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East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm

Appendix C3 to the Natural England Deadline 1 Submission

**Natural England's Comments to the Draft Outline Landfall Construction Method
Statement**

For:

The construction and operation of East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarm, a 900MW windfarm which could consist of up to 75 turbines, generators and associated infrastructure, located 37km from Lowestoft and 32km from Southwold.

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Method Statement

This document is applicable to both the East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2) applications, and therefore is endorsed with the yellow and blue icon used to identify materially identical documentation in accordance with the Examining Authority's (ExA) procedural decisions on document management of 23rd December 2019. Whilst for completeness of the record this document has been submitted to both Examinations, if it is read for one project submission there is no need to read it again for the other project.

The Applicant consulted NE on 29th July 2020 on the Draft outline landfall construction method statement. The following advice reflects our interim review of the document provided under our discretionary advice service.

1. Paragraph 11

Documentation and evidence presented for other offshore wind farm developments along the east coast of the UK has identified that 2 km horizontal directional drilling (HDD) is not viable. Please could more evidence be presented to support the viability of the proposal?

2. Paragraph 14

With geotechnical investigations yet to be undertaken, how can SPR be certain that HDD is possible at this location?

3. Paragraph 16

Can it be clarified that none of the equipment and machinery associated with onshore geotechnical investigations will be operated or stored within designated sites?

4. Paragraph 21

How will SPR address any conflict between archaeological and environmental features when siting the exit pits and/or cable routes?

5. Paragraph 23

Please provide justification as to why there will be a separate exit and entry for telecommunications when these are shared for other projects?

Apart from the points raised above, Natural England welcomes the outline landfall construction method statement at this time and notes the lessons learnt from East Anglia ONE.