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**Environmental Protection****The Planning Inspectorate****PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED)****REGULATION 24 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING  
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS  
2009 (AS AMENDED)****NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT  
LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE  
ENVIRONMENT IN ANOTHER EEA STATE****PROPOSED EAST ANGLIA THREE OFFSHORE WIND FARM**

The Planning Inspectorate has accepted for examination an application by East Anglia THREE Limited for an order granting development consent for the East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm

The application is for an order granting development consent to construct and operate the proposed East Anglia THREE Offshore Windfarm. The windfarm would comprise up to 172 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure, with an installed capacity of up to 1,200 MW. The offshore array element of the windfarm would be located in the North Sea, approximately 69km from the coast at Lowestoft, Suffolk, and cover an area of approximately 305km<sup>2</sup>. The application includes the offshore array, related offshore and onshore export cables, an onshore substation, and any further works to lay or to pull the onshore cables through any (previously laid) onshore ducts and for directly laying cables at the substation. The 166km offshore cable route would make landfall at Bawdsey, Suffolk. The onshore cables would be buried along a 37km cable route to a substation near Bramford, Suffolk.

Information about the proposed development and its likely significant effects is available in the application documents and Environmental Statement for the proposed development, which are available electronically on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-three-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs>

and in hard copy at the following location:

The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN

Based on the current information provided by the applicant to the Secretary of State, and applying a precautionary approach, the Secretary of State is of the view that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in the Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Ireland. In accordance with Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations the Secretary of State has provided information to the above mentioned EEA States about the proposed development and its likely significant effects. These States have been asked, where they have not already done so, to indicate by 21 April 2016 whether or not they wish to participate in the procedure for examining and determining the application under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008) and Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (EIA Regulations). This Regulation transposes Article 7 of EU Directive 85/337/EC as amended into the legislation of England, Wales and Scotland.

The application is being examined in public and, subject to the provisions of the PA 2008, the examination will be completed within a period of six months. Further information about how to participate in the examination procedure under the PA 2008 and the way in which the Secretary of State notifies and consults EEA States in accordance with Regulation 24 of the EIA Regulations is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/>

Following examination of the application and having taken the environmental information into consideration, the decision maker may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or offset the major adverse effects of the proposed development.

Date: 16 March 2016

Signed by the Planning Inspectorate for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

