

Renewables Law Conference 2018

11 October 2018

Central London

Between 1998 and 2015 the **proportion of energy from renewable and waste sources** consumed in the UK **increased nine-fold** – but it still stood at just nine percent in 2015. However, 2017 marked a number of milestones for green energy, including the **UK's first day without coal-generated energy since the industrial revolution**.

The UK has **ambitious carbon reduction targets**, with new plants needed, with new technologies, and often in new locations. Markets, planning, technology, environment, the future and Brexit combine to create **opportunities and challenges for the energy industry, landowners and communities**.

This conference brings together **experts from many disciplines** to give legal and property practitioners insight into and guidance on the many **issues surrounding new and renewable energy solutions** in the UK.

WHY ATTEND?

- Hear a variety of perspectives from key stakeholders in the development of renewable energy in the UK
- Understand the practical issues that affect the way deals, schemes and contracts are structured
- Learn about community energy schemes
- Consider anticipated changes and the impact of Brexit on energy policy and law
- Get to grips with planning and property issues

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9.00 Registration & Coffee

9.30 Welcome and Chair's introduction **David Brock, Brock Consulting**

9.45 Real property and route issues

- On shore route strategy (major challenges to route)
- Technology examples (AC/DC impact on project)
- Grid connection issues
- Land owner perspective

Fraser Paskell, Senior Solicitor, Churchgates

10.15 Planning

- Multiple consenting regimes – which one for the project?
- Environmental Impacts
- Making changes to consented development
- Challenge risks to planning consents (and how to avoid them)

Jennifer Holgate, Managing Associate, Womble Bond Dickinson

11.15 Refreshments and Networking

11.30 UK energy markets

- How renewable energy and other cleantech solutions are changing energy markets faster than ever before
- Challenges and opportunities this brings to UK energy law and regulation
- Examples of things Ofgem is doing to react to these dynamic changes (particularly around flexibility)

Andreas Formosa, Legal Adviser, Ofgem

12.15 Transaction/acquisition perspective

- Pitfalls in structuring renewable transactions
- M&A trends in renewable energy and lessons learned from recent deals
- Opportunities and challenges – Blockchain adoption in renewable energy

John Danahy, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Community energy schemes

- Community renewables creating new ownership models
- International examples
- Key legal issues

Dr Raphael Heffron, Co-Chair and Jean Monnet Professor in Energy and Natural Resources Law and Policy, UK Energy Law and Policy Association at Queen Mary University of London

15.00 Refreshments and Networking

15.15 Marine energy in Wales

- Creating policy supportive to deliver marine energy
- Using the Swansea Bay City Region Deal to deliver low carbon jobs

David Jones, Project Director, Marine Energy Wales

16.00 Future of energy

- Low-carbon technologies, policy, guidelines and regulatory updates
- UK (and EU/post-Brexit?) issues of the past 12 months and what's on the horizon
- Brexit's effect on the sale of electricity via the interconnectors between UK and mainland Europe, and inter connector to Northern Ireland
- Where the UK Government stands now on subsidies

Sonya Bedford, Partner and Head of Energy, Stephens Scown

16.45 Chair's Concluding Remarks and Questions

17.00 Conference Close

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EXPERT SPEAKERS

Sonya Bedford is a Partner and Head of Energy at Stephens Scown solicitors; Non-Executive Director at Regen SW; Director at Exeter Community Energy; Bath and West Community Energy and South Dartmoor Community Energy and is on the committee for her local branch of the Energy Institute. Sonya is undertaking her MSc in Renewable Energy at the Centre for Alternative Technology.

David Brock is an author, lecturer, and retired planning solicitor. He worked for over 30 years in planning law on major projects such as Canary Wharf, Kings Cross, Whatley Quarry, Cambourne New Settlement, Channel Tunnel Rail Link, East Kettering Sustainable Urban Extension, the Rookery South energy from waste project, and the sale of the National Grid's pumped storage power stations. He is a former partner of both Herbert Smith (now Herbert Smith Freehills) and Mills & Reeve. David is a former chair of the Law Society's Planning and Environmental Law Committee and has written extensively on the need to reform and simplify planning.

John Danahy is a real estate lawyer focussed on the efficient and pragmatic delivery of major real estate transactions and internationally significant energy and infrastructure projects for leading international fund, investor, developer and operator clients. In prime real estate, John helps clients realise their commercial objectives involving office, hotel, healthcare and logistics portfolios. John's energy and infrastructure practice covers nuclear (new build and decommissioning), large scale gas, renewable power, distributed energy networks, rail infrastructure and pipelines.

Andreas Formosa is a dual qualified lawyer (England & Wales; Cyprus) specialised in energy regulatory law. At Ofgem, Andreas advises on, among other things, introducing more flexibility into the energy market, electricity charging, and implementing European Network Codes into the GB market. Andreas is particularly interested in how regulation can foster more innovation and competition in energy markets. Andreas is also a Board Member of the World Energy Council's Future Energy Leaders programme, which is the principal impartial global network of leaders and practitioners promoting an affordable, stable and environmentally sensitive energy system.

Dr Raphael Heffron is Jean Monnet Chair in Energy & Natural Resources Law at the Energy and Natural Resources Law Institute at Queen Mary University of London. Raphael's research interests are in energy, environmental and planning law and policy. Raphael's research has involved funding from UK and EU research grants.

Jennifer Holgate has specialised for nearly 10 years in the consenting of a wide variety of renewables projects across the UK and abroad. She advises clients on DCOs, planning applications, appeals, statutory agreements, petitioning, judicial review, due diligence, advocacy and enforcement. She has particular knowledge of the Welsh planning process.

David Jones has worked in project management for over 10 years, specialising in coastal and marine cross sector partnership working. His expertise lies in mediating between a wide range of potentially conflicting interests, identifying innovative management solutions and providing bespoke business support. David has worked specifically on marine energy in Wales for over seven years, helping to develop Marine Energy Pembrokeshire from inception to a working group containing over 20 technology developers and all relevant UK stakeholders. He has extensive marine renewables networks within the UK and beyond and represents the interests of the industry through ministerial meetings, working groups, conferences and events. He is the project director for Marine Energy Wales responsible for the day to day delivery of the work plan.

Fraser Paskell has been working on offshore wind projects since 2006. He designed the first legal option for the then-longest UK underground cable system. He worked on Projects Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal, with values of £4bn. He acted for a major developer, influencing strategy and tactics, including the first OFTO process, and has represented land owners on potentially the largest on-shore wind farms in England.

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