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Other Environmental Information

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1 Introduction

1. In response to consultation with statutory stakeholders (Natural England and the relevant local planning authorities) East Anglia Three Limited (EATL) wishes to submit “Other Environmental Information” (OEI), to support its application for a Development Consent Order. The OEI is enclosed with this document.

2 Other Environmental Information

2. The OEI consulted upon consisted of:
 - a. Volume 1 – Introduction;
 - b. Volume 2 – Orford Inshore rMCZ Assessment (Document reference : OEI / Volume 2/ rMCZ assessment);
 - c. Volume 3 Henley Road Assessment (Document reference: OEI / Volume 3 / Henley Road assessment); and
 - d. Volume 4 – Revised LVIA Assessment (OEI/ Volume 4 / LVIA assessment).
3. These Volumes can be found at Appendix 1.
4. Volume 1 was an introduction for consultees to the OEI and explains the purpose of Volumes 2 to 4. For ease, that explanation is replicated in the following paragraphs.
5. Volume 2 Orford Inshore rMCZ Assessment was developed in response to the Natural England Relevant Representation (submitted on the 4th March). Advice on the content of the report was also provided by Natural England via email on the 21st June. Natural England were provided with the final report for comment on the 20th July however they were unable to review and provide comment on the document before the OEI was advertised and made available for public consultation.
6. Volume 3 Henley Road Assessment was completed in response to Suffolk County Council's request that an alternative access route (to Lower Road Westerfield) be used for vehicles accessing the onshore cable route. This document was originally submitted to the Local Planning Authorities in May 2016 and resubmitted in its final form in June 2016 with agreed changes. This document has been submitted for Deadline 2 as part of the Statement of Common Ground between the Local Planning Authorities and the Applicant.

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7. Volume 4 Update to the Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity Impact Assessment has been completed in response to the non-material change to the DCO for East Anglia ONE which has resulted in a change to the baseline assumed for assessment purposes at the time of submission of the East Anglia THREE application. Chapter 29 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Assessment (DCO document reference 6.1.29) committed EATL to updating the assessment (section 29.3.2, paragraph 33):

It is assumed in the assessment that East Anglia ONE is constructed and is operational and that the proposed East Anglia THREE project would be added to this baseline situation. Note that for the purposes of this assessment, the dimensions of the East Anglia ONE converter station are taken to be those consented in the East Anglia ONE development consent order (DCO). The size of the East Anglia ONE converter station would be smaller than the currently consented position if the current application for a non-material change to the East Anglia ONE DCO is granted. EATL would undertake further assessment if required on the basis of the outcome of the decision upon the non-material change to the East Anglia ONE DCO.

8. The HVAC option authorised by the non-material change would result in a reduction in height of the East Anglia ONE substation. In addition, East Anglia ONE Ltd are currently undertaking a master planning exercise to develop a coherent design for landscaping mitigation for both the East Anglia ONE and the East Anglia THREE projects. The updated assessment therefore also considers this revised mitigation. The Local Planning Authorities have been consulted on the Masterplan. The Masterplan was submitted at Deadline 2 (Document reference: Deadline 2/First Written Questions/Landscape Masterplan/PN1,PN3,LH14).

3 Consultation on the Other Environmental Information

9. The OEI was made available for public consultation from 27 July 2016 to 29 August 2016.
10. A list of persons and organisations consulted on the OEI is included within the spreadsheet at Appendix 2.
11. The OEI was publicised for consultation:
- for two successive weeks in local newspapers, namely the Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times and Ipswich Star;

- b. once in a national newspaper, namely The Times of London;
 - c. once in the London Gazette; and
 - d. once in Lloyds List and once in Fishing News.
12. Notices publicising the OEI consultation were displayed at intervals along the proposed route of works at places accessible to the public.
13. Copy newspaper advertisements are contained at Appendix 2.
14. The OEI was also made available at the libraries and council office noted in the Template Notice and advertisements.
15. Direct letters were sent to the persons and organisations listed in the spreadsheet at Appendix 2. The form of letter sent is also contained at Appendix 2.

4 Comments on the Other Environmental Information & EATL Response

16. A total of 12 responses were received on the OEI. A summary of these consultee responses and the Applicant's comments on them can be found at Appendix 3.
17. The full response of each consultee that responded to the OEI consultation can be found at Appendix 4.

Appendix 1 Other Environmental Information

Appendix 2 OEl Consultation

Appendix 3 Summary of Responses & EATL Response

Appendix 4 Consultee Responses

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