

Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm

Project Two

Statement of Common Ground Status Update - response to G3

**Appendix G to the Response submitted for Deadline I
Application Reference: EN010053**

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The following tables provide the Ex. A with an update on the status of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) in support of the Applicant's response to Question G3. Appendix F provides an overview of the areas of coverage within each SoCG and identifies where there is commonality in SoCG coverage between different stakeholders.

Organisation	Associated British Ports
Status	Under discussion
Notes	The Applicant is discussing a letter of comfort with ABP in relation to the Protective Provisions and DCO articles.
Reference	N/A

Organisation	Civil Aviation Authority
Status	Final signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters subject to ongoing discussion and there are no matters of disagreement.
Reference	Appendix AAA

Organisation	Danish Fishermen PO
Status	Final signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters subject to ongoing discussion and there are no matters of disagreement.
Reference	Appendix MM

Organisation	Environment Agency
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters of disagreement, but a small number of points remain under discussion in relation to marine processes.
Reference	Appendix NN

Organisation	East Anglia Offshore Wind Ltd
Status	Signed Letter of Comfort
Notes	East Anglia Offshore Wind Ltd set out their broad support for the Project.
Reference	Appendix II

Organisation	East Lindsey District Council
Status	Final signed SoCG

Notes	There are no matters of disagreement. It is noted that ELDC has expressed a desire to see the inclusion of a Community Benefit Fund. The Applicant is in internal discussions about a Community Benefit Fund but considers that this is not relevant to the consideration of the current application.
Reference	Appendix A of the Applicant's Response to the Rule 6 Letter

Organisation	Historic England
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There are two matters of disagreement. Firstly, relating to the setting impacts of the converter/substation at the end of the cable route at North Killingholme, as well as any those arising from the presence of non-designated archaeological remains along the cable route. Secondly, the definition of setting with respect to the individual assessments of impact on designated assets.
Reference	Appendix VV

Organisation	Forewind
Status	N/A
Notes	Forewind confirmed (in their Relevant Representation) that they have in-principle support for the Project and therefore do not consider a SoCG to be necessary.
Reference	N/A

Organisation	Highways England (Highways Agency)
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There is one matter subject to ongoing discussion and there are no matters not agreed. This relates to the agreement between the Applicant and Highways England to use land in the control of Highways England on a temporary basis. This matter is currently under discussion and is expected to be resolved shortly.
Reference	Appendix LL

Organisation	Lincolnshire County Council
Status	Final draft SoCG

Notes	<p>It is the Applicant's understanding that the draft will be signed in its current form and that the Applicant will submit a signed version at Deadline II.</p> <p>There is one matter of disagreement. Lincolnshire County Council believes the programme of archaeological trial trenching evaluation should be completed.</p> <p>The Applicant's position on this matter is that the trenching undertaken to date combined with the various non-intrusive surveys has characterised the archaeology of the proposed cable route and is sufficient to properly assess the heritage interest of the proposed development and to propose appropriate mitigation, which would be secured through the approval of a Written Scheme of Investigation to discharge Requirement 6 of the Draft DCO.</p>
Reference	Appendix CCC

Organisation	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust & The Wildlife Trusts (lincs and yorks)
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	<p>There are matters subject to ongoing discussions and disagreement.</p> <p>Matters of disagreement relate to Onshore and Offshore Biodiversity enhancement, status of TWT as a consultee for the Marine Mammal Mitigation Plan (MMMP) and matters relating to underwater noise impact on harbour porpoise.</p> <p>Matters under discussion include projects scoped into the cumulative impact assessment (CIA) and information availability to the new noise register which is an outcome of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).</p>
Reference	Appendix OO

Organisation	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters subject to ongoing discussion and there are no matters of disagreement.
Reference	Appendix PP

Organisation	Defence Infrastructure Organisation/Ministry of Defence (MOD)
Status	N/A
Notes	The MoD confirmed that it does not have any objections to the Project and therefore, a SoCG is not being pursued.
Reference	N/A

Organisation	MMO
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters of disagreement but there are a small number of points remain under discussion with respect to marine processes and cooperation between projects.
Reference	Appendix WW

Organisation	Natural England (Ornithology)
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	<p>There are a number of matters that remain under discussion and three matters of disagreement in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of site specific flight height data in collision risk modelling; • The use of extended Band model for calculating collision impacts on kittiwake and gannet; and • The summing of seasonal mortality values in the assessment of displacement effects.
Reference	Appendix ZZ

Organisation	Natural England (All other matters)
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters of disagreement but there are a small number of points remain under discussion with respect to an in principle monitoring plan, Intertidal operation and maintenance and SSSI Consent.
Reference	Appendix XX

Organisation	NFFO, VisNed and HFIG
Status	Final signed SoCG

Notes	<p>There is one matter currently under discussion between the Applicant and the NFFO, VisNed and HFIG relating to the merit in a monitoring programme with environmental/ecological aims.</p> <p>In addition, there are six matters of disagreement between the Applicant and the NFFO, VisNed and HFIG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach to the definition of impact significance (project alone) in relation to disruption / displacement during construction and operation of the wind farm. • Approach to the definition of impact significance (cumulative) in relation to disruption / displacement during construction and operation of the wind farm. • The merit in the establishment of a Community Fund to enable long term co-existence. • The merit in a post installation trawl survey where trawl/bottomed towed fisheries occur within the wind farm and along the export cable route in order to verify that fishing operations can resume safely and practically. • The need for a transparent process to make up for any attributable loss of earnings and/or the costs associated with relocating gear are needed. • The need for provisions for Fishing liaison and Coexistence plan to be secured within a bespoke marine licence condition.
Reference	Appendix QQ

Organisation	Norfolk County Council
Status	No SoCG required
Notes	Norfolk County Council confirmed in an email to the Ex.A (dated 23 rd June 2015) that the issues raised by the County Council had been satisfactorily addressed by the Applicant and, as such, the County Council would not be attending the Examination or submitting any further evidence.
Reference	N/A

Organisation	North East Lincolnshire Council
Status	Final signed SoCG
Notes	There is one matter subject to ongoing discussion and there are no matters not agreed relating to the Councils response to Ex.A QCL14. That discussion is expected to conclude shortly, but after Deadline I of the Examination.

Reference	Appendix UU
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Organisation	North Lincolnshire Council
Status	Final draft SoCG
Notes	<p>It is the Applicant's understanding that the draft will be signed in its current form and that the Applicant will submit a signed version at Deadline II.</p> <p>There are no matters subject to ongoing discussion. There is one matter not agreed relating to the merit in a detailed archaeological mitigation strategy being available to the local authority to comment on in their Local Impact Report and for Examination by the Inspector prior to determination. The Council also consider that the evaluation of the cable route and works area should be completed during the examination period.</p>
Reference	Appendix YY

Organisation	Project One (Heron Wind Ltd, Njord Ltd & Vi Aura Ltd)
Status	Draft SoCG
Notes	A draft SoCG between the parties is provided at Appendix BBB to the Applicant's response to Deadline I. Discussions will continue between the parties and both parties anticipate an update on this SoCG being submitted at Deadline II.
Reference	Appendix BBB

Organisation	Rederscentrale
Status	Final signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters subject to ongoing discussion and there are no matters of disagreement.
Reference	Appendix RR

Organisation	Royal Yachting Association
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There are no matters subject to ongoing discussion and there are no matters of disagreement.
Reference	Appendix SS

Organisation	RSPB
Status	In Preparation
Notes	The Applicant is in discussion with the RSPB with regard to the development of a SoCG

Reference	N/A
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Organisation	Trinity House
Status	Final Signed SoCG
Notes	There is one matter not agreed between the parties with regard to the procedure of agreeing navigation conditions. Notwithstanding this all navigation conditions have been agreed.
Reference	Appendix TT

Organisation	VPI
Status	Under discussion
Notes	The Applicant has prepared a draft SoCG for the purposes of discussion with VPI and will seek to progress the draft with VPI with a view to submitting a signed version at Deadline II.
Reference	N/A

Organisation	Whale & Dolphin Conservation
Status	Under discussion
Notes	The Applicant and WDC remain in discussion on the SoCG.
Reference	N/A