



## **SCHEDULE FOR THE PERMIT GRANTING PROCESS FOR PROJECT OF COMMON INTEREST (PCI) 1.7.1 FRANCE – UK INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN COTENTIN (FR) AND THE VICINITY OF EXETER (UK) - (THE ‘FAB PROJECT’)**

The Schedule for Permit Granting Process is an in principle timeline with the potential to change subject to the approval of the Competent Authority.

### **Decisions and Opinions to be obtained:**

- Environmental Impact Assessment screening under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 and the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011;
- Environmental Impact Assessment scoping under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 and the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011, should the project be screened into either Regulation;
- Planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (the 1990 Act) – decision to be made by East Devon District Council (EDDC); and
- A marine licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (the 2009 Act) – decision to be made by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

**Table 1 Timeline for permit granting process**

	<b>Indicative Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	1.5.2014	Written notification for the FAB project submitted to the delegated National Competent Authority (MMO) by FAB Link Ltd (the Applicant).
2.	30.7.2014	Acceptance of the written notification by the MMO and start date for pre-application process.
3.	30.10.2014	Concept for Public Participation submitted to the MMO by the Applicant.
4.	31.1.2015	Approval of Concept for Public Participation to be issued by the MMO.
5.	31.3.2015	The Applicant to ensure that the FAB project website, a joint venture with French interests, is live.
6.	Within the period of 31.12.2014 to 31.12.2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Applicant to undertake consultations with relevant stakeholders, as outlined in the agreed Concept for Public Participation;</li> <li>• The Applicant to request screening opinion from EDDC for the FAB project under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011. Screening opinion to be provided within eight weeks of receipt;</li> <li>• The Applicant to request screening opinion from MMO for FAB project under the Marine Works (Environmental impact Assessment) Regulations 2007 (as amended). Screening opinion to be provided within eight weeks of receipt; and</li> <li>• If the project is screened in under either set of Environmental Impact Assessment regulations a scoping opinion may be sought from EDCC and/or the MMO. Scoping opinion to be sought within one month of project being screened in and provided by the relevant authority within eight weeks of receipt of application for scoping.</li> </ul>

7.	Within the period of 01.07.2016 to 28.11.2016	The Applicant to undertake project exhibitions, analyse representations and consider them as part of the design process before formulating consent applications.
8.	By 30.08.2016	Draft applications under the 1990 Act and the 2009 Act to be submitted to the National Competent Authority as required by Article 10(4)(c) of the TEN-E Regulation.  EDDC and MMO to review draft applications and request any further information required within one month of receipt of draft applications.  National Competent Authority to confirm that the applications can be submitted within three months of the submission of the draft application or any further information, whichever is the later.
9.	By 31.12.2016	Submission of full applications under the 1990 Act and 2009 Act for the project, to the National Competent Authority.

10.	<p>Within two weeks of receipt of full application under the 1990 Act.</p> <p>Consultation period: 28 days</p>	<p>Consultation undertaken by EDDC on planning application under the 1990 Act with, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership;</li> <li>• County Highways;</li> <li>• EDDC Conservation Officer;</li> <li>• EDDC Environmental Health;</li> <li>• EDDC Town/Parish Councils;</li> <li>• EDDC Tree Officer;</li> <li>• EDDC Ward Members;</li> <li>• Environment Agency;</li> <li>• Historic England;</li> <li>• Local Residents;</li> <li>• Marine Management Organisation; and</li> <li>• Natural England</li> </ul>
11.		<p>Resources for EDDC processing of the application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to five Planning Officers; and</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Development Manager</li> </ul>
12.	<p>Within two weeks of receipt of full application under the 2009 Act.</p> <p>Consultation period: 28 days</p>	<p>Consultation, undertaken by MMO, on marine licence application with, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Energy and Climate Change;</li> <li>• Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority;</li> <li>• East Devon District Council;</li> <li>• English Heritage;</li> <li>• Environment Agency;</li> <li>• Health and Safety Executive;</li> <li>• Joint Nature and Conservation Committee;</li> <li>• Maritime and Coastguard Agency;</li> <li>• Ministry of Defence;</li> <li>• National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations;</li> <li>• Natural England;</li> <li>• Public consultation via appropriate newspaper adverts;</li> <li>• Royal Society for the Protection of Birds;</li> <li>• Royal Yachting Association;</li> <li>• Budleigh Salterton Town Council;</li> <li>• The Crown Estate; and</li> <li>• Trinity House</li> </ul>
13.		<p>Resources needed for the processing of the marine licence application and responsibilities as NCA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Case Officer;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Case Manager;</li> <li>• One Senior Case Manager;</li> <li>• Possibly One G7 (Head of Offshore Marine Licensing); and</li> <li>• Up to four Cefas Scientific Advisers</li> </ul>
14.	Within thirteen weeks of receipt of applications under the 1990 Act and the 2009 Act	Decision made on outline town and country planning and marine licence applications.
15	By 30.08.17	Submission of application for approval of reserved matters in respect of outline planning permission.
16	Within thirteen weeks of receipt of application under the 1990 Act	Approval of reserved matters by EDDC.
17.	Within 2 weeks of approval of reserved matters	MMO issue letter to confirm that the statutory permit granting process has been completed and that these comprise the comprehensive decision for the purposes of the TEN-E Regulation.
18.	Within 18 months of acceptance of application file	Deadline for the approval of all permits that comprise the comprehensive decision