

# NGESO Responses to Requests for Further Information (EN010077 & EN010078)

- Application by East Anglia ONE North Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm.

- Application by East Anglia TWO Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm.

NGESO Provides the following response(s) to **EN010077 & EN010078**

Qu. No.	Question	Response
2(a)	<p>In the second paragraph of page 80 of the White paper, HM Government recognises the impact of single per project point-to-point connections on coastal communities and identifies that it will act quickly to address this.</p> <p>In the sixth paragraph of page 80 HM Government states that “[i]n order to start delivering these benefits [arising from a more co-ordinated approach to grid connection], we will encourage projects already in development, where early opportunities for co-ordination exists to consider becoming path finder projects.</p> <p>Have any discussion been held with BEIS about the Government’s expectations of pace and/or the development of a “pathfinder” approach to the transmission system connection proposals for these Applications.</p>	<p>The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) set up the <a href="#">Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR)</a>. National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) has established the <a href="#">Offshore Coordination Project</a> which forms part of the OTNR. The Offshore Coordination Project has been set up to consider the strategy for connecting offshore wind farms to Great Britain, with the aim of ensuring value for money for consumers, facilitating offshore wind’s contribution to the net zero target and reducing the environmental and social impact of onshore connections. The Early Opportunities workstream of the Offshore Coordination Project is working in collaboration with BEIS to identify any early opportunities for coordination of projects in development prior to a 2030 connection.</p> <p>Please find the OTNR project timeline from slide 42 of the <a href="#">OTNR 17 December 2020 Webinar</a>. Early Opportunities is currently at an initial stage of scoping and optioneering.</p> <p>NGESO has not yet had discussions with BEIS regarding a “pathfinder” approach to the transmission system connection proposals for these applications.</p>

2(b)	If so, please provide an outline description of the implications of the pathfinder approach for each Application identifying any contingencies or matters not yet resolved	N/A
2(c)	If not, is any approach to BEIS likely to be made during the timescales of these examinations, or might a pathfinder approach be taken post decision.	<p>The OTNR Early Opportunities workstream is currently at an early stage of scoping and optioneering. The ONTR has not yet confirmed when decisions will be made on pathfinders, however, given the timings and early stage of this work we expect any decisions on pathfinders will be made post the conclusion of this examination (March 2021). Whether the pathfinder decisions will relate to these projects is not currently known.</p> <p>East Anglia Two (EA2) currently has a contract with NGESO to connect in November 2024 and East Anglia One North (EA1 North) is contracted with NGESO to connect in April 2027. NGESO intends to continue with these contracts as written.</p>

**End of responses for**

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