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Your ref: EN010078, EN010077

Date: 29 November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)
Rules 2010

Application by East Anglia ONE North Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) Offshore Windfarm project; and

Application by East Anglia TWO Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia TWO (EA2) Offshore Windfarm project

Please find below our comments in response to the questions from the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy; as detailed in the letter of 2 November 2021. We also note and acknowledge the subsequent letters of 17 & 24 November 2021 regarding flood events.

3. Flood Risk

ii. The Applicant and Interested Parties are invited to comment on the implications of the Environment Agency's 20 July 2021 update on climate change allowances for Flood Risk Assessment, which updated peak river flow allowances and changed the guidance on how to apply these;

Although this question was not specifically directed to us, we would highlight that because the DCO application was submitted prior to the release of the updated peak river flow climate change allowances and guidance, it is appropriate for the previous allowances to be used. The updated peak river flow climate change allowances for the area of the proposed scheme are slightly lower than the previous allowances that were used in the flood risk assessment for this proposal.

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iii. The Environment Agency is asked to comment on the sufficiency of: a. the existing measures within the construction Surface Water and Drainage Management Plan (located within the updated Outline Code of Construction Plan); b. the 1 in 15 (for the substation site) and 1 in 10 (for the cable corridor) return periods proposed by the Applicant. Taking into consideration the associated responses from the Applicant, Suffolk County Council and Interested Parties, and the recent flood event in Friston.

Throughout the Examination period, we have reviewed the Applicant's proposed approach to the management of surface water during construction, but only in terms of protecting water resources and quality. It is the Lead Local Flood Authority, in this instance Suffolk County Council, that have the statutory responsibility in respect of the management of surface water flood risk. Therefore, it would not be appropriate for us to make comment on that aspect of the proposals.

We have previously confirmed that we are satisfied with the measures as outlined to protect water quality during construction. The Outline Code of Construction Practice requires that we are consulted on the relevant detailed management plans.

Yours faithfully

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