

# Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm

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Project Two

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## Letter of Comfort from East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited

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## **Hornsea Project Two**

Dear whoever it may concern,  
This letter sets out a statement in relation to the Hornsea 2 project from East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited (EAOW) developers of the East Anglia Zone.

East Anglia THREE Limited (EATL), a subsidiary of East Anglia Offshore Wind Limited, is a joint venture between ScottishPower Renewables and Vattenfall Wind Power Limited. EATL intends to develop and construct a new offshore windfarm identified as the proposed East Anglia THREE project within an area of the North Sea off the coast of East Anglia, known as the East Anglia Zone. The East Anglia Zone is being developed as a number of individual windfarms, each of which will require the appropriate statutory consents and approvals.

East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm was the first to be proposed within the East Anglia Zone and consent was granted by the Secretary of State on 17th June 2014.

For the purposes of cumulative assessment, it is acknowledged that the information provided in Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change's HRA report (May 2014), should be utilised. We agree it is necessary to correct these estimates using the current SNCB guidance on avoidance rates and for birds on water only however we do not have detail of the calculations to comment on the accuracy of this correction used in the Hornsea 2 assessment. EA3 application documentation will contain the first released updated figures for EAONE.

At the time of the Hornsea 2 DCO application, there was no quantitative ornithological information for East Anglia THREE and FOUR in the public domain. Following a temporary pause in the programme for EA THREE in 2014 (at time of consultation from SMartWind) the DCO application is confirmed to be submitted in November 2015 when information will be in the public domain for consideration in the cumulative and in- combination assessment. We have no further information on EA FOUR to be considered.

EAOW supports Hornsea 2 in that the best available scientific information should be used to reduce unnecessary precaution within environmental impact assessments.

East Anglia Offshore Wind Ltd will continue to work collaboratively with SMartWind Ltd and Forewind Ltd through the Southern North Sea Offshore Wind Forum (SNSOWF) to provide a joint approach to cumulative impact assessment and to initiate relevant joint projects to increase understanding of cumulative impacts.

SMartWind Ltd, Forewind Ltd and East Anglia Offshore Wind Ltd are contributing to the DEPONS research project initiated by Vattenfall to improve the understanding of both the short and long term consequence of disturbance from wind farm activity for the harbour porpoise population within the North Sea.

Through the examination process, as new material is published, EAOW reserves the rights to raise further and more detailed points within any written representations as required.  
Should you have any comments or wish to discuss this letter further please contact us.

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