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To interested parties, statutory parties
and other persons invited to the
preliminary meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010056

Date: 6 July 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89 and the Infrastructure
Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8 (as amended)**

**Application by East Anglia Offshore Ltd for an Order Granting Development
Consent for the East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm**

Examination timetable and procedure

We write to tell you about the procedural decisions following the Preliminary Meeting (PM) held on 28 June 2016 at the Novotel, Ipswich. This letter also provides you with the examination timetable, a link to the initial questions that we, as the Examining Authority (ExA), are asking in the examination, and other matters.

All documentation associated with this project, including a note of the PM and the audio recording taken at that meeting, can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/East-Anglia-THREE-Offshore-Wind-Farm/>

Procedural decisions

We have made our procedural decisions about the way in which the proposal is to be examined. The examination timetable is attached as **Annex B** and includes the deadlines by which certain information should be submitted. This examination timetable replaces the draft examination timetable that was included with the Rule 6 letter dated 24 May 2016. Procedural decisions and changes to the draft examination timetable made after the PM are explained in **Annex C**. The examination timetable has sought to accommodate requests made at the PM.

If we consider it necessary to vary the timetable (set out in **Annex B**), we will notify interested parties and 'other persons' invited to the PM (reference numbers beginning with OP) and publish the changes on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Should the date, time and place of any hearing change, this information will be published on the website only, except in the event of an adjournment.

Deadlines for receipt of submissions

It is important to note that if you do not submit representations by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

Any submissions that exceed 1,500 words should also be accompanied by a summary. This summary should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written representation and must be representative of the submission made.

All deadlines are 11:59pm on the date stated. We request that interested parties send, where practicable, electronic copies of their submissions as email attachments, to eastangliathree@pins.gsi.gov.uk on or before the applicable deadline. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with subject title and not exceed 12MB for each email. Providing links to websites where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. All documents, once accepted into the examination by the ExA, must be able to be viewed in full on our website. Timely submissions in advance of the deadlines set in the timetable are encouraged. If interested parties prefer to issue submissions in hard copy by post, please ensure they arrive by the deadline.

If no written requests are received for open floor hearings or compulsory acquisition hearings by the deadline specified in **Annex B**, we are not required to hold any such hearings. We may nevertheless choose to do so.

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all registered interested parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

Below we have explained some of the submissions requested in the timetable in greater detail for your information. However, please refer to **Annex B** for all submission deadlines for this proposal.

Examining Authority's First Written Questions

We have decided to ask a number of written questions. These questions are now published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed through the following link:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010056-001023>

The deadline for responses to these questions is listed in the examination timetable in **Annex B**.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Local Impact Reports (LIRs)

In our Rule 6 letter dated 24 May 2016 we requested SoCGs. We now formally invite submission of completed SoCGs, and any draft SoCGs, by the deadline listed in the examination timetable at **Annex B**. A further deadline is also set for receiving completed SoCGs submitted in draft at the earlier deadline date.

Local authorities defined in s56A of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) are invited to submit LIRs by the deadline specified in **Annex B**. For this application, that includes: Suffolk County Council, Mid Suffolk District Council and Ipswich Borough Council.

Written representations

We also invite all interested parties to submit written representations and comments on relevant representations already submitted by the deadline specified in **Annex B**.

There is no prescribed form for written representations. Written representations can deal with any relevant matter. They are not restricted to the matters set out in our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues, which was discussed at the PM, nor restricted to the questions we have asked. Please note that under Rule 10(4) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules (2010) (EPR) any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a written representation must identify in their written representation those parts of the proposal with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, and must state the reasons for such disagreement.

Furthermore, in accordance with DCLG 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent for nationally significant infrastructure projects (April 2013)' <http://bit.ly/1Bf8qFY> , participants should provide with their written statements, 'the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions'.

Notification of a wish to attend a hearing

We now request notifications from –

- (a) any interested party who wishes to be heard at an **open floor hearing**.
- (b) any affected person who wishes to make oral representations at a **compulsory acquisition hearing**.
- (c) any interested party who wishes to make oral representations at an **issue specific hearing** listed in **Annex B**.

These notifications must be received by the deadline specified in **Annex B**.

If an interested party wishes to make an oral representation at an open floor or issue specific hearing they should indicate which topics they wish to address at the hearing. Similarly, any affected person wishing to make an oral representation at a compulsory acquisition hearing should identify clearly the plots of land about which they wish to speak.

Procedure at hearings and notification of wish to speak at hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in Rule 14 of the EPR <http://bit.ly/1wLTj8E> . Any oral representations must be based on either the relevant or written representations made by the person by whom or on whose behalf the oral representations are made. We shall be responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence but your attention is drawn to Rule 14(5) of the EPR and the circumstances that apply to cross-questioning between parties.

Our examination will be principally undertaken through a written process, and we will decide whether a hearing on a particular issue or topic is necessary. This decision is not connected to how relevant or important we consider an issue or topic to be.

Site inspections

We have undertaken (and will continue to undertake) unaccompanied site inspections from public vantage points at times convenient to us.

We will consider, as set out in the examination timetable, any requests to inspect other sites. Nominations of locations to be inspected must be received by the deadline. You must indicate the reason for the nomination and whether the ExA can proceed with the inspection unaccompanied (and if not, why not). Please be aware that we cannot carry out unaccompanied inspections on private land or where special measures with regards to safety must be followed.

Please note that an accompanied site inspection is not an opportunity to make any oral representations on the proposal. However, we may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

Under the Habitats Regulations and in accordance with Government policy, in order to inform the Secretary of State as the Competent Authority, certain information needs to be provided and consultation undertaken, during the course of the examination.

In line with Government policy¹, the Applicant is requested to provide an Information to inform the HRA for the Southern North Sea proposed SAC (pSAC) report, with reference to the draft conservation objectives. This report should be produced in consultation with Natural England. The Applicant is requested to provide this information by Deadline 3, 10 August 2016.

Award of costs

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against parties who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an examination under the PA2008 you may find it helpful to read the Government guidance: 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders (July 2013)' which can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning website (<http://bit.ly/1zV1wSq>).

Future notifications

¹ In England, National Planning Policy Framework paragraph 118.

If you are an interested party (reference number beginning with AFP, IP, OP and s57) you will continue to receive correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate about the examination throughout the process.

If you are a statutory consultee, or a local authority without direct responsibility in the proposed development area, and have not made a relevant representation (reference number beginning with SP), then you should inform the case manager if you wish to become a registered party by **deadline 1. Statutory consultees who have not made a relevant representation and do not notify the case manager of their wish to become an interested party will not receive any further correspondence.**

If you have received this letter because you were invited to attend the Preliminary Meeting, but you are not an interested party (reference number beginning with EAST-OP), you will **not** receive any further communication from us relating to this proposal. You can, however, visit the relevant project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website to stay informed of the progress of the examination of the proposal.

If we require further information or written comments during the examination, a request will be made under Rule 17 of the EPR. This will be sent to only those persons to whom we consider it is applicable. However, it will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website to enable all interested parties to view and comment should they wish.

Management of Information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to information transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted) and a record of advice which the Planning Inspectorate have given can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information has been protected in accordance with our Information Charter.

The project webpage will provide an up-to-date examination library to enable all parties access to examination documentation. The examination library assigns a unique reference to each document. It would greatly assist the ExA if these reference numbers could be used in representations where documents are referenced.

Yours faithfully

Philip Asquith

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annexes:

- A. Availability of representations and application documents
- B. Timetable for examination of the proposal
- C. Procedural decisions made after the Preliminary Meeting

Annex A

Availability of representations and application documents

All application documents including relevant representations are available on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

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

Documents can be viewed electronically at the following locations. Please note that you will need to sign up for a library card for free internet access.

Woodbridge Library

New Street
Woodbridge
IP12 1DT

Opening times:	Monday	1000 – 1600
	Tuesday	0930 – 1930
	Wednesday	0900 – 1730
	Thursday	0900 – 1730
	Friday	0900 – 1930
	Saturday	0900 – 1700
	Sunday	1000 – 1600

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Felixstowe Library

Crescent Road
Felixstowe
IP11 7BY

Opening times:	Monday	1000 – 1600
	Tuesday	0900 – 1730
	Wednesday	0900 – 1930
	Thursday	0900 – 1730
	Friday	0900 – 1730
	Saturday	0900 – 1700
	Sunday	1000 – 1600

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Lowestoft Library

Clapham Road South
Lowestoft
NR32 1DR

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	Wednesday	0900 – 1800
	Thursday	0900 – 1900
	Friday	0900 – 1800
	Saturday	0900 – 1700
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County Library
Northgate Street
Ipswich
IP1 3DE

Opening times:	Monday	0900 – 1800
	Tuesday	0900 – 1900
	Wednesday	0900 – 1800
	Thursday	0900 – 1800
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	Saturday	0830 – 1700
	Sunday	1000 – 1600

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Annex B

Timetable for examination of the proposal

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	Tuesday 28 June 2016
2	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) relating to the definition of the project and draft Development Consent Order (DCO) matters	Wednesday 29 June 2016
3	Issue by Examining Authority (ExA) of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination timetable • ExA first written questions 	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
4	Deadline 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at the DCO ISH and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA • Applicant's revised draft DCO 	Wednesday 13 July 2016
5	Deadline 2 Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on relevant representations (RRs) • Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1,500 words • Written representations (WRs) by all interested parties • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1,500 words • Comments on any additional representations and submissions received as outlined in Annex D 	Wednesday 27 July 2016

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to Applicant’s revised draft DCO • Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from any local authorities • Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA • Responses to the ExA’s first written questions • Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) • Notification of wish to make oral representations at any further ISHs • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) • Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) • Representations relating to locations to view at the site or in the surrounding area which are considered to be relevant for the ExA during unaccompanied site inspections • Representations relating to locations to view at the site or in the surrounding area which are considered to be relevant for the ExA during an accompanied site inspection to better understand representations made or to see land and interests where there is no opportunity to gain public access • Notification from statutory parties, or local authorities without direct responsibility in the proposed development area, of a wish to be considered as an interested party • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (the EPR) 	
6	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <p>Notification of the date, time and place for further ISHs, an OFH (if required) and CAHs (if required)</p>	<p>Wednesday 3 August 2016</p>
7	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p>	<p>Wednesday 10 August 2016</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs and responses to comments on RRs • Comments on LIRs • Comments on responses to the ExA's first written questions • Comments on responses to the Applicant's revised draft DCO • Responses to comments on any additional representations and submissions received • Information to inform the HRA for the Southern North Sea pSAC report to be submitted by Applicant • Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA 	
8	Time reserved for an accompanied site inspection	Tuesday 6 September 2016
9	Time reserved for ISH on environmental or other matters	Wednesday 7 September 2016
10	Time reserved for OFH (if required)	Wednesday 7 September 2016 (Evening)
11	Time reserved for a CAH (if required)	Thursday 8 September 2016
12	Time reserved for an ISH on the draft DCO (if required)	Friday 9 September 2016 (Morning)

13	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA • Applicant's revised draft DCO • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	<p>Thursday 15 September 2016</p>
14	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second written questions 	<p>Thursday 22 September 2016</p>
15	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's second written questions • Comments on the Applicant's revised draft DCO • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	<p>Thursday 6 October 2016</p>
16	<p>Time reserved for ISH on environmental or other matters (if required)</p>	<p>Tuesday 25 October 2016</p>
17	<p>Time reserved for ISH on environmental matters or other matters (if required)</p>	<p>Wednesday 26 October 2016</p>
18	<p>Time reserved for ISH on the draft DCO (if required)</p>	<p>Thursday 27 October 2016</p>
19	<p>Time reserved for a CAH (if required)</p>	<p>Friday 28 October 2016 (Morning)</p>

20	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any hearing and any documents/ amendments requested by the ExA • Applicant's revised draft DCO • Comments on responses to the ExA's second written questions • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	Tuesday 8 November 2016
21	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's draft DCO (if required to facilitate examination) • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) 	Thursday 17 November 2016
22	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES • Comments on the ExA's draft DCO • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	Thursday 8 December 2016
23	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on the ExA's draft DCO • Responses to comments on the RIES • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the EPR 	Thursday 15 December 2016
24	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p>	Wednesday 28 December 2016

Annex C

Procedural decisions made after the Preliminary Meeting (PM)

The Examining Authority (ExA) noted at the PM that the Applicant had submitted, prior to the Preliminary Meeting, a letter advising the Panel of a number of updated documents to be submitted during the examination. This letter can be viewed on the project webpage. Following this, the Applicant submitted a number of further documents, these are listed below:

Letter responding to the ExA's Rule 6 letter (Cover letter)

6.2.29.1 - Chapter 29 Landscape, Seascape and Visual Amenity. Volume 2 Figures Erratum: Correction to Figure 29.24.

5.4.1 - Information for the Habitats Regulations Assessment - Volume 5 Erratum: Correction to Kittiwake in-combination collision mortality

ERR/001/Marine Mammals. Marine Mammals. Cumulative Impact Assessment Erratum

Consolidated East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 as amended by the East Anglia ONE (Corrections and Amendments) Order 2016

6.2.29.1 - Chapter 29 Landscape, Seascape and Visual Amenity. Volume 2 Figures Erratum: Correction to Figure 29.24. Appendix 1 Page 1 of 4

6.2.29.1 - Chapter 29 Landscape, Seascape and Visual Amenity. Volume 2 Figures Erratum: Correction to Figure 29.24. Appendix 1 Page 2 of 4

6.2.29.1 - Chapter 29 Landscape, Seascape and Visual Amenity. Volume 2 Figures Erratum: Correction to Figure 29.24. Appendix 1 Page 3 of 4

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These documents have been reviewed by the ExA and have been accepted into the Examination.

Changes to the timetable

Suffolk County Council raised at the PM that the hearings scheduled for October fell in the school half-term for Suffolk. As such, this may have resource implications for Interested Parties. The ExA noted this and considered the possibilities to amend the timetable. However, owing to the requirement of the six-month statutory period

within which the examination is to be completed, a move in this date was unable to be accommodated. However, the ExA plan early publication of agendas, where possible, to assist with planning and resourcing of the hearings.