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Date: 13 May 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89 and
the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17
Application by East Anglia ONE North Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm and
by East Anglia TWO Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for
the East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm**

Requests for further information and written comments

The ExAs have reviewed evidence in relation to design and layout at the substations site at Friston. We have decided to seek further information from the Applicants to support consideration of the design process. Questions under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) (R17Qs) are set out in **Annex A**. They are applicable to both Examinations. This is the fifth set of such questions issued in these Examinations and is known as R17QE. They are only addressed to the Applicants. However, other Interested Parties (IPs) wishing to respond may do so.

The final deadline for the submission of the information sought is **Deadline 11, Monday 7 June 2021**. However, the submission of requested drawings and data in draft by noon on 21 May 2021 would assist discussion at ISHs16 (26 May 2021) and ISHs17 (28 May 2021). The Applicants or IPs wishing to comment on responses to this request may do so at Deadline 12, Monday 28 June 2021.

All responses should be marked as relating to Rule 17 Questions of 13 May 2021 (R17QE).

Yours faithfully

Rynd Smith

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Lead Member of the Examining Authorities

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**Application by East Anglia ONE North Ltd for East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm
Application by East Anglia TWO Ltd for East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm**

Questions under EPR Rule 17 (R17QE)
To the Applicants

Issued on 13 May 2021

This R17Q document is a parallel document applicable to both Examinations. The questions raised within it are also applicable to both applications.

The questions raised in this document emerge from the ExAs' consideration of reviewed evidence in relation to design and layout at the substations site at Friston. The questions below aim to address this issue.

The ExAs' intention is to prompt a process in which the Applicants prepare design response drawings and documents addressing a range of possible development scenarios for the substations site. These are intended to inform examination but, if appropriate, they could be also capable of becoming certified documents under the dDCOs to assist the discharge of relevant requirements.

The submission of these drawings and documents in draft by noon on 21 May 2021 would assist discussion at ISHs16 (26 May 2021) and ISHs17 (28 May 2021), following which responding revisions might be made before formal submission at Deadline 11. The ExAs will ensure that draft documents submitted by noon on 21 May 2021 are published as Additional Submissions, enabling them to be referred to online by hearing participants.

The drawings referred to above are intended to be the primary responses to these questions. Each should contain a title block identifying that they are responses to a specific part of a question in R17QE. However, an editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request by email from the Case Teams (please include R17QE in the subject line of your request). It would assist the ExAs if textual responses in addition to any drawings are provided in tabular format.

Responses are due by **Deadline 11: Monday 7 June 2021**.



R17Q E	To	Question	
Substations design and layout			
R17QE.1	The Applicants	1	<p data-bbox="757 339 2085 376">Overall design and layout of the Friston substations site under various scenarios</p> <p data-bbox="757 376 2130 520">The Applicants are requested to produce the layout drawings set out below for possible inclusion in Schedule 17 of the dDCOs as certified documents for Deadline 11; and to produce, without prejudice, draft documents by 21 May 2021 to inform discussion at ISHs16 (Substation sites) on 26 May 2021 and ISHs17 (dDCOs) on 28 May 2021.</p> <p data-bbox="757 555 1196 592">The drawings are required to:</p> <ul data-bbox="757 592 2078 772" style="list-style-type: none"> (a) inform the Examinations in relation to the ability of the Order Lands to contain the required infrastructure and mitigation; (b) potentially assist decision makers in considering matters of detail when submitted for approval as part of post-consent implementation; and (c) provide greater definition of the effects of proposals for each main project outcome. <p data-bbox="757 807 2123 987">Each drawing (at a scale of 1:3,000 at A1, as used in the Outline Landscape Mitigation Plan (OLMP)) should show the worst-case scenario under the Rochdale envelope for the layout of the proposed Friston substation(s) site at 15-years of operation. It should include the proposed NGET substation, sealing end compounds, transmission lines and pylons, access roads and all proposed mitigation in relation to:</p> <ul data-bbox="757 1023 2123 1273" style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood risk and drainage – including SUDS and drainage basins; • Heritage; • Landscape and visual amenity; • Biodiversity; • Design – including substation footprint and the dimensions of any perimeter bunding and fencing; and • The proposed network of Public Rights of Way (PRoWs). <p data-bbox="757 1308 1155 1345">The required drawings are:</p> <p data-bbox="757 1380 2119 1449">A. East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm developed alone with National Grid Substation using air insulated switchgear (AIS);</p>



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				<p>B. East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm developed alone with National Grid Substation using gas insulated switchgear (GIS);</p> <p>C. East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm developed alone with National Grid Substation using AIS;</p> <p>D. East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm developed alone with National Grid Substation using GIS;</p> <p>E. Both East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms developed together with National Grid Substation using AIS; and</p> <p>F. Both East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms developed together with National Grid Substation using GIS.</p> <p>The drawings are to be accompanied by a brief commentary assessing the likely effectiveness, or otherwise, of the proposed mitigation measures in each scenario.</p> <p>A final response consisting of the drawings and written response should be provided by Deadline 11.</p>
R17QE.2	The Applicants	1	2	<p>Applicant’s responses to Rule 17 Questions of 29 April 2021 – R17QC.5: Infiltration testing results on the substations site</p> <p>The Applicant’s responses to Rule 17 Questions of 29 April 2021 – R17QC.5 [REP10-030] states that infiltration testing has been undertaken at the substation site as part of the ongoing onshore site investigation works. Preliminary results were expected by 7 May 2021, to allow discussion with Suffolk County Council (SCC) and East Suffolk Council (ESC) on the extent of infiltration likely to be available at the substation site. The response states that a verbal update is expected to be provided at ISHs16. If possible, a draft written update would be appreciated in advance of this date, by 21 May 2021, to allow the ExA and IPs to consider it prior to ISHs16 and better inform discussion at that event. A final written response should be provided by Deadline 11.</p>