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We met with the Pinebanks developers on 21 October to help them progress addressing the comments we raised. As things stand there is no change to our position. We're working to provide more clarity to all the GN councils following the strategic meeting on 15 October and have been liaising with national and legal colleagues on it last week, with further discussions taking place this week.

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Having regard to the likelihood that a JPS will take some time is there a clear interim response regarding some of the outstanding applications such as Pinebanks?

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In terms of the outcomes from the meeting last week, it was agreed first and foremost that we need to continue proactive engagement between our parties on this. It was acknowledged by all parties present that there would likely be merit in exploring some form of Joint Position Statement (JPS), which is an approach that we have successfully applied elsewhere, and often involves LPAs, AWS and us being joint signatories.

The purpose of JPSs that we have set up before, and we would consider to be a useful way forward here, would be for any JPS between our respective parties to clearly set out any agreed points, as well as if there are any points of difference that need to be respected, that relate to known challenges and any subsequent requirements that we would expect developers/applicants to submit as information/evidence in support of their planning applications. A JPS can include an appended guidance note or such like to detail these matters which can then be hosted on an LPAs planning portal. We would likely expect no change to our involvement in individual sites, as a JPS would help set out from our perspective when we would want to comment. Any proposals that already enter our remit would then likely be captured in that process. It is already a case that we are unable to comment on all proposals due to our external consultation checklist, and so a JPS would be a way of safeguarding concerns and together with AWS input, in turn providing the LPA with confidence on how to manage all cases.

Hopefully, that helps clarify your question.

With regards to timescales, we would like to reassure you that we are actively working very hard on this. We need to get clarity from AWS on some things, and note AWS have been in touch requesting an update themselves separately, and so we will be contacting AWS very shortly to progress those discussions. But rest assured, we understand the importance of this work and will be looking to update everyone as quickly as we can.

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Although I wasn't present I understand that the meeting on Monday was reasonably productive. Am I right in thinking that one of the outcomes was a shared position statement (or similar document) which is to be agreed by both AW and EA. This can then be used to help inform planning decisions moving forward without the need for bespoke advice on each case.

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