



Meeting Note

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Meeting hosted by	East Anglia Offshore Wind Ltd (EAOW) (on behalf of East Anglia Three Limited and East Anglia Four Limited)
Meeting date	20th February 2013
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Laura Allen (Senior EIA and Land Rights Advisor) Hannah Pratt (EIA and Land Rights Advisor)
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Royal HaskoningDHV (consultant for EAOW) Natural England The Joint Nature Conservation Committee The RSPB CEFAS English Heritage Suffolk Wildlife Trust
Location	MWB Business Exchange, 107-111 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2AB

Meeting purpose	Meet hosted by EAOW to provide an update on progress on for East Anglia One, Three and Four and to discuss feedback on scoping
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p>Overview:</p> <p>EAOW gave a brief overview of East Anglia Three (EA Three) and East Anglia Four (EA Four) which are currently being developed in parallel but will be subject to separate development consent orders (DCO).</p> <p>The Zone Appraisal Process (ZAP) undertaken by the applicant to identify the potential project areas was briefly explained. ZAP will be an ongoing process until the end of the development within the East Anglia Offshore Zone (Zone 5).</p> <p>East Anglia One (EA One):</p> <p>EAOW explained EA Three and EA Four would utilise a portion of the offshore cable route identified for EA One windfarm, as well as the same landfall and entire length of the onshore cable route. Consent for the onshore and part of the offshore cable routes are being sought in the DCO application for EA One. However, the applicant also intends to include the cable</p>
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routes within the proposed DCO applications for EA Three and EA Four, as it cannot be assumed that consent for the ducting would be achieved in the DCO application for EA One and provides EAOW with flexibility in terms of options for laying cables should this be required. The EA One application has been submitted to the Secretary of State and has been accepted for examination. The project is now at the pre-examination stage in the DCO process.

EA Three and EA Four:

EAOW explained that surveys are currently ongoing to establish the baseline, building on the surveys that were undertaken to inform the Zone studies and EA One.

EAOW identified that the intention will be to document ongoing discussions with key consultees, including those attending this workshop, potentially in the form of statements of common ground (SoCG) to clearly identify what aspects of surveys have been agreed prior to submission of EA Three and EA Four DCO applications. EAOW identified that they are seeking to engage in the Evidence Plan process promoted by the Major Infrastructure and Environment Unit within Defra for both EA Three and Four.

The Planning Inspectorate emphasised that both applicants and key consultees are strongly encouraged to consider entering into SoCG to formally document both what has been agreed between the parties and therefore does not need to form part of the examination of the project, and also what is not agreed between the parties. This would enable the examining authority, if the applications are accepted for examination, to understand what are the key issues are, and therefore requires further consideration during examination.

Onshore receptors:

EAOW identified the main potential onshore receptors along the cable route. As the cable route for EA Three and EA Four is the same as EA One, the applicant is not intending to undertake any further surveys in addition to those completed to establish the baseline for EA One, subject to any contrary comments from stakeholders.

EAOW explained that the installation of the underground electricity cable would involve open trenching and HDD where appropriate due to sensitive receptors. EAOW identified that when responding to the scoping request for EA Three and EA Four, consultees requested further information about the potential environmental effects due to any subsequent installation required for EA Three and Four, if permission for the ducting for these is included within consent for EA One.

	<p>Offshore receptors:</p> <p>EAOW identified the main potential offshore receptors along the export cable route and within the wind farm array area. EAOW gave a brief update on what surveys are currently being undertaken and identified where changes had been made to the methodology followed for EA One which had been informed by lessons learnt. Where appropriate, EAOW may seek to organise further meetings with certain consultees to discuss these amendments to the methodology applied to the surveys for EA One.</p> <p>Scoping Responses:</p> <p>EAOW explained that they are currently reviewing the responses received from the consultees during scoping for EA Three and EA Four, and will shortly respond directly to these consultees on any points raised in their response.</p> <p>Note – A copy of the Secretary of State’s Scoping Opinion for EA Three and EA Four is available on the Planning Inspectorate’s website on the webpage for these projects.</p>
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Specific decisions/ follow up required?	None
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