



THE PLANNING ACT 2008

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE)
RULES 2010

EAST ANGLIA THREE

The construction and operation of East Anglia Three Wind Farm, a 1,200 MW with up to 172 turbines wind farm located approximately 69km off the coast at Lowestoft covering an area of approximately 305km².

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NATURAL ENGLAND

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FOR DEADLINE 1

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This submission follows the Issue Specific Hearing on the Definition of the Project and the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) for East Anglia THREE which took place at Novotel Ipswich centre hotel, on the 29th June 2016 and details the oral responses to questions asked of Natural England during that hearing.

1.2 This submission consists of two responses from Natural England to questions raised at the Issue Specific Hearing on Wednesday 29th June.

2. WRITTEN SUBMISSION OF THE ORAL ANSWERS PROVIDED TO QUESTIONS AT THE ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE 2016.

Representing Natural England: Louise Burton, Alex Thompson

Subject: Draft DCO reflecting best practice

In response to The Examining Authority's question as to whether the draft DCO reflects best practice, we can confirm that in accordance with Planning Inspectorate guidance note, Natural England considers the draft DCO does reflect best practice. For clarity, we consider that the Applicant has followed PINS' Advice Notes AN13 (Preparing the Draft Order and Explanatory Memorandum) and AN15 (Drafting Development Consent Orders) when producing the draft DCO.

Subject: Assessment of worst case for underwater noise for marine mammals

The Examining Authority asked the Applicant whether Natural England is content that the worst case had been assessed for underwater noise for mammals.

Specifically, The Examining Authority queried the project description in which the Applicant discusses 2 types of jacket foundation (3 piled with 4m piles and 4 piled with 3.5m), with a worst temporal case coming from the 4 pile jacket, assuming a precautionary worst case of 2000kJ.

Natural England can confirm it is satisfied that the worst case scenario has been assessed for underwater noise for marine mammals. The worst case scenario was discussed as part of the evidence plan process and agreed upon by Natural England.