

East Anglia THREE

# Appendix 20

Email sent to Parish Councils 14<sup>th</sup> April  
2015 Informing of Revised Application  
Date

## Consultation Report

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## 20 EMAIL SENT TO PARISH COUNCILS APRIL 2015 INFORMING OF REVISED APPLICATION DATE

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1. The email presented below was sent on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to all parish councils likely to affect by the proposed East Anglia THREE project explaining the revised application date and the potential to construct the project using a phased approach. The Parish councils which were sent the email are as follows:

- Akenham;
- Alderton;
- Bawdsey;
- Burstall;
- Chattisham;
- Culpho;
- Great Bealings;
- Bramford;
- Claydon;
- Falkenham;
- Hemley;
- Hintlesham;
- Kirton;
- Little Bealings;
- Little Blakenham;
- Martlesham;
- Ramsholt;
- Shottisham;
- Tuddenham St Martin;

- Waldringfield;
- Westerfield;
- Witnesham; and
- Woodbridge;
- Newbourne;
- Playford.

## 20.1 Email to Parish Councils

**Subject:** FW: EAOW - EA ONE and THREE update  
**Attachments:** Appendix of changes for 714MW project.doc

**From:** Young, Joanna  
**Sent:** 14 April 2015 11:06  
**To:** 'Parish councils'  
**Subject:** EAOW - EA ONE and THREE update

Dear Parish Councils,

Please forgive the joint email but it's the quickest way to make sure you all get the same information at the same time!

I am writing to give you an update on the East Anglia ONE and East Anglia THREE projects.

### East Anglia ONE

As you are aware, the East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm was awarded a Development Consent Order (DCO) by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) in June 2014. This DCO grants the construction and operation of an offshore windfarm with a gross output of up to 1,200MW.

The following month (July 2014) the UK Government announced the first budget of its 'Contract for Difference' (CfD) regime. This regime is the new support mechanism for large energy projects in the UK. It replaces the old 'Renewables Obligation' scheme. The new regime is competitive, and asks projects to bid against each other for funding from an annual budget.

Although the budget allocation for the new regime was insufficient to support the full capacity of the project, East Anglia ONE Limited (EAOL) was successful in securing support for up to 714MW of its consented capacity and, on 26th February 2015, was awarded a CfD by DECC.

This reduced capacity of 714MW makes it necessary to connect the project to the national transmission network via high voltage alternating current (HVAC) rather than high voltage direct current (HVDC) technology. As such, the project requires a number of limited changes to the consented transmission infrastructure offshore and onshore.

Since the project is of a smaller scale, all changes are minor and would be accommodated within the previously consented order limits (red line boundary). Additionally, there will be no change in the assessed significance of the environmental impacts of the project as a result of these changes. Attached is an appendix which sets out the key engineering changes associated with the 714MW option.

EAOL will make an application in late May 2015 to the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of DECC) for a 'non-material change' to its DCO to allow the alternating current (AC) option to be accommodated. Once this application is processed by the Planning Inspectorate the information will be published on their website and directly affected parties will be contacted.

### East Anglia THREE

As you are aware, the East Anglia THREE project is at an earlier stage of development than East Anglia ONE. It intends to submit an application for a DCO to DECC in November 2015.

Following the introduction of the CfD regime at the end of 2014, there remains uncertainty regarding future budget allocations. Therefore, East Anglia THREE must now ensure the project remains flexible enough in design to secure any regulatory support available in future years. This will be achieved by introducing a number of changes.

East Anglia THREE intends to consult on these changes under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. This Phase III Section 42 consultation is likely to run from the end of May 2015 to the end of June 2015. The programme, dates and venue for a public drop-in event will be confirmed nearer the time.

In addition to this consultation, East Anglia THREE is reviewing a requirement to update the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) originally published in September 2013, to inform the wider public of proposed changes to the project. If undertaken, the updated SoCC would be published in mid-May 2015 and its publication will be advertised in local newspapers along with details of where copies can be obtained.

The East Anglia THREE team will contact you again in May 2015 regarding this consultation.

Meanwhile, if you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Joanna



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