate (2018). Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations).

The Planning Inspectorate (2018a). Scoping Opinion: Proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility, Case Reference: EN010095. Available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010095/EN010095-000008-BAEF%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf> [Accessed: 27/11/2020].