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From: Clegg, Richard [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2024 15:06
To: Nethell, Isabel (CSI - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) [REDACTED]
Cc: Spencer, Rhys (CSI - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) [REDACTED]
Subject: Appeal ref CAS-02641-G8G7M5 - Port Road, Rhoose

Thanks Isabel

I look forward to hearing from Rhys.

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:59 PM
To: Clegg, Richard [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector - Inquiry

Good afternoon Richard, thank you for picking this one up for us. Yes, those dates do work for us. The additional ES info is being looked at this week, we should then be in a position to start the appeal within the next 2 weeks.

I've passed your e-mail to Rhys in our scheduling team, he'll be in touch with you and will let you have any information you need about working in Wales. His e-mail is [REDACTED]

Isabel

From: Clegg, Richard [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Nethell, Isabel (CSI - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Inspector - Inquiry

Isabel

My preference would be for the inquiry to open on 25 March or 1 April 2025. Do those dates work for you?

Regards

Richard Clegg

Inspector

From: Boulton, Mark <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 5:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Skinner, Helen <[REDACTED]>; Stockford, Lois <[REDACTED]>; Rogerson, Simon <[REDACTED]>; Boulton, Mark <[REDACTED]>; Clegg, Richard <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector - Inquiry

Hi Isabell

Mark

Mark

Also, would you need the Inspector before the inquiry, for say a pre-inquiry meeting or a case management conferences (CMC)? For info we have CMCs on all our Inquiry cases (via Teams and PINS hosted), between LPA statement/3rd party responses and proofs stages, and so the Inspector may feel they want to hold one on this case.

Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 3:31 PM
To: Boulton, Mark [REDACTED]
Cc: Stockford, Lois [REDACTED]; Skinner, Helen [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector - Inquiry

Mark, so sorry, thought I replied. Yes, definitely need a Pins Inspector. It will need to be a level A, I can't remember Pins levels now but it will need to be someone quite experienced and senior. We're looking at 8.5 days prep sitting and reporting. We don't need EST to look at the ES, our Inspector who took the first look at it will check the further info.

If I've missed anything let me know.

Isabel

From: Boulton, Mark [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 2:04 PM
To: Nethell, Isabel (CSI - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) [REDACTED]
Cc: Stockford, Lois [REDACTED]; Skinner, Helen [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector - Inquiry

Hello Isabel

Conscious that I've not heard back from you. Do you still need PINS to provide an Inspector for the case below? If yes can you let me have the info requested below please.

Thanks

Mark

From: Boulton, Mark [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 2:40 PM
To: Rogerson, Simon [REDACTED]
Cc: Stockford, Lois [REDACTED]; Skinner, Helen [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector - Inquiry

Si/Isobel

Just to confirm you're just looking for us to find an Inspector to conduct this inquiry. No other processing work will be required by PINS (save for ES review – see below).

How many days is it expected to sit? Does appeal require any type of Inspector specialism?

What level of casework is it - for example equivalent to Band 1, 2 or 3 in PINS?

In terms of reviewing the ES that's done by Environmental Services Team in PINS and not the Inspector so if you want PINS to do that we'd need to involve EST and add it to the SLA.

Isobel – if it would be easier to meet on Teams let me know and will see if can find a suitable time.

Mark

From: Rogerson, Simon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 4:17 PM
To: Boulton, Mark [REDACTED]

Cc: Stockford, Lois <[REDACTED]>

Subject: FW: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector - Inquiry

Hi Mark/Helen,

Please see the email trail below. In essence, we have an agreement with the Welsh Gov where we will determine a case for then where necessary for reasons for conflict of interest. The case below is one such appeal and we will find an English Inspector to determine it.

PEDW are currently processing an appeal for a proposed Class B1/B2/B8 Business Park. Details can be found following the attached link.

[Search for a case - Planning Casework \(gov.wales\)](#)

As you can see from the email trail below a procedural review has been carried out and it has been decided an inquiry is necessary. It's also important to note the appeal has recovered, and an ES is required which also strengthens the need for this case to be transferred to MC. Are ok to take this forward and find an Inspector to hold the inquiry but also review the ES?

The arrangement is that we will recover our costs for this work and Tom Warth and I started looking into having a SLA created as the process has changed and Lois Stockford was taking this forward. As these requests will impact Ops 1 and Ops 2, I wonder if MC are also brought into this work to help sign off the SLA process once completed.

Lois for info.

Si

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 3:29 PM

To: Rogerson, Simon [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector

Hi Simon. I think we need to ask Mark to look for an Inspector for us. We've looked at procedure and think we need an inquiry; the app has asked for an inquiry, it's a large site and its quite a controversial development in the area. It's also a non-determination case so no reasons for refusal to help focus discussion. ES is due in end of September. Although its not essential the same Inspector reads the ES that holds the inquiry, I think it maybe best in this case that it is. Means only finding 1 Inspector for us not 2. If Mark needs anything he's welcome to give me a shout.

Isabel

From: Rogerson, Simon [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 1:55 PM

To: Nethell, Isabel (CSI - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales)

Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector

Hi Isabel,

Thanks for the information.

I think the key issue to resolve first is one of the procedure, if it's a WR or Hearing then the appeal can stay in Ops 1 (me), if an Inquiry is required I'm afraid that is out of my remit and this request will need to be transferred to Major Casework in Ops 2. I also note that is that been recovered, currently all Planning cases that are recovered in PINS as passed to Major Casework so I wonder (on top of the fact an ES is required) that we might be safer approaching Mark Boulton (Major Casework/Ops 2) to find an Inspector, what do you think? What we don't want is to find an Ops 1 Inspectors (WR/H) only to find we need an Inquiry Inspector and back to square one.

Can you undertake a full procedural review and we can take it from there and I can either look for inspector is WR/H or transfer to Major Casework if inquiry is needed?

Kind Regards,
Si

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 4:24 PM
To: Rogerson, Simon [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector

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Hi Simon. The appeal has not been started yet, we're waiting for an Environmental Statement (ES) to be submitted at the end of August. We will need an Inspector at that point to assess it's adequacy. The appeal is currently written reps but I think there's a fair chance there may be need for some hearing sessions or even an inquiry. Once the ES is adequate and we start the timetable, procedure will be confirmed at that point, then we'll need an Inspector appointed to it, could be the same one as does the ES adequacy or a different one. What you do need to know is that jurisdiction has been recovered so it will need to be a report for Welsh Ministers to make the decision. We will invite the Inspector to access an objective connect folder where we'll download all the documents, although they can view them on the portal if they wished. We've got a 'Working in Wales' document that sets out for the Inspector the differences in policy, who they can speak to etc. Yes, we'll process the case and then hand it over and the Inspector can hand it back once the report is written. Anything else you need, please give me a shout.
Isabel

From: Rogerson, Simon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2024 11:58 AM
To: Nethell, Isabel (CSI - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales - Planning & Environment Decisions Wales) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector

Hi Isabel,
Thanks for this.

I'm working with commercial to set up a SLA and will speak to the west regional team to see if we have an Inspector available.

Before I do, can I just check timeframes and when you require an Inspector to visit the site? I note the appeal procedure is written reps so I presume the reporting is 0.25 prep, 0.25 sitting and 1.50 reporting and total of 2 days?

I presume your case officer will process the appeal etc and once ready will send to allocate Inspector who will make a decision and we will send back to issue decision?

Kind Regards,
Simon

From: Stallwood, Graham <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 14:20
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Rogerson, Simon [REDACTED]; Warth, Tom [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector
Hi Isabel...

Yes, we can pick this up for you. It's exactly the kind of circumstance I think the MoU envisaged! I spoke to Tom this morning and have copied him and Simon into the message. Simon will arrange for our commercial team to produce a simple SLA to cover off things like scope, costs, timescales, reporting lines (including to protect Vicky), data sharing and who you escalate anything to at our end if necessary.
Graham



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 08:11
To: Stallwood, Graham [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Request for the use of a Planning Inspectorate Inspector

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Good morning Graham, I hope your well. We are currently processing an appeal for a proposed Class B1/B2/B8 Business Park. Details can be found following the attached link. The appeal site lies in the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Not only does Vicky Robinson live in the Vale of Glamorgan, she worked at the LPA whilst the application was considered by the LPA, and was involved in its processing.

Our [Protocol](#) sets out how we will handle casework in the Vale of Glamorgan, Vicky will have no involvement in any decisions or casework processing for cases in the Vale. This works well, however, this particular appeal, which has been quite contentious in the area, we consider the level of involvement Vicky had in the application means that we should ask for a Pins Inspector to be allocated to the case, in accordance with paragraph 20(a) of the Pins/PEDW MoU.

Are you content for me to approach Simon Rogerson with a view to get a Pins Inspector allocated to the case? Financial arrangements will work on the basis of the previous cross border charging arrangements using the Inspector daily rate, T&S costs, invoiced to PEDW.

We have already had several instances where a PEDW Inspector has picked up Pins cases (mainly specialised casework) and Pins Inspectors picking up PEDW casework. Finance arrangements and arrangements for access to casework documents, worked well. Unfortunately, there wasn't any formal request or agreement to this exchange, please accept my apologies for PEDW failing to do that.

[Search for a case - Planning Casework \(gov.wales\)](#)

Diolch yn fawr

Isabel Nethell

Isabel Nethell

(hi | she / her)

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