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East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm

Appendix C4 to the Natural England Deadline 2 Submission

NE Comments on Ecological Enhancement Clarification Note [REP1-035]

For:

The construction and operation of East Anglia One North Offshore Windfarm, a 800MW windfarm which could consist of up to 67 turbines, generators and associated infrastructure, located 36km from Lowestoft and 42km from Southwold.

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Natural England's comments on Ecological Enhancement Clarification Note Submitted at Deadline 1 [REP1-035]

This document is applicable to both the East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO 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.

Summary

Natural England welcomes the commitment made by the Applicant to undertaking enhancement and provision of the clarification note. However, we believe that further information on the enhancement measures needs to be provided at the time of consent as set out in our detailed comments.

Detailed comments:

1. Following review of this clarification note, Natural England agrees that net gain is not formally required for these NSIP applications, but we encourage the Applicant as a statutory undertaker to undertake their duties, and actively seek out opportunities for enhancement and improvements to ecological connectivity in the countryside around the application sites.
2. We note that all habitats are being replaced, with the loss of 310 units and 229 units within the site recorded as being of low ecological value. Where possible the ecological value should be improved.
3. We encourage the delivery of the extra 70 units (as detailed in paragraphs 4.30 and 30) and would welcome more information on how it is intended to incorporate these extra areas of habitat creation into the enhancement strategy and ensure the longevity of the enhancement.
4. In paragraph 23, it is stated that there are opportunities to improve connectivity between habitats. Natural England would welcome more information on how the Applicant intends to incorporate these enhancements into the strategy.



5. The Management and monitoring plan will need to include all enhancement sites, including all areas created to improve ecological connectivity. The plan should explain how all areas of habitat creation or enhancement will be maintained, and should include the type of management and the timings of the management and monitoring programme.