

# **East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm**

## **Consultation Report**

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## Glossary of Acronyms

ADBA	Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment
AIS	Air Insulated Substation
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CCS	Construction Consolidation Sites
CEFAS	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
CFWG	Commercial Fisheries Working Group
CoS	Chamber of Shipping
CRPMEM	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Elevages Marins
CWS	County Wildlife Site
DCLG	Department for Communities and Local Government
DCO	Development Consent Order
DMO	Destination Management Organisation
EEA	European Economic Area
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMF	Electromagnetic Field
EPP	Evidence Plan Process
ES	Environmental Statement
GIS	Gas Insulated Substation
GYBC	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
HE	Historic England
HER	Historic Environment Record
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
NCC	Norfolk County Council
NE	Natural England
NFFO	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
NG	National Grid
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PRoW	Public Right of Way
RAG	Red, Amber, Green
RHDHV	Royal HaskoningDHV
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RWS	Rijkswaterstaat
RYA	Royal Yachting Association
SASES	Substation Action Save East Suffolk
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SCDC	Suffolk Coastal District Council
SCP	Suffolk Coastal Partnership
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
SoS	Secretary of State
SPA	Special Protection Area



SPR	ScottishPower Renewables
SPS	Suffolk Preservation Society
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SuDs	Sustainable Drainage System
SWT	Suffolk Wildlife Trust
TWT	The Wildlife Trust
ZTV	Zone of Theoretical Visibility
WDC	Waveney District Council
WDC	Whale and Dolphin Conservation

## Glossary of Terminology

Applicant	East Anglia TWO Limited.
Cable sealing end compound	A compound which allows the safe transision of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
Cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound	A compound (which includes a circuit breaker) which allows the safe transision of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
Construction consolidation sites	Compounds associated with the onshore works which may include elements such as hard standings, lay down and storage areas for construction materials and equipment, areas for vehicular parking, welfare facilities, wheel washing facilities, workshop facilities and temporary fencing or other means of enclosure.
Construction operation and maintenance platform	A fixed offshore structure required for construction, operation, and maintenance personnel and activities.
Development area	The area comprising the onshore development area and the offshore development area (described as the 'order limits' within the Development Consent Order).
Development Consent Order	The statutory instrument granted by the Secretary of State to authorise the construction and operation of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).
East Anglia TWO project	The proposed project consisting of up to 75 wind turbines, up to four offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia TWO windfarm site	The offshore area within which wind turbines and offshore platforms will be located.
European site	Sites designated for nature conservation under the Habitats Directive and Birds Directive, as defined in regulation 8 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and regulation 18 of the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. These include candidate Special Areas of Conservation, Sites of Community Importance, Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas.
Evidence Plan Process (EPP)	A voluntary consultation process with specialist stakeholders to agree the approach to the EIA and the information required to support HRA.
Expert Topic Groups	Groups comprising experts on a particular topic, formed to discuss details of data requirements, and which report to the Steering Group.
Horizontal directional drilling (HDD)	A method of cable installation where the cable is drilled beneath a feature without the need for trenching.
HDD temporary working area	Tempoporay compounds which will contain laydown, storage and work areas for HDD drilling works.
Inter-array cables	Offshore cables which link the wind turbines to each other and the offshore electrical platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Jointing bay	Underground structures constructed at intervals along the onshore cable route to join sections of cable and facilitate installation of the cables into the buried ducts.

Landfall	The area (from Mean Low Water Springs) where the offshore export cables would make contact with land, and connect to the onshore cables.
Link boxes	Underground chambers within the onshore cable route housing electrical earthing links.
Meteorological mast	An offshore structure which contains metrological instruments used for wind data acquisition.
Mitigation areas	Areas captured within the onshore development area specifically for mitigating expected or anticipated impacts.
Marking buoys	Buoys to delineate spatial features / restrictions within the offshore development area.
Monitoring buoys	Buoys to monitor <i>in situ</i> condition within the windfarm, for example wave and metocean conditions.
National electricity grid	The high voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales owned and maintained by National Grid Electricity Transmission
National Grid infrastructure	A National Grid substation, cable sealing end compounds, cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound, underground cabling and National Grid overhead line realignment works to facilitate connection to the national electricity grid, all of which will be consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO project Development Consent Order but will be National Grid owned assets.
National Grid overhead line realignment works	Works required to upgrade the existing electricity pylons and overhead lines (including cable sealing end compounds and cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound) to transport electricity from the National Grid substation to the national electricity grid.
National Grid overhead line realignment works area	The proposed area for National Grid overhead line realignment works.
National Grid substation	The substation (including all of the electrical equipment within it) necessary to connect the electricity generated by the proposed East Anglia TWO project to the national electricity grid which will be owned by National Grid but is being consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO project Development Consent Order.
National Grid substation location	The proposed location of the National Grid substation.
Natura 2000 site	A site forming part of the network of sites made up of Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas designated respectively under the Habitats Directive and Birds Directive.
Offshore cable corridor	This is the area which will contain the offshore export cables between offshore electrical platforms and transposition bays located at landfall.
Offshore development area	The East Anglia TWO windfarm site and offshore cable corridor (up to Mean High Water Springs) (described as the 'order limits' within the Development Consent Order).
Offshore electrical infrastructure	The transmission assets required to export generated electricity to shore. This includes inter-array cables from the wind turbines to the offshore electrical platforms, offshore electrical platforms, platform link cables and export cables from the offshore electrical platforms to the landfall.

Offshore electrical platform	A fixed structure located within the windfarm area, containing electrical equipment to aggregate the power from the wind turbines and convert it into a more suitable form for export to shore.
Offshore export cables	The cables which would bring electricity from the offshore electrical platforms to the landfall. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Offshore infrastructure	All of the offshore infrastructure including wind turbines, platforms, and cables.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the construction, operation and maintenance platform and the offshore electrical platforms.
Onshore cable corridor	The corridor within which the onshore cable route will be located.
Onshore cable route	This is the construction swathe within the onshore cable corridor which would contain onshore cables as well as temporary ground required for construction which includes cable trenches, haul road and spoil storage areas.
Onshore cables	The cables which would bring electricity from landfall to the onshore substation. The onshore cable is comprised of up to six power cables (which may be laid directly within a trench, or laid in cable ducts or protective covers), up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing cables.
Onshore development area	The area in which the landfall, onshore cable corridor, onshore substation, landscaping and ecological mitigation areas, temporary construction facilities (such as access roads and construction consolidation sites), and the National Grid Infrastructure will be located (described as the 'order limits' within the Development Consent Order).
Onshore infrastructure	The combined name for all of the onshore infrastructure associated with the proposed East Anglia TWO project from landfall to the connection to the national electricity grid.
Onshore preparation works	Activities to be undertaken prior to formal commencement of onshore construction such as pre-planting of landscaping works, archaeological investigations, environmental and engineering surveys, diversion and laying of services, and highway alterations.
Onshore substation	The East Anglia TWO substation and all of the electrical equipment within the onshore substation and connecting to the National Grid infrastructure.
Onshore substation location	The proposed location of the onshore substation for the proposed East Anglia TWO project.
Platform link cable	Electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Safety zones	A marine area declared for the purposes of safety around a renewable energy installation or works / construction area under the Energy Act 2004.
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations as a result of the flow of water.
Statement of Community Consultation	Document which explains how the Applicant will consult with local communities about its plans to develop the proposed East Anglia TWO offshore windfarm.
Steering Group	Group to monitor the evidence requirements and processes for reaching agreement.
Transition bay	Underground structures at the landfall that house the joints between the offshore export cables and the onshore cables.

# 1 Executive Summary

## 1.1 Introduction

1. East Anglia TWO Limited (the Applicant), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited (SPR) is progressing an application for development consent for the proposed East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm. This project is being progressed in parallel with another project known as the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm. Separate Development Consent Order (DCO) applications have been submitted for the proposed East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North projects.
2. This Consultation Report details the consultation that has been undertaken in support of the proposed East Anglia TWO project's DCO application. A separate Consultation Report has been submitted as part of the proposed East Anglia ONE North project's DCO application.
3. SPR is part of the Iberdrola Group, one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy. ScottishPower now only produces 100% green electricity – with a focus on wind energy, smart grids and driving the change to a cleaner, electric future. ScottishPower is investing over £4 million every working day to make this happen and is committed to speeding up the transition to cleaner electric transport, improving air quality and over time, driving down bills.
4. Through its subsidiary East Anglia ONE Limited, SPR are currently building the 714MW East Anglia ONE offshore windfarm approximately 43km off the coast of Suffolk. This project will be followed by the 1,400MW East Anglia THREE offshore windfarm which received development consent in August 2017 (being developed by East Anglia THREE Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of SPR).
5. For the East Anglia TWO project, community consultation was divided into phases and although other stakeholder consultation was not constrained by these phases, the Consultation Report sections have been structured to follow the five phases. Within these phases, consultation activities, both statutory and non-statutory, are discussed. These phases are shown in **section 1.3** below. In addition, a compliance table is provided in **Appendix 2** that demonstrates how the Applicant has complied with various consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008, as amended (the Planning Act).
6. The layout of this report has been developed from previous project submissions and taking into account the Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 14: Compiling the Consultation Report (Planning Inspectorate 2012).

## 1.2 Background

### 1.2.1 Consultation Requirements and this Report

7. This Consultation Report responds to one of the key requirements set out in the Planning Act which places a statutory obligation on applicants to complete a process of pre-application consultation. This consultation should be undertaken with prescribed bodies, Local Planning Authorities and people with an interest in the land to which the application relates (under Section 42 of the Planning Act), with local communities (under Section 47) and more widely through the general notification of a proposed application (under Section 48).
8. Section 37 of the Planning Act requires an application for development consent to be accompanied by a Consultation Report providing details of what has been done in compliance with Sections 42, 47 and 48, any relevant responses received and the account taken of any such responses. The primary purpose of this report is therefore to provide details of the statutory pre-application consultation carried out and to capture and reflect upon the responses received and to have regard to the views expressed. This Consultation Report also captures non-statutory consultation which has taken place outside of the requirements of the Planning Act.
9. The report is, wherever possible, structured chronologically in accordance with the pre-application consultation that took place for the proposed East Anglia TWO project.

### 1.3 Phases of Consultation Undertaken

10. The Applicant has undertaken consultation with stakeholders regarding the proposed East Anglia TWO project since 2016. During this time the Applicant has undertaken a number of consultation phases incorporating non-statutory and statutory consultation. These comprised the following:

Consultation Phase	Date	Form of Consultation
Pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 Consultation	<p>Pre-Phase 1 Consultation from 2016 – October 2017</p> <p>Phase 1 Consultation from October 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping process;</li> <li>Non-statutory community consultation in the form of Public Information Days held prior to commencement of Section 47 consultation in October and November 2017;</li> <li>Non-statutory stakeholder consultation (pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 Consultation) to inform the EIA scoping process, including Expert Topic Groups and other stakeholder consultation; and</li> <li>Non-statutory consultation with landowners (pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 Consultation).</li> </ul>

Consultation Phase	Date	Form of Consultation
Phase 2 Consultation	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 – 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory community consultation (Section 47 consultation) in the form of Public Information Days held in March 2018 and Parish Meetings;</li> <li>Non-statutory stakeholder consultation including Expert Topic Groups and other stakeholder consultation; and</li> <li>Non-statutory consultation with landowners.</li> </ul>
Phase 3 Consultation	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 – 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory community consultation in the form of Public Information Days held in June and July 2018 and Parish Meetings;</li> <li>Non-statutory stakeholder consultation including Expert Topic Groups and other stakeholder consultation; and</li> <li>Non-statutory consultation with landowners.</li> </ul>
Phase 3.5 Consultation	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory community consultation in the form of Public Meetings held in October 2018 and Parish Meetings;</li> <li>Non-statutory stakeholder consultation including Expert Topic Groups and other stakeholder consultation; and</li> <li>Non-statutory consultation with landowners.</li> </ul>
Phase 4 Consultation	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory stakeholder consultation (Section 42 consultation);</li> <li>Statutory community consultation in the form of Public Information Days held in February and March 2019 and Parish Meetings;</li> <li>Non-statutory stakeholder consultation including Expert Topic Groups and other stakeholder consultation; and</li> <li>Statutory consultation with landowners (Section 44 consultees).</li> </ul>

11. All feedback received has been considered by the Applicant, and where relevant, has informed decision making on the East Anglia TWO project. Feedback received during consultation periods was collated and considered both during the period on an on-going basis and at the end of the period holistically. In the gaps between the consultation phases there was ongoing non-statutory consultation, which acted as additional information to inform the East Anglia TWO project. For the purpose of this Consultation Report, any feedback received in these gaps has been collated within the previous phase of consultation. For example, consultation between the end of Phase 2 and the beginning of Phase 3, has been collated as Phase 2 feedback.



## 1.4 Statement of Community Consultation

12. Section 47 of the Planning Act requires a statement to be prepared setting out how the applicant proposes to consult people living in the vicinity of the land about the proposed application. This is known as a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). Once the SoCC has been finalised, the applicant must make the statement available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land and also publish a notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected (Section 47(6)).
13. The Applicant produced a SoCC in March 2018. The SoCC explained how the Applicant intended to consult with local communities on the proposed East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm and detailed the opportunities available to meet the Applicant, to ask questions and to comment on the project.
14. The SoCC was formally consulted on for a period of 28 days with the Local Planning Authorities (Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) (now East Suffolk Council) and Suffolk County Council (SCC)) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) for their comments and suggestions.
15. The SoCC was advertised in the Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times and Fishing News circulating in the area of the proposed development between 6<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and was available on the project website from the time of publication.
16. The Applicant updated the SoCC published in March to introduce an additional phase of consultation, known as Phase 3.5 consultation. The Updated SoCC was consulted on again with SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC and the MMO from 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018. An Updated SoCC was published on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 on the Applicant's project website, and was advertised in the Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times and Fishing News between the 19<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018.
17. Further information on the SoCC and Updated SoCC is included in **Chapter 3** of this report.

## 1.5 Pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 Consultation

18. During Phase 1 consultation the Applicant invited members of the public and organisations representing the public to four Public Information Days during October 2017. Members of the public were invited to comment on the Onshore Study Area (as shown within **Appendix 5.5**) that was proposed at that stage, and were also provided with visualisations of the East Anglia TWO windfarm (combined with the East Anglia ONE North windfarm) from key viewpoints along the coast.



19. The Applicant undertook an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping exercise in November 2017 and a request for a Scoping Opinion was made to the Planning Inspectorate which was supported by a detailed Scoping Report. The Planning Inspectorate consulted with organisations on both the onshore and offshore works for the proposed East Anglia TWO project. A formal Scoping Opinion was provided by the Planning Inspectorate in December 2017.
20. Non-statutory consultation was undertaken throughout pre-Phase 1 consultation (i.e. between 2016 and October 2017) and during Phase 1 consultation (October 2017 to March 2018). During this period stakeholders were introduced to the project and contributed to early project and survey design elements. During this phase both onshore and offshore Expert Topic Groups were also established. The offshore Expert Topic Groups focussed primarily on the scope of proposed offshore surveys and the approach to the offshore impact assessment. Onshore Expert Topic Groups primarily focussed on site selection and the development of an onshore study area appropriate for future survey and assessment.
21. Throughout pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 consultation, regular meetings with key stakeholders were undertaken to provide updates on the project's progress and to seek feedback and advice where appropriate.

#### **1.5.1 Applicant's Responses to Pre-Phase 1 Consultation**

22. Following consultation on the onshore study area, SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) had a preference for the study area to be extended west (beyond Aldeburgh Road) to avoid the AONB. Therefore, the size of onshore study area was increased westward to capture a larger area as a starting point for site selection work, which was reflected in the study area submitted at scoping.
23. In addition, there were concerns regarding the use of EDF Energy land near Sizewell. Therefore, this area was not considered for potential substation locations at the scoping stage.

#### **1.5.2 Applicant's Response to Phase 1 Consultation**

24. The Applicant decided to undertake a systematic site selection process taking into account proximity to residential areas and potential impacts on designated sites.
25. Following feedback on the environmental impacts of the scheme, the Applicant took on board feedback when proposing data collection and assessment methodologies for the Preliminary Environmental Information Report.

### **1.6 Phase 2 Consultation**

26. The SoCC was published during Phase 2 consultation and provided the framework for statutory community consultation to commence during Phase 2,

with Public Information Days held in Lowestoft, Southwold, Leiston, Thorpeness, Aldeburgh and Orford in March 2018. Parish and Town Councils were briefed in advance of Public Information Days, and members of the public were provided with further information on the offshore and onshore infrastructure required, and the onshore study area. Seven onshore zones were also presented as candidate areas of search for the location of the onshore substations and feedback was sought from the community (see **Appendix 6.14** for Phase 2 Onshore Study Area with Substation Zones). Members of the public were presented with further visualisations from key viewpoints and a PowerPoint presentation outlining the site selection process.

27. During Phase 2 consultation, the offshore Expert Topic Groups continued and many of the onshore Expert Topic Group meetings began, with method statements produced for each of the onshore topic areas to seek agreement on the approach to the assessments. Regular meetings with other key stakeholders also continued throughout Phase 2 in order to gain key feedback and advice and to keep stakeholders up to date on the project's progress.

#### **1.6.1 Applicant's Responses to Phase 2 Consultation**

28. Consultation was still on going to identify a substation location during Phase 2 consultation. Seven substation zones were presented during Phase 2 in order to gather feedback from statutory consultees and members of the public on the different zones. Following Phase 2, a preferred substation zone was selected and the onshore study area was refined to an Indicative Onshore Development Area and presented at Phase 3.

### **1.7 Phase 3 Consultation**

29. During Phase 3 consultation there were Public Information Days held in Orford, Friston, Lowestoft, Southwold, Leiston, Thorpeness and Aldeburgh in June and July 2018. Parish and Town Councils were briefed in advance of Public Information Days. Members of the public were presented with the selected substation zone, the substation refined area of search, the onshore cable corridor refined area of search and landfall refined area of search (see **Appendix 7.14** for Phase 3 Indicative Onshore Development Area). Further photomontages of both offshore and onshore infrastructure were also presented. Feedback was sought on onshore mitigation measures, the onshore cable corridor area of search and access points and transport considerations.
30. During Phase 3 consultation, onshore Expert Topic Groups took place including the first Socio-economics and Tourism Expert Topic Group, in order to agree baseline data, assessment methodology and study areas. There was also an Evidence Plan Steering Group meeting in order to provide project updates and an overview of the previous Expert Topic Groups. Regular meetings with other

key stakeholders also continued throughout Phase 3 in order to gain key feedback and advice and to keep stakeholders up to date on the project's progress.

#### 1.7.1 Responses to Phase 3 Consultation

31. EIA work continued in order to provide details of the potential environmental impacts which were used within the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) published prior to Phase 4.
32. Following Phase 3 Consultation, liaison with EDF Energy continued regarding the feasibility of using reptile mitigation land at Sizewell (known as Broom Covert, Sizewell) for the onshore substation. Following feedback from the Local Planning Authorities, statutory and local stakeholders, the Applicant introduced an additional phase of consultation, Phase 3.5, which followed the publication of the Updated SoCC. The one of the main objectives of this phase of consultation was to consult upon an alternative substation location between Leiston and Sizewell known as Broom Covert, as well as the Grove Wood site at Friston.

### 1.8 Phase 3.5 Consultation

33. During Phase 3.5 there were public meetings held in Friston, Knodishall, Leiston and Thorpeness in October 2018. This phase of consultation was delivered as a presentation, explaining the reasons behind Phase 3.5 and why an alternative location was being considered. The presentation also provided a summary of the Red, Amber, Green (RAG) assessment undertaken for East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO onshore substation sites, the requirements for replacement land for ecological mitigation, information on access, broad landscaping and drainage plans, refinement of area required for national electricity grid connection and information on the proposed alterations to parts of the wider local road network (see **Appendix 8.4** for Consultation Information including the Phase 3.5 Indicative Onshore Development Area and Traffic and Transport Study Area). In addition to the Public Meetings there were meetings with Parish and Town Councils in order to provide further information. Feedback was sought on both the Grove Wood, Friston and Broom Covert, Sizewell substation sites and traffic and transportation.
34. Both non-statutory and statutory consultation was undertaken during Phase 3.5 consultation. Onshore Ecology and Ornithology and Water Resources and Flood Risk Expert Topic Groups were held to provide project updates, provide information on the PEIR assessment and to discuss proposed mitigation measures. Regular meetings with other key stakeholders also continued throughout Phase 3.5 in order to gain key feedback and advice and to keep stakeholders up to date on the project's progress.

### 1.8.1 Applicant's Responses to Phase 3.5 Consultation

35. EIA work continued in order to provide details of the potential environmental impacts which were used within the PEIR published in Phase 4.
36. It was concluded, based on extensive advice and Phase 3.5 stakeholder engagement, that the Grove Wood, Friston site offers on balance the most appropriate option for substation development. More detail was provided in a briefing note published on the website and included in **Appendix 8.17**. The outcome of Phase 3.5 was communicated via personal notifications to key stakeholders, a press release, an announcement on the website, a meeting with Friston Parish Council and Substation Action Save East Suffolk (SASES) and a meeting with Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, Sizewell Residents Association and Save our Sandlings.

## 1.9 Phase 4 Consultation

37. The proposed application was publicised as required by Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and included details on where and when the PEIR would be available to view as well as details of Public Information Days.
38. The Secretary of State was notified of the start of statutory pre-application consultation via written notification as required by Section 46 of the Planning Act, and was provided with hard copies of the template Section 42 cover letters to be issued to consultees, copies of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Non-Technical Summary and Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment and a hard copy of the notice published under Section 48 of the Planning Act.
39. Statutory stakeholders were notified of the start of statutory pre-application consultation (Phase 4 Consultation) on the 28th and 30th January 2019. The notification included the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Non-Technical Summary and Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment. Statutory stakeholders were also provided with copies of the Section 48 notice publicising the proposed application as required by Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
40. Copies of Volume 1 (chapters) and Volume 2 (figures) of the PEIR, together with the Non-Technical Summary and the Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment were made available to be inspected free of charge from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at locations set out in the Section 48 notice and five additional locations, in addition to being available on the ScottishPower Renewables website. A printed copy of Volume 3 (appendices) was placed at Aldeburgh Library, and USB flash drives

containing the entire PEIR content as set out above were made available at all locations.

41. In order to consult with members of the community on the PEIR, Public Information Days were held in Knodishall, Orford, Friston, Southwold, Leiston, Thorpeness and Aldeburgh in February and March 2019. There were also meetings with community groups in February and with Snape Parish Council in March. Members of the public were presented with information based on the findings of the PEIR including potential impacts on human and environmental receptors, details of mitigation measures and cumulative impacts. Paper copies of the PEIR were also available to view. The Proposed Onshore Development Area was also presented, as shown in **Appendix 9.12**.
42. There were two offshore Expert Topic Group meetings, for Marine Mammals and Offshore Ornithology with the purpose of outlining the proposed PEIR submission. There were eight onshore Expert Topic Group meetings in order to provide key updates, discuss consultation, project design developments and to update on the individual assessments undertaken for the relevant topic. Regular meetings with other key stakeholders also continued throughout Phase 4 in order to gain key feedback and advice and to keep stakeholders up to date on the project's progress.

#### 1.9.1 Responses to Phase 4 Consultation

43. The Applicant has made a number of changes to their proposals in response to feedback received during Phase 4. These changes are set out in detail in the relevant chapters of the Environmental Statement and are summarised in **Appendix 9.19**.
44. Based on the section 42 consultation responses, the Applicant investigated the potential to address concerns over 'curtailment of the horizon' by:
  - Reducing the north-south extent of East Anglia TWO; and
  - Increasing the size of the 'gap' between East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North,
45. Whilst not:
  - Reducing East Anglia TWO target capacity; and
  - Ensuring mitigation is still commercially deliverable.

## 2 Introduction

### 2.1 Purpose of this Document

46. This Consultation Report has been produced for the proposed East Anglia TWO project to accompany the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the Planning Act.
47. This report demonstrates how the proposed East Anglia TWO project has complied with the provisions of the Planning Act and associated legislation. In accordance with Section 37, the consultation report gives details of pre-application consultation and specifically:
- Statutory consultation, including consultation under Sections 42 (statutory and prescribed bodies), 47 (local communities) and 48 (publicising the proposed application) of the Planning Act, that has taken place in relation to the proposed application;
  - Non-statutory consultation, which has been undertaken throughout the development of the project;
  - Any relevant responses received; and
  - The account taken of any relevant responses.

### 2.2 The Applicant / ScottishPower Renewables

48. East Anglia TWO Limited (the Applicant), a wholly owned subsidiary of ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited (SPR), is applying for development consent for the proposed East Anglia TWO project. SPR is part of the Iberdrola Group, one of the world's largest integrated utility companies and a world leader in wind energy. ScottishPower now only produces 100% green electricity – with a focus on wind energy, smart grids and driving the change to a cleaner, electric future. ScottishPower is investing over £4 million every working day to make this happen and is committed to speeding up the transition to cleaner electric transport, improving air quality and over time, driving down bills.
49. Through its subsidiary East Anglia ONE Limited, SPR are currently building the 714MW East Anglia ONE offshore windfarm approximately 43km off the coast of Suffolk. This project will be followed by the 1,400MW East Anglia THREE offshore windfarm which received development consent in August 2017 (being developed by East Anglia THREE Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of SPR).



## 2.3 The Proposed East Anglia TWO Project

50. The proposed East Anglia TWO project will have a generating capacity of up to 900MW<sup>1</sup> and comprise up to 75 wind turbines. When operational, the project would have the potential to provide the equivalent of approximately 800,000<sup>2</sup> homes with power. The overall area of the site is proposed to be approximately 218.4km<sup>2</sup> as shown in **Appendix 11.1**. The East Anglia TWO windfarm site is located in the southern North Sea approximately 32.6km from its nearest point to the coast (which is at Southwold) and 37.3km to the port of Lowestoft.
51. From the wind turbines electricity will flow via subsea inter-array cables to a number of offshore electrical platforms within the East Anglia TWO windfarm site. Offshore export cables will connect the offshore electrical platforms to shore, making landfall to the north of Thorpeness in Suffolk.
52. Once the offshore export cables reach the shore, they will be joined to underground onshore cables via an underground transition joint bay near the point of landfall. The underground onshore cables will then connect to a new SPR onshore substation. From this onshore substation, the proposed East Anglia TWO project will then be connected into the national electricity grid via a new National Grid substation to be owned and operated by National Grid. In addition, works will be required on the existing electricity pylons and overhead lines in the vicinity of the new National Grid substation to allow for connection to the national electricity grid.
53. The following elements will be consented as part of the East Anglia TWO windfarm:
- Offshore wind turbines and their associated foundations;
  - Offshore platforms - up to four offshore electrical platforms and their associated foundations supporting some of the windfarm's electrical equipment, and up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform and associated foundations that may cater for personnel and activities required during the construction phase and operation and maintenance of the windfarm;
  - Sub-sea cables between the wind turbines and between wind turbines and offshore electrical platforms (inter-array), between separate offshore platforms (platform link cables) and between offshore electrical platforms and the landfall (export cables);

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<sup>1</sup> As measured at point of connection of the onshore cables to the onshore substation.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated taking the number of megawatts (900) multiplied by the number of hours in one year (8,766), multiplied by the average load factor for offshore wind (38.36%, published by the Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statistics), divided by the average annual household energy consumption (3.781MWh), giving an equivalent of powering 800,416 homes.

- Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array, platform link and export sub-sea cables as required; and
  - Potential for one meteorological mast (met mast) and its associated foundations for monitoring wind speeds during the operational phase of the windfarm.
  - The landfall site with up to two transition bays to connect the onshore and offshore cables;
  - Up to six onshore cables, up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing (DTS) cables installed underground (some or all of which may be installed in ducts) and associated jointing bays installed underground;
  - Onshore substation;
  - Electrical cable connection between onshore substation and National Grid substation;
  - National Grid substation;
  - Cable sealing end compounds and a cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound; and
  - Realignment of the existing overhead lines; including the reconstruction or replacement of up to three existing overhead pylons in proximity to the National Grid substation and the addition of up to one new pylon in close proximity to existing overhead pylons.
54. The consent application for the proposed East Anglia TWO project includes all of the elements described above (including the associated National Grid infrastructure). In addition, temporary works and ancillary infrastructure necessary for the construction and operation of the project, such as temporary onshore construction areas shall be included.
55. The Applicant is committed to undergrounding onshore cables between the landfall and the SPR substation with the benefit of avoiding landscape and visual impacts associated with overhead lines. This is particularly important given that a section of the onshore cables is routed through the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
56. The Applicant identified an onshore development area through an iterative site selection process involving consideration of technical constraints and environmental effects. Each part of the site selection and refinement process has been consulted on and feedback from this consultation has been instrumental in determining the onshore development area (see **Appendix 11.2**).



## 2.4 Interface with the Proposed East Anglia ONE North Project

57. Through its wholly owned subsidiaries of East Anglia TWO Limited and East Anglia ONE North Limited, SPR is developing the East Anglia TWO project and East Anglia ONE North project in parallel. Each project will submit a separate DCO application with their own consultation reports. As a result, East Anglia ONE North and TWO will be consented as distinct and separate projects. Separate DCOs are required in order to provide flexibility in terms of implementation with no formal cross over between the projects. Therefore, both projects can be entered into a Contract for Difference (CFD) auction at separate times and can be built at different times depending on the outcome of the auction process.
58. Consent for the proposed East Anglia ONE North project is being progressed in parallel with the East Anglia TWO project, with scoping, Section 42 consultation and scheduled DCO application dates the same for both projects.
59. Separate Scoping Reports, Statements of Community Consultation (SoCC), Preliminary Environmental Information Reports (PEIRs) and Environmental Statements (ES) have been prepared for each project to allow them to be consulted on and considered as standalone projects.
60. In order to ensure separate consultation was undertaken a clear distinction was drawn between the projects. This was achieved through the use of dedicated project websites, separate consultation letters and clear communication to stakeholders that comments should be made in respect of both projects or a single project. Feedback was subsequently recorded at each stage of consultation to ensure comments were correctly logged against the correct project or where comments related to both projects, these were logged as such.
61. Consultation activities, for example Public Information Days, have been undertaken jointly for East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North given the geographical proximity of the two projects. Separate project information relating to each project was presented at these events where relevant. In order to minimise consultation fatigue, all stakeholder meetings and Expert Topic Groups covered both the proposed East Anglia TWO project and the proposed East Anglia ONE North project. Where there were project specific issues these are clearly flagged in the consultation records to ensure they are considered within the relevant project.

## 2.5 The Applicant's Approach to Consultation

62. The Applicant's strategy for stakeholder engagement had the following aims:
  - To address requirements for consultation under the Planning Act 2008;

- To identify and plan the key consultation activities with local, national, statutory and non-statutory stakeholders and members of the public; and
  - To identify synergies with other East Anglia projects, particularly with East Anglia ONE and East Anglia THREE.
63. The Applicant's approach was to develop trusting relationships with key stakeholders, building on existing relationships and drawing on previous lessons learned.
64. The Applicant's Stakeholder Manager is based in Lowestoft and has ongoing engagement with the Local Planning Authorities and their communities in order to provide high-level responses to any urgent issues flagged by local people and organisations.
65. The Applicant's Stakeholder and Planning Policy Team is responsible for establishing and maintaining key stakeholder relationships with a particular focus on planning and environmental issues.
66. The consultation for the proposed East Anglia TWO project has been split into five phases, each of which is described in an individual section of this Consultation Report; specifically, non-statutory community and stakeholder consultation (Pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1) and non-statutory stakeholder and statutory community consultation (Phases 2, 3 and 3.5) and statutory stakeholder and community consultation (Phase 4). These phases are shown in the flow chart in **Plate 2.1**.
67. All feedback received has been considered by the Applicant, and where relevant, has informed decision making on the East Anglia TWO project. Feedback received during consultation periods was collated and considered both during the period on an on-going basis and at the end of the period holistically. In the gaps between the consultation phases there was ongoing non-statutory consultation to inform the East Anglia TWO project. For the purpose of this Consultation Report, any feedback received in these gaps has been collated within the previous phase of consultation. For example, consultation between the end of Phase 2 and the beginning of Phase 3, has been collated as Phase 2 feedback.

### 2.5.1 Statutory Consultation

68. Statutory consultation required under Section 42 and 47 of the Planning Act has been undertaken during these phases as follows:
- Section 47 consultation is consultation with people living in the vicinity of the East Anglia TWO project. This consultation was carried out in accordance with the agreed SoCC and the Updated SoCC (see **Chapter 3** and **Appendix 3.2** and **Appendix 3.7**, respectively). Section 47 consultation has been

undertaken during Phases 2, 3, 3.5 and 4 consultations (see **Chapters 5-8**); and

- Section 42 consultation is consultation with prescribed statutory bodies, Local Planning Authorities (as defined by Section 43) and people with an interest in the land where the project is located (as defined by Section 44). This consultation was carried out after publicising the PEIR (SPR 2019) and occurred during Phase 4 consultation (see **Chapter 8**).

69. The Consultation Report builds on the approaches presented for the previous offshore windfarm projects developed by SPR and follows relevant legislation and guidance including:

- Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process for major infrastructure projects (March 2015) (DCLG Guidance, 2015);
- The Planning Inspectorate Advice Note Three: Environmental Impact Assessment consultation and notification (Planning Inspectorate, 2017);
- The Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 14 on compiling the consultation report (Planning Inspectorate 2012); and
- The Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 6 on the preparation and submission of application documents (Planning Inspectorate 2016).

70. Detailed statutory requirements followed in this report are covered in **Appendix 1** and a statement of compliance can be found in **Appendix 2**.

### 2.5.2 Non-Statutory Consultation

71. Non-statutory consultation has also been carried out which included:

- Phase 1 community consultation such as Public Information Days and parish meetings (before the publication of the SoCC) (**Chapter 4**);
- Onshore and offshore Expert Topic Group meetings (Chapters 4-8);
- Other stakeholder consultation (such as Local Planning Authority meetings) (**Chapters 4-8**); and
- Consultation with people with an interest in the land, prior to statutory section 42 consultation at Phase 4 (**Chapters 4-7**).

72. The Planning Inspectorate has also undertaken consultation in the preparation of its Scoping Opinion, which was based on the Scoping Report prepared by the Applicant as required by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

### 2.5.3 Key Themes

73. The Applicant has engaged regularly with key stakeholders throughout the course of the development process as outlined in the section above and within **Table 4.7**, **Table 5.6**, **Table 6.5**, **Table 7.4** and **Table 8.9** within this report. These meetings have led to a number of key themes over and above comments received through formal consultation responses. These are described below together with how the applicant has worked to provide solutions to assist stakeholders.
74. The issue of stakeholder resource pressure has been raised due to two NSIP projects being developed at the same time, both in terms of consultation phases and formal submission date. The applicant has sought to assist key stakeholders by issuing stakeholder specific roadmaps to allow improved resource planning in advance of key consultation phases or Expert Topic Group meetings. The road maps provide a look ahead to key consultation phases, regular meetings and other engagement throughout the year, allowing stakeholders to accurately plan their resource requirements. The roadmaps were updated as required and reissued to stakeholders.
75. Understanding of overall programme has been another key theme raised by stakeholders. Initially East Anglia TWO was due to be submitted in the summer of 2019, with East Anglia ONE North being submitted in 2020. The Applicant subsequently aligned both submission dates to October 2019. The Applicant kept key stakeholders updated on key programme changes through both regular meetings and or Expert Topic Group Meetings. Through aligning the project submission programmes, the Applicant has sought to enable a full understanding of project impacts and a comprehensive cumulative impact assessment between East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO.
76. How the projects will be constructed has been a key theme throughout non-statutory consultation with key stakeholders. The Applicant has sought to address this through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process by the inclusion of two construction scenarios; parallel and sequential construction. This information was briefed to key stakeholders via Expert Topic Group meetings to explain the detail of how the scenarios would be undertaken in practice including the relationship in terms of onshore order limits. All potential construction scenarios would be encompassed within these two scenarios and as such these scenarios allow robust assessment to be undertaken.
77. The differences between the assessments of East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North has been raised by stakeholders through regular engagement. To address this the Applicant provided a signposting document to key stakeholders to aid their review of Phase 4 consultation material. The document highlighted the key differences in the assessment outcomes between the two projects, with

the aim of reducing the overall review time of key stakeholders. The use of a signposting document had also been used earlier in the project with regard to The Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screening process and received positive feedback. A signposting document was issued for the HRA screening reports for East Anglia TWO and ONE North. The document was produced to signpost the reader to differences between the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) Screening Reports on a section by section basis.

## 2.6 Consideration of Transboundary Impacts

78. During Phase 1 consultation it was the Secretary of State's view that the East Anglia TWO project would likely have significant impacts on the environment of another European Economic Area (EEA) State. On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Planning Inspectorate issued a Transboundary Impacts Screening Matrix based on the relevant considerations specified in Advice Note 12 (Planning Inspectorate 2018). This concluded that the East Anglia TWO project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment in another EEA State.
79. The Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State also published a notification in the London Gazette inviting stakeholders from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, The Netherlands and Sweden to notify the Planning Inspectorate by 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 if they wished to be consulted on the proposed development.
80. Additional transboundary consultation was conducted by the project team during Phase 1 (see **section 4.4.3**) Phase 2 (see **section 5.3.3**), Phase 3 (see **section 6.3.3**) and Phase 3.5 (see **section 7.3.3**). Transboundary consultation was primarily in relation to shipping and commercial fishing issues. The specific transboundary commercial fisheries organisations who were consulted were:
  - VisNed (Dutch);
  - Rederscentrale (Belgian); and
  - Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CRPMEM) (French).
81. In addition, more general consultation with Rijkswaterstaat (the Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management in the Netherlands) was conducted throughout the pre-application process, through meetings as shown in Phase 3 (see **section 6.3.3**) and Phase 3.5 (see **section 7.3.3**).
82. At Phase 4 transboundary consultees were notified of the start of statutory pre-application consultation via a written notification as described in **section 8.2.1**.

83. The potential for transboundary impacts is identified by consideration of potential linkages to non-UK receptors or sites (e.g. non-UK protected sites for migratory bird species or non-UK commercial fishing vessels). Chapters within the ES which have assessed potential impacts on transboundary receptors include Chapter 12 Offshore Ornithology, Chapter 13 Commercial Fisheries and Chapter 14 Shipping and Navigation of the ES.
84. All of the potential transboundary impacts in these assessments were evaluated as being of negligible to minor adverse significance.

## 2.7 Consultation Report Structure

85. This Consultation Report highlights the feedback received at each phase of consultation and the Applicant's response to this feedback.
86. The Consultation Report comprises of the following chapters:
- **Chapter 1** is an Executive Summary of this Consultation Report;
  - **Chapter 2** sets out the purpose of this document, the applicant, the proposed East Anglia TWO project, the interface with the proposed East Anglia ONE North project and the Applicant's approach to consultation;
  - **Chapter 3** describes the development of the Statement of Community Consultation;
  - **Chapter 4** covers all Pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 consultation including the Environmental Impact Assessment scoping process, non-statutory community consultation, non-statutory stakeholder consultation and consultation with landowners and statutory undertakers;
  - **Chapter 5** covers all Phase 2 consultation including statutory community consultation, non-statutory stakeholder consultation and consultation with landowners and statutory undertakers;
  - **Chapter 6** covers all Phase 3 consultation including statutory community consultation, non-statutory stakeholder consultation and consultation with landowners and statutory undertakers;
  - **Chapter 7** covers all Phase 3.5 consultation including statutory community consultation, non-statutory stakeholder consultation and consultation with landowners and statutory undertakers;
  - **Chapter 8** covers all Phase 4 consultation including statutory stakeholder consultation (Section 42 consultation), statutory community consultation, non-statutory stakeholder consultation and consultation with landowners and statutory undertakers; and
  - **Chapter 9** provides a conclusion of the consultation undertaken.



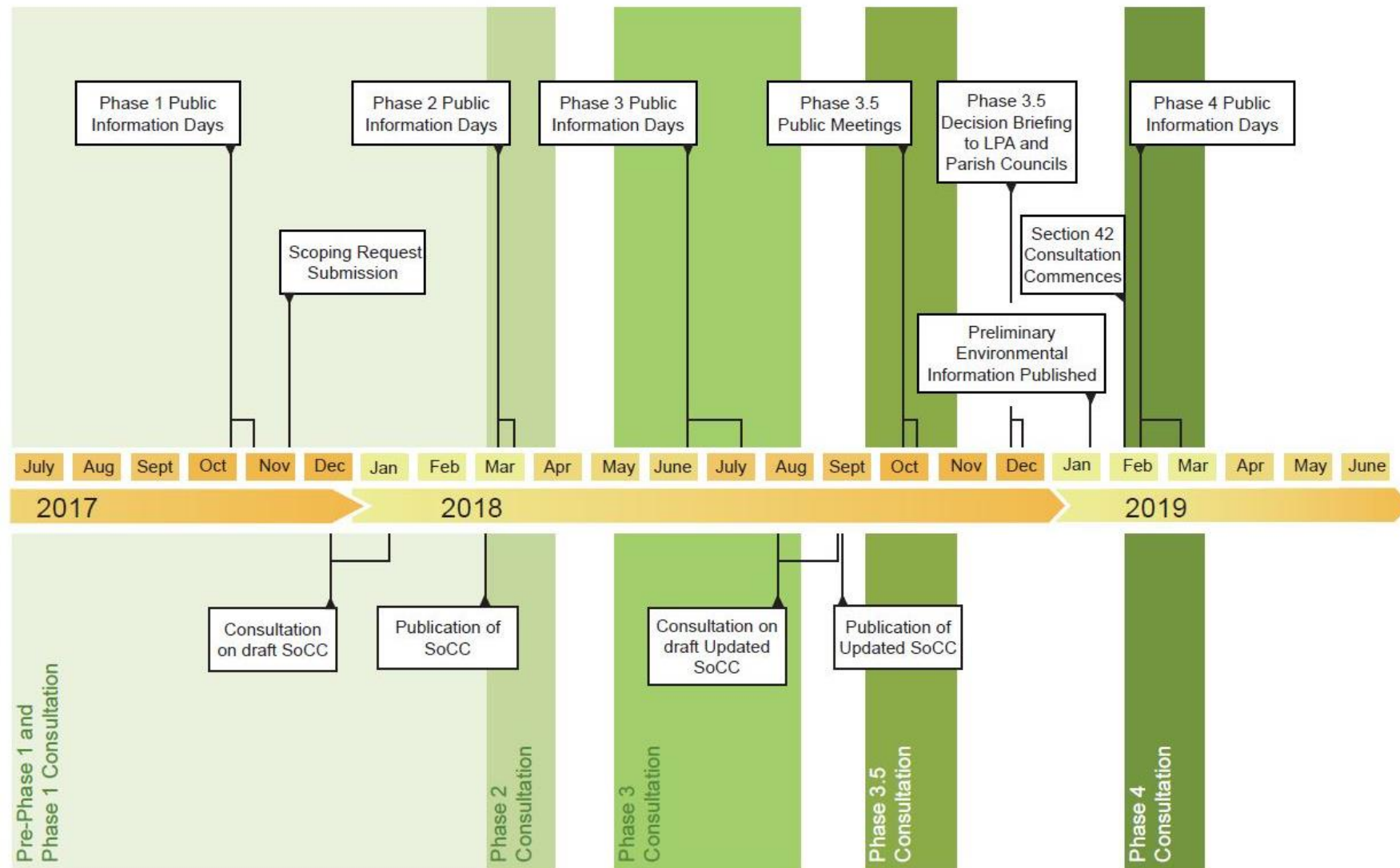


Plate 2.1 Pre-Application Consultation Timeline

## 2.8 Summary of Key Stages of Consultation

87. A summary of the key stages of consultation during each phase are presented in **Table 2.1** below. The table shows the various consultations under each consultation phase and whether they are categorised as non-statutory or statutory consultation and identifies the section of the Planning Act which applies.

**Table 2.1 Summary of Key Stages of Consultation Undertaken by the Applicant**

Consultation Stage	
	<b>Non-statutory Community and Stakeholder Consultation</b>
	Statutory Community Consultation ( <b>Section 47 Consultation</b> )
	Statutory Stakeholder Consultation (Prescribed statutory bodies, Local Planning Authorities (defined within Section 43) and those with an interest in the land (defined within Section 44)) ( <b>Section 42 Consultation</b> )
	Publicising notices ( <b>Section 48 Notification</b> )

Phase	Date	Stage of Consultation	Purpose of Consultation	Chapter of Consultation Report	Section / relevant Appendix
Pre-Phase 1	2016 – October 2017	Non-statutory consultation begins with informal meetings and correspondence with stakeholders	To discuss the project with stakeholders at an early stage.	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Section 4.4</b>
Phase 1	October and November 2017	Initial non-statutory community consultation. Begins with Phase 1 Public Information Days held in Southwold, Leiston, Lowestoft and Orford.	To discuss the project with local communities at an early stage.	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Section 4.3</b>
	October 2017 – March 2018	Ongoing non-statutory consultation with stakeholders including meetings and other correspondence.	To keep stakeholders up to date and to consult with them as the project progresses.	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Section 4.4</b>
	November 2017	Scoping request submitted to the Planning Inspectorate: East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report.	To obtain a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate.	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Section 4.2</b>
	December 2017	Formal Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate received by the Applicant.	To obtain a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate.	<b>Chapter 4</b>	<b>Section 4.2, Appendix 4 (Scoping Opinion)</b>



Phase	Date	Stage of Consultation	Purpose of Consultation	Chapter of Consultation Report	Section / relevant Appendix
	December 2017	Section 47 statutory consultation on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) with Local Planning Authorities and MMO.	To obtain feedback on the draft SoCC	<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>Section 3.4.2</b>
Phase 2	March 2018	SoCC published on the Applicant's website and issued to Local Planning Authorities.  Advertisements for SoCC published in local newspapers under Section 47.  SoCC deposited in local libraries and other locations for viewing by members of the public.	To communicate the consultation strategy to local community	<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>Section 3.4.3;</b>  <b>Appendix 3.2 (Published SoCC 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018);</b>  <b>Appendix 3.3 Newspaper notices.</b>
	March 2018	Section 47 Phase 2 community consultation Public Information Days held in Lowestoft, Southwold, Leiston, Thorpeness, Aldeburgh and Orford.	Introduce the East Anglia TWO project to the public.	<b>Chapter 5</b>	<b>Section 5.2</b>
	March – May 2018	Ongoing non-statutory consultation with stakeholders including meetings and other correspondence.	To keep stakeholders up to date and to consult with them as the project progresses.	<b>Chapter 5</b>	<b>Section 5.3</b>
Phase 3	June and July 2018	Section 47 Phase 3 community consultation Public Information Days held in Friston, Lowestoft, Southwold, Leiston, Thorpeness, Aldeburgh and Orford.	To communicate project updates and obtain feedback on project refinement.	<b>Chapter 6</b>	<b>Section 6.2</b>
	June – September 2018	Ongoing non-statutory consultation with stakeholders including meetings and other correspondence.	To keep stakeholders up to date and to consult with them as the project progresses.	<b>Chapter 6</b>	<b>Section 6.3</b>

Phase	Date	Stage of Consultation	Purpose of Consultation	Chapter of Consultation Report	Section / relevant Appendix
	August 2018	Section 47 statutory consultation on the Updated Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) with Local Planning Authorities and MMO.	To obtain feedback on the draft Updated SoCC	<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>Section 3.5.2</b>
	September 2018	Updated SoCC published on the Applicant's website and issued to Local Planning Authorities.  Advertisements for Updated SoCC published in local newspapers under Section 47.  Updated SoCC deposited in local libraries and other locations for viewing by members of the public.	To communicate the updated consultation strategy to local community	<b>Chapter 3</b>	<b>Section 3.5.3;</b> <b>Appendix 3.7 (Published Updated SoCC 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018)</b>  <b>Appendix 3.8 Newspaper Notices</b>
Phase 3.5	October 2018	Section 47 Phase 3.5 community consultation public meetings held in Friston, Leiston, Knodishall and Thorpeness.	To communicate project updates and obtain feedback on project options.	<b>Chapter 7</b>	<b>Section 7.2</b>
	October – December 2018	Ongoing non-statutory consultation with stakeholders including meetings and other correspondence.	To keep stakeholders up to date and to consult with them as the project progresses.	<b>Chapter 7</b>	<b>Section 7.3</b>
	December 2018	Non-statutory meetings to communicate the outcome of Phase 3.5 were held with parish councils and community groups	To inform stakeholders of the outcome of Phase 3.5.	<b>Chapter 7</b>	<b>Section 7.5</b>
Phase 4	January – February 2019	Section 48 Notices advertising PEIR consultation.	To advertise the project and the Phase 4 Public Information Days and locations to view the PEIR.	<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>Section 8.2.2;</b> <b>Appendix 9.4 (Newspaper notices)</b>

Phase	Date	Stage of Consultation	Purpose of Consultation	Chapter of Consultation Report	Section / relevant Appendix
	February – March 2019	Section 47 Phase 4 community consultation Public Information Days held in Friston, Aldeburgh, Leiston, Orford, Knodishall, Thorpeness, Southwold. Parish Council and Community Group meetings.	To consult upon the PEIR.	<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>Section 8.3</b>
	January – March 2019	Section 42 Phase 4 statutory stakeholder consultation.	To consult upon the PEIR.	<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>Section 8.2</b>
	January – March 2019	Ongoing non-statutory consultation with stakeholders including meetings and other correspondence.	To keep stakeholders up to date and to consult with them as the project progresses.	<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>Section 8.4</b>

## 3 Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

### 3.1 Summary

88. The Applicant produced a SoCC in March 2018. The SoCC explained how the Applicant intended to consult with local communities on the proposed East Anglia TWO project as required under the Planning Act 2008. It detailed the opportunities available for local communities to come and meet the Applicant to ask questions and to comment on the plans for the project.
89. As required under the Act, the SoCC was formally consulted on for a period of over 28 days with the Local Planning Authorities, specifically Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) (now East Suffolk Council) and Suffolk County Council (SCC) (given 36 days to respond), and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) (given 35 days to respond) for their comments and suggestions.
90. The SoCC was updated to reflect changes to the project programme, consideration of an alternative onshore substation site, and further information relating to transport and drainage. This updated SoCC was consulted on again with SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SCC and the MMO from 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018, for a period of 28 days.

### 3.2 Statutory Requirements and Guidance

91. In accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act, the Applicant is required to consult with people living in the vicinity of the proposed development. To encourage early and effective engagement with local communities, Section 47 provides that the applicant must prepare a SoCC in discussion with the relevant Local Planning Authorities outlining the strategy for engagement.
92. The Applicant followed the DCLG Planning Act 2008: Guidance on the pre-application process for major infrastructure projects (March 2015) (DCLG Guidance, 2015) advice which recommends the following:
- Produce a Statement of Community Consultation, in consultation with the relevant Local Planning Authority or authorities, which describes how the applicant proposes to consult the local community about their project and then carry out consultation in accordance with that Statement;
  - Make the Statement of Community Consultation available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land where the development is proposed, as required by section 47 of the Planning Act and Regulations.

- Applicants are required to set out in their Statement of Community Consultation how they propose to consult those living in the vicinity of the land. They are encouraged to consider consulting beyond this where they think doing so may provide more information on the impacts of their proposals (e.g. through visual impacts or increased traffic flow).
  - The Statement of Community Consultation should act as a framework for the community consultation generally, for example, setting out where details and dates of any events will be published.
  - The Statement of Community Consultation should be made available online, at any exhibitions or other events held by applicants. It should be placed at appropriate local deposit points (e.g. libraries, council offices) and sent to local community groups as appropriate.
93. The Statement of Compliance in **Appendix 2** covers how the Applicant has complied with the requirements in the guidance.

### 3.3 Defining who should be Consulted

94. Consultation was open to anyone who may be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed East Anglia TWO project. In accordance with DCLG Guidance, the Applicant has taken a logical approach in determining which geographical areas receive the focus of community consultation during the statutory phases of community consultation. The Geographical Area of Engagement adopted for the East Anglia TWO project is defined in the SoCC and includes:
- The Onshore Consultation Zone (determined by defining the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV));
  - The Onshore Development Area (the area within which onshore infrastructure would be placed); and
  - The Offshore Consultation Zone (the area within which offshore infrastructure would be placed).
95. The Updated SoCC included two further geographical areas of engagement in order to accommodate the additional consultation phase (Phase 3.5) which includes:
- The Updated Onshore Development Area to include the alternative substation location, Broom Covert, Sizewell; and
  - Traffic and transport improvement works – consultation was expanded to include the parish council areas through which part of the road network being assessed passes.
96. The Geographical Areas of Engagement are shown in the SoCC, **Appendix 3.2** and the Updated SoCC, **Appendix 3.7**.

97. In addition, the Applicant consulted with relevant Parish and Town Councils, area committees, community groups, organisations representing the local business communities and tourist boards. The Applicant obtained input from the Local Planning Authority to identify these groups.
98. As well as community consultation, the Applicant discussed East Anglia TWO with a number of statutory and non-statutory consultees, including:
- Local Planning Authorities;
  - Owners, tenants and occupiers of the land affected by the DCO application;
  - Commercial stakeholders (including land owners and the fishing industry via the Applicant's Commercial Fisheries Working Group); and
  - Environmental organisations.

### 3.4 The SoCC

#### 3.4.1 The SoCC

99. The final SoCC met the requirements set out in the relevant guidance outlined in **section 3.2** above and was used by the Applicant's project team as the minimum standard by which consultation would be undertaken. The SoCC briefly explained what the proposed East Anglia TWO project would entail, the procedure under which the project would be consented, how the Applicant would obtain the community's views during consultation, and how and when interested persons could best make their views known. The SoCC also gave notification of the intention to hold Public Information Days and gave an indication of when these would take place. The East Anglia TWO SoCC (published 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018) is found in **Appendix 3.2**.
100. As required by Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, the SoCC also stated that the proposed East Anglia TWO project would require an EIA and that a PEIR would be available during the Section 42 formal consultation period.

#### 3.4.2 Statutory Consultation on the SoCC

101. On the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 a draft SoCC was sent to SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and to the MMO on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, the deadline for receiving feedback was the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, giving 36 and 35 days for responses, respectively (as shown in **Appendix 3.1**). SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) responded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 and the MMO responded on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (but with no comments on the content of the SoCC) (as shown in **Appendix 3.1**). The responses from SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC and the updates made to the SoCC following these comments are shown in **Table 3.1**.

**Table 3.1 SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC comments on SoCC and the Applicant's updates**

Comment (SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC)	Update
Suggest being more explicit on what exactly is included in the DCO i.e. NG substation included.	The SoCC was updated to include all elements to be included in the DCO application.
Map of onshore consultation zone needs to be clearer and include Felixstowe.	This map was updated to clearly show the area and included a label for Felixstowe.
Calling them 'PIDs' takes the 'consultation' element away. It is clear at section 9 that you expect to receive feedback from these events. I think you need to be specific about expected outcomes and how this will be achieved i.e. feedback forms, discussion, etc. The alternative is that these sound like you are going to talk at the public rather than listen to them.	The abbreviation 'PIDs' was kept to internal use. The name 'Public Information Days' was kept, but with a description of their purpose to be provided for clarity.
There should be clarity on what personal information will be published, rather than 'no personal details' as location data may be used.	Updated to clarify that although an individual's data will not be published, the general area of an individual's location may be published for context.

### 3.4.3 Publicising the SoCC

102. The SoCC was publicised in the newspapers and on the dates shown within **Table 3.2**.

**Table 3.2 Newspaper Adverts for the SoCC**

Publication	Date 1	Date 2
Eastern Daily Press	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
East Anglian Daily Times	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Ipswich Star	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	N/A
Fishing News (weekly publication)	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018

103. The advert publicising the SoCC is shown in **Appendix 3.3** and included a brief summary of the project and the dates and time of the upcoming Public Information Days. The advert also included details on how to contact the Applicant's project team and information on where the SoCC documents would be available to view.
104. The SoCC was available to view in several local libraries, councils and shops and a post office. The full list of venues is found in **Appendix 3.4**.
105. From the time of publication, the SoCC was available on the Applicant's project website and an email was sent to statutory and non-statutory stakeholders (see **Appendix 3.5** for a full list) advertising the publication of the SoCC as well as Phase 2 Public Information Days.
106. Following the publication of the SoCC, a letter was received on the 3rd April 2018 from SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) with comments on the published



SoCC. The comments raised and the Applicant's response can be found in **Appendix 3.6**.

## 3.5 Updated SoCC

### 3.5.1 The Updated SoCC

107. The Applicant updated the SoCC published in March to introduce project developments and an additional phase of consultation, known as Phase 3.5 consultation. This phase was in order to engage with local communities on proposed project developments including:

- Improvements being considered to parts of the local road network;
- Refinement of the proposed area required for the national electricity grid to connect the proposed substation to the existing Overhead Line;
- Plans to run parallel consultation and stakeholder engagement, as well as parallel Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) processes;
- The opportunity to consider a new potential substation location between Sizewell and Leiston, as a possible alternative to the currently proposed substation site near Friston;
- Consideration of access options to the substation sites;
- Options to relocate the existing Sizewell C reptile mitigation land as part of the consideration of the potential alternative substation location; and
- Options to ensure appropriate connection to the surface water drainage network.

### 3.5.2 Statutory Consultation on the Updated SoCC

108. The Updated SoCC was consulted on again with SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC and the MMO from 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018, allowing 28 days for responses (see **Appendix 3.1**). SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC responded on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018, a summary of their comments and updates made to the Updated SoCC following these comments is shown in **Table 3.3**. The MMO responded on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018 confirming that they have no comments on the Updated SoCC. Responses from SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SCC and the MMO are shown in **Appendix 3.1**.



**Table 3.3 SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC Comments on Updated SoCC and the Applicant's Updates**

Comment (SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC)	Update
In the tabulation on page 3, there is potential confusion between what is meant by "proposed improvements to parts of the local network.." and "Options to allow appropriate access to the substation site..." – we think we understand this but it is likely to be confusing to members of the public so we seek clarity on this matter.	This text was updated to address these comments to "Improvements being considered to parts of the local road network.." and "Consideration of access options to the substation sites.."
Tabulation under para. 36, please note it is Little Glemham not Glenham.	Updated to Glemham.
Para. 52 – by the time these revised SoCCs are published this will need to be in the past tense.	Updated to past tense.
Figure 3 Summary of activities – is it possible to include a likely date for DCO submission?	Updated to include "Quarter 4 2019".
Appendix 1 Figure 1: Additional Indicative National Grid Overhead Line Realignment Area is shown as light blue on the key but it isn't clear where it is on the plan? The Indicative Area under consideration for Substation Access should be the "Additional Indicative Area" as presumably if it was the whole route for access it would have to connect through to the substation. The detail of the map in the Friston area is difficult to distinguish unless blown up to A3 – this may be criticised by the public as well as us.	Added light blue Additional Indicative National Grid Overhead Line Realignment Area onto Appendix 1 Figure 1.
Appendix 1 Figure 2: the colours of the onshore study area and the traffic and transport study area are difficult to distinguish from each other.	Altered the colour of the traffic and transport study area to be more easily distinguished.
Para. 46 refers to Hard to Reach groups but identifies these as being primarily tourists and second home owners. This should also include other difficult to reach groups such as those with disabilities, the younger population, working population, those who don't have access to the internet etc.	Updated to include: "parts of the working population, those with disabilities, and those with limited internet access".
Length of time for the next phases of consultation are not included – this could be beneficial for communities to be able to assess necessary resources required at specific times in the consultation process.	Updated to include timescale for Phase 3.5 consultation. At the time of drafting the Updated SoCC the start and end dates for Phase 4 consultation were not confirmed, however the time period for Phase 4 was assumed to be at least the minimum statutory time period (28 days).

### 3.5.3 Publicising the Updated SoCC

109. An Updated SoCC was published on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 on the Applicant's project website. The Updated SoCC is shown in **Appendix 3.7**.
110. The Updated SoCC was publicised in the newspapers circulating in the locality of the East Anglia TWO project and on the dates shown within **Table 3.4**.

**Table 3.4 Newspaper Adverts for the Updated SoCC**

Publication	Date 1	Date 2
Eastern Daily Press	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
East Anglian Daily Times	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Fishing News (weekly publication)	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018

111. The advert for the Updated SoCC is shown in **Appendix 3.8** and included a brief summary of the projects and the dates and time of the upcoming Public Information Days. The advert also included details on how to contact the Applicant's project team and information on where the SoCC documents would be available to view.
112. At the time of publication, the Updated SoCC was made available to view in many local venues (full list shown in **Appendix 3.9**) and was displayed on the Applicant's project website. An email was also sent to statutory and non-statutory stakeholders (see **Appendix 3.10** for full list).

### 3.6 Compliance with the SoCC and Updated SoCC

113. **Table 3.5** shows the sections within the Consultation Report which demonstrate compliance with key statements within the SoCC and the Updated SoCC.

**Table 3.5 Compliance with the SoCC and the Updated SoCC**

Paragraph or section number in the SoCC (March 2018)	Paragraph or section number in the Updated SoCC (September 2018)	Statement within the SoCC and Updated SoCC	Section within Consultation Report demonstrating Compliance with Section 47 of the Planning Act.
21	30	Anyone who feels directly or indirectly impacted by the East Anglia TWO project is invited to send the Applicant their comments.	Contact details provided on project website, feedback forms, advertisements and within the SoCC for all enquiries and comments as detailed in <b>sections 5.2.4, 6.2.4, 7.2.4</b> and <b>8.3.4</b> .
21	31	The Applicant will consult with individuals and communities living within the vicinity of the land affected by the DCO application, or who have taken an active interest in the East Anglia TWO project.	<b>Sections 5.2, 6.2, 7.2</b> and <b>8.3</b> of the Consultation Report describe all community consultation under the SoCC at Phases 2, 3, 3.5 and 4 respectively.

Paragraph or section number in the SoCC (March 2018)	Paragraph or section number in the Updated SoCC (September 2018)	Statement within the SoCC and Updated SoCC	Section within Consultation Report demonstrating Compliance with Section 47 of the Planning Act.
23 and 24	33 and 34	<p>The Applicant is consulting with relevant Parish and Town Councils, community groups, organisations representing the local business communities and tourist boards. The Applicant obtained input from the Local Planning Authority to identify these organisations and groups.</p> <p>As well as community consultation, the Applicant will discuss the East Anglia TWO project with a number of statutory and non-statutory consultees, including:</p> <p>Local Planning Authorities;</p> <p>Owners, tenants and occupiers of the land affected by the DCO application;</p> <p>Commercial stakeholders (including land owners and the fishing industry via the project's Commercial Fisheries Working Group); and</p> <p>Environmental organisations.</p>	<b>Sections 5.3, 5.4, 6.3, 6.4, 7.3, 7.4, 8.4 and 8.5</b> of the Consultation Report describe all other consultation with these stakeholders.
25	34	This SoCC/ Updated SoCC will be available to view at the following organisations and locations. (Table provided in SoCC).	Described for the SoCC in <b>section 3.4.3</b> and Updated SoCC in <b>section 3.5.3</b> of the Consultation Report.
Section 6.1	Section 6.1	Phase One Consultation (Non-Statutory i.e. Prior to Commencement of Section 47 Consultation).	<b>Section 4.3</b> of the Consultation Report

Paragraph or section number in the SoCC (March 2018)	Paragraph or section number in the Updated SoCC (September 2018)	Statement within the SoCC and Updated SoCC	Section within Consultation Report demonstrating Compliance with Section 47 of the Planning Act.
Section 6.2	Section 6.2	Phase Two Consultation (Statutory Consultation Stage 1).	<b>Section 5.2</b> of the Consultation Report
Section 6.3	Section 6.3	Phase Three Consultation (Statutory Consultation Stage 2).	<b>Section 6.2</b> of the Consultation Report
N/A	Section 6.4	Phase 3.5 Consultation (Statutory Consultation Stage 2.5).	<b>Section 7.2</b> of the Consultation Report
Section 6.4	Section 6.5	Phase Four Consultation (Statutory Consultation Stage 3).	<b>Section 8.3</b> of the Consultation Report
48	N/A	It is acknowledged that there are often consultation opportunities that arise for example engagement with the wider 'Hard to Reach' Groups, including visitors and groups that do not meet frequently. For this reason, the Applicant Stakeholder Manager will monitor these opportunities and engage as appropriate.	The Applicant sought to reach hard to reach groups through mail drops to these areas and through planning Phase 2 and 3 Public Information Days during the holiday periods. This is covered in <b>sections 5.2, 6.2, 7.2 and 8.3</b> of this Consultation Report.

Paragraph or section number in the SoCC (March 2018)	Paragraph or section number in the Updated SoCC (September 2018)	Statement within the SoCC and Updated SoCC	Section within Consultation Report demonstrating Compliance with Section 47 of the Planning Act.
N/A	72	The Applicant knows that there are often consultation opportunities that arise outside of organised consultation. For example, occasional visitors to the area and interest groups that meet on an infrequent basis may not have the opportunity to attend scheduled events. For this reason, the Applicant will monitor potential wider consultation opportunities and engage as appropriate.	The Applicant sought to reach hard to reach groups through mail drops to these areas and through planning Phase 2 and 3 Public Information Days during the holiday periods. This is covered in <b>sections 5.2, 6.2, 7.2 and 8.3</b> of this Consultation Report.
49	73	There may also be particular circumstances that arise during pre-application consultation or which are localised in nature and the Applicant may wish to carry out non-statutory targeted consultation.	<b>Sections 5.3, 6.3, 7.3 and 8.4</b> of the Consultation Report describe all other consultation with non-statutory stakeholders.
50	74	Following each phase of consultation, the Applicant will reflect on any feedback to shape and inform the proposals. A Summary of Feedback will be published on the Applicant's website following each phase of consultation.	Summary reports of feedback from Public Information Days have been published on the Applicant's website and are also shown in <b>Appendix 6.13</b> (Phase 2), <b>Appendix 7.16</b> (Phase 3) and <b>Appendix 9.18</b> (Phase 4) of the Consultation Report. For Phase 3.5 a summary of the key responses was included in the Phase 3.5 Decision Summary shown in <b>Appendix 8.18</b> of this Consultation Report.

Paragraph or section number in the SoCC (March 2018)	Paragraph or section number in the Updated SoCC (September 2018)	Statement within the SoCC and Updated SoCC	Section within Consultation Report demonstrating Compliance with Section 47 of the Planning Act.
52	76	Where consultees approach the Applicant by email or mail, the Applicant will acknowledge communication and endeavour to respond fully to the consultee, if required, within one calendar month.	This has been undertaken throughout consultation and mentioned in <b>sections 5.2.4, 6.2.4, 7.2.4 and 8.3.4.</b>
53	77	All comments and information received by the Applicant during the consultation will be recorded in a consultation database and be considered by the Applicant. As part of its DCO application, the Applicant will provide a Consultation Report to explain how the views received have been considered in the East Anglia TWO design process and EIA.	See all Key Feedback and Response tables for all phases in <b>Appendices 5.14, 6.15, 7.17, 8.19 and 9.19</b> of the Consultation Report.

## 4 Pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 Consultation

### 4.1 Introduction

114. This chapter describes the non-statutory consultation undertaken pre-Phase 1 and during Phase 1 consultation. **Section 4.2** describes the consultation undertaken under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations, **section 4.3** describes the non-statutory community consultation, **section 4.4** describes the non-statutory stakeholder consultation undertaken and **section 4.5** presents consultation with landowner and statutory undertakers.
115. The objectives of the non-statutory pre-Phase 1 and Phase 1 consultation were:
- 1) To introduce the East Anglia TWO project to stakeholders;
  - 2) To consult on potential constraints to the locations for onshore infrastructure;
  - 3) To explain the Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping process; and
  - 4) To introduce the projects to those potentially impacted by the visual aspects of the offshore windfarm.
116. The 'Pre-Phase 1' consultation described in this chapter covers all consultation activities undertaken before the Phase 1 Public Information Days.

### 4.2 Consultation under EIA and Habitats Regulations

#### 4.2.1 Scoping Request

117. The Applicant undertook an EIA Scoping exercise in November 2017 (SPR 2017). In accordance with Regulation 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations), a request for a Scoping Opinion was made to the Planning Inspectorate in November 2017 which was supported by a detailed Scoping Report, which is publicly available on the Planning Inspectorate website<sup>3</sup>. This included detailed information on the approach to EIA for the project, an indicative project description for all offshore and onshore works and a summary of potential impacts which were going to be assessed. The proposed scope of the EIA set out in the Scoping Report was informed by discussions undertaken as part of regular Expert Topic Group and meetings with other key stakeholders.
118. In accordance with Regulation 10(6) of the EIA Regulations the Planning Inspectorate consulted prescribed organisations (i.e. those bodies prescribed under Section 42(a) of the Planning Act and set out in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure)

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<sup>3</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010078/EN010078-000059-EAN2%20-%20Scoping%20Report.pdf>



Regulations 2009 (the APFP Regulations) and each Local Planning Authority that is within Section 43) prior to adopting a Scoping Opinion. The consultation bodies were notified under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the duty imposed on them by Regulation 11(3) of the EIA Regulations to make information available to the Applicant relevant to the preparation of the ES.

119. The Planning Inspectorate provided a formal Scoping Opinion in December 2017. The Scoping Opinion is found in **Appendix 4** of this Consultation Report. All responses made by the consultation bodies formally consulted during the scoping exercise are documented within the Scoping Opinion, which is also publicly available on the Planning Inspectorate website<sup>4</sup>.

#### 4.2.2 Planning Inspectorate's Scoping Opinion

120. The Scoping Opinion stated that the Planning Inspectorate is satisfied that the aspect areas identified in the Scoping Report encompass the matters identified in the EIA Regulations. The potential need to carry out an assessment under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 is noted within the Scoping Opinion. The main potential issues identified by the Planning Inspectorate in its Scoping Opinion were:

- Ensure all study areas are adequately defined including buffer distances and zones of influence;
- Survey data that underpins the assessment work should be clearly set out and the timescales for its validity stated; and
- For a number of matters proposed to be scoped out of the EIA the Planning Inspectorate did not feel sufficient evidence was provided and that these matters should be scoped back into the EIA, the agreed position on these matters are shown in **Table 4.1** below.

**Table 4.1 Scoping Opinion Final Agreements**

Potential Impact (initially scoped out)	Stakeholder advising scoping back in	Final agreement
<b>Physical Processes, Operational Phase, Transboundary Effects.</b>	MMO	Transboundary effects have been scoped out following cumulative wave modelling and subsequent agreement through Expert Topic Group meetings (see Chapter 7, Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes of the ES for more details).
<b>Water and Sediment Quality, All Phases, Cumulative Impacts.</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. See Chapter 8 Marine Water and Sediment Quality of the ES.

<sup>4</sup> Case Reference: EN010078 <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010078/EN010078-000067-EAN2%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>

Potential Impact (initially scoped out)	Stakeholder advising scoping back in	Final agreement
<b>Water and Sediment Quality, All Phases, Transboundary Impacts.</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. See Chapter 8 Marine Water and Sediment Quality of the ES.
<b>Offshore Airborne Noise, All Phases.</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	It was proposed to be scoped out in the Scoping Report, further justification for this has been provided in the Chapter 25 Noise and Vibration of the ES.
<b>Benthic Ecology, Construction and Decommissioning Phase, Permanent Habitat Loss.</b>	MMO and The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. The potential impacts of permanent habitat loss resulting from foundation or cable infrastructure not being fully removed during decommissioning is provided in Chapter 9, Benthic Ecology of the ES.
<b>Benthic Ecology, Operation Phase, Underwater Noise and Vibration.</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. The impact of underwater noise on benthic invertebrates during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases is considered in Chapter 9, Benthic Ecology of the ES.
<b>Benthic Ecology, All Phases, colonisation of foundations and cable protection</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Discussions with the MMO at an Expert Topic Group meeting in March 2018 (see below) concluded that colonisation of foundation structures need only be considered as an operational impact as colonisation will increase during the lifetime of the project and will therefore be more significant during the operational phase. Therefore, only the operational phase was scoped in. See Chapter 9, Benthic Ecology of the ES for more information.
<b>Fish and Shellfish Ecology, Construction and Decommissioning, changes in fishing activity.</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. Changes in fishing activity during construction and decommissioning are assessed in Chapter 10 Fish and Shellfish Ecology of the ES.
<b>Marine Mammals, All Phases, Electromagnetic Fields.</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Natural England have agreed that the impact of Electromagnetic Field (EMF) can be scoped out of further assessment for marine mammals within the EIA process.
<b>Marine Mammals, All Phases, disturbance at seal haul-out sites</b>	Natural England and The Planning Inspectorate	Through the EPP, Natural England have agreed that direct disturbance at seal haul-out sites can be scoped out of the EIA. The potential interaction of seal foraging areas and the East Anglia TWO offshore development area has been

Potential Impact (initially scoped out)	Stakeholder advising scoping back in	Final agreement
		assessed in Chapter 11 Marine Mammals, of the ES.
<b>Offshore Ornithology, Operation Phase, disturbance due to lighting.</b>	Natural England/ RSPB.	A review of the effects of operational lighting has been prepared (Furness 2018). At the request of NE, construction and operational lighting is considered in the assessment and scoped in. See Chapter 12 Offshore Ornithology of the ES.
<b>Offshore Ornithology, Construction and Decommissioning, Transboundary Impacts</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Evidence was provided that Transboundary impacts can be screened out of the assessment, see Chapter 12 Offshore Ornithology of the ES.
<b>Civil and Military Aviation and Radar, all phases, Transboundary Impacts</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. See Chapter 15 Civil and Military Aviation and Radar of the ES.
<b>Infrastructure and Other Users, all phases, Cumulative Impacts</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. This is addressed in Chapter 17 Infrastructure and Other Users of the ES.
<b>Air Quality, Operation Phase, direct and indirect impacts associated with the generation of dust and particulates (human and ecological receptors)</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	It is not expected that the operational activities associated with maintenance of the onshore cable route and substation would lead to any significant generation of dust and fine particulate matter as there would be no earthworks carried out. It is therefore considered that an operational phase assessment is not required. Operational dust assessments were also scoped out upon agreement with stakeholders at Expert Topic Group meetings in April 2018.
<b>Air Quality, Operation Phase, Cumulative Impacts</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Operational dust assessments were also scoped out upon agreement with stakeholders at Expert Topic Group meetings in April 2018.
<b>Landscape Character and Visual Amenity, all phases, cumulative landscape and visual impacts of landfall options</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. Cumulative landscape and visual effects assessed in Appendix 29.4 Cumulative Impact Assessment of the ES and summarised in Chapter 29 Landscape and Visual Impact of the ES.
<b>Landscape Character and Visual Amenity, all phases, cumulative landscape and visual impacts of onshore cable corridor options</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. Cumulative landscape and visual effects assessed in Appendix 29.4 Cumulative Impact Assessment of the ES and summarised in Chapter 29 Landscape and Visual Impact of the ES.

Potential Impact (initially scoped out)	Stakeholder advising scoping back in	Final agreement
<b>Landscape Character and Visual Amenity, construction and decommissioning phases, cumulative landscape and visual impacts of onshore substation and National Grid infrastructure sites (within 3km buffer LVIA study area)</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. Cumulative landscape and visual effects assessed in Appendix 29.4 Cumulative Impact Assessment of the ES and summarised in Chapter 29 Landscape and Visual Impact of the ES.
<b>Landscape Character and Visual Amenity, all phases, Landscape and visual, and cumulative impacts, of the onshore infrastructure (beyond 3km buffer LVIA study area)</b>	The Planning Inspectorate	Scoped in. LVIA study area defined as 3km buffer from the onshore infrastructure as shown in Figure 29.1 of the ES as included in LVIA Method Statement and Expert Topic Group consultations.

121. All matters raised by the Planning Inspectorate and other consultees were addressed throughout the period prior to Section 42 consultation and the feedback was used to inform the PEIR and ES.

## 4.3 Non-Statutory Community Consultation

### 4.3.1 Parish and Town Council Meetings and Notifications

122. There were several meetings with parish and town council members in order to provide information on the projects and to answer questions. The meetings that occurred for Phase 1 are shown in **Table 4.2** below.

**Table 4.2 Parish Meetings**

Date	Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Aldringham-cum-Thorp Parish Council Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Knodishall Parish Council Meetings
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Southwold Town Council Meeting

123. At the Aldringham-cum-Thorp Parish Meeting both councillors and members of the public attended, at the Knodishall Parish Council Meeting only Knodishall Parish members and councillors and members of SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) attended and at the Southwold Town Council meeting this was members and councillors, as well as members of Southwold and Reydon Society.

The meetings were in order to inform Parish and Town Councils so that they could communicate information to members of the public.

124. Parish and Town Councils also received email notifications about the Phase 1 Public Information Days as explained in **section 4.3.2.3** below.

## 4.3.2 Public Information Days

### 4.3.2.1 Summary

125. The Applicant initiated early consultation by holding a number of Public Information Days between 30<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, referred to as the Phase 1 Public Information Days. These Public Information Days formed part of the pre-scoping non-statutory consultation designed to introduce the proposed East Anglia TWO project to local communities and to inform on the approach to EIA, whilst also providing an opportunity for feedback to be provided to the Applicant.

### 4.3.2.2 Locations and Dates

126. The Phase 1 Public Information Days took place at four locations as shown in **Table 4.3**. These locations were chosen as they represented key coastal towns with potential views out towards the wind turbines offshore. Leiston was identified as an appropriate focal point for the onshore study area at this early stage of consultation.

**Table 4.3 Locations, Dates and Times of Phase 1 Public Information Days**

Venue	Date	Time
<b>Southwold</b> St Edmund's Hall, Cumberland Rd, Southwold, IP18 6JP	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	12pm – 7pm
<b>Leiston</b> United Church, High Street, Leiston, IP16 4EL	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	12pm – 7pm
<b>Lowestoft</b> Victoria Hotel, Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, NR33 0BZ	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	12pm – 7pm
<b>Orford</b> Orford Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford, Woodbridge, IP12 2NZ	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017	12pm – 7pm

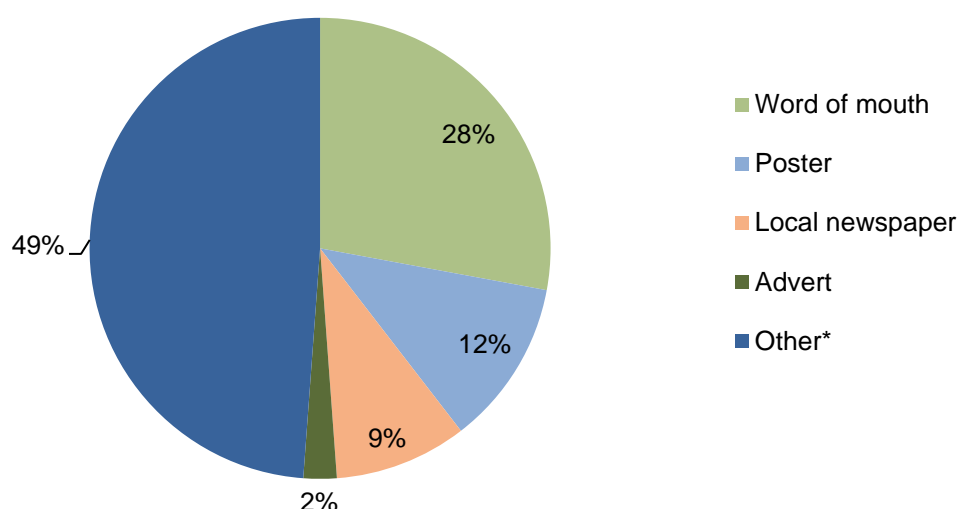
### 4.3.2.3 Notification of Public Information Days

127. The Phase 1 Public Information Days were advertised on quarter page adverts in newspapers as shown in **Table 4.4**, the advert is shown in **Appendix 5.1**. The advert poster was displayed in various shops, libraries, post offices and other local places (see **Appendix 5.2** for a copy of the poster). A full list of locations where the Public Information Days were advertised is shown in **Appendix 5.3**. Parish and Town Councillors were notified of the Phase 1 Public Information

Days via email with a copy of the advertising poster enclosed in order that the councils might inform the Parish of the upcoming events (see **Appendix 5.4** for a list of recipients). Many Parish Councils then displayed the posters on their websites and noticeboards. **Figure 4.1** shows how attendees of the Public Information Days learned of the events based on feedback forms provided at the Public Information Day venues.

**Table 4.4 Newspaper Adverts for Phase 1 Public Information Days**

Newspaper	Date of Advert
East Anglian Daily Times	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Lowestoft Journal	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017



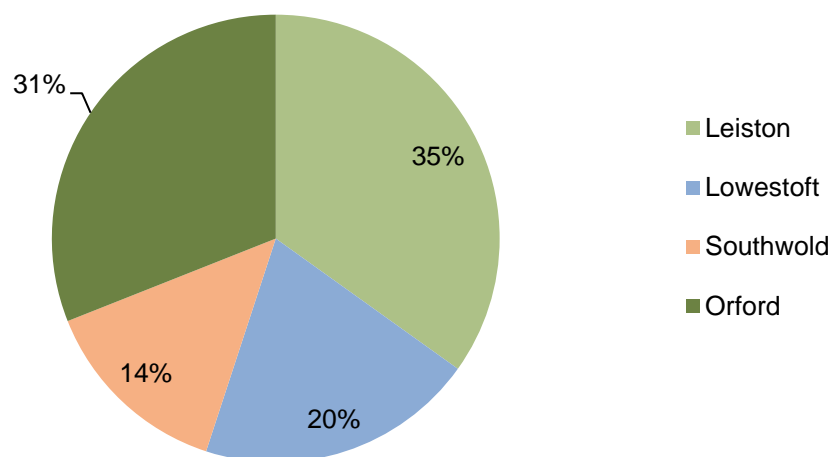
**Figure 4.1 Ways in which Attendees were Notified about the Public Information Days (\*Other included informed by the council, email, letter, LinkedIn, offshoreWIND.biz and Suffolk Against Coastal Retreat (SCAR)).**

#### 4.3.2.4 Consultation Materials

128. The principal consultation materials used for the Phase 1 Public Information Days were the public exhibition boards. Ten boards were displayed at all events to inform members of the public about the proposed East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North projects. The boards (see **Appendix 5.5**) introduced the Applicant, provide a brief overview of the projects (such as anticipated capacity, distance of wind turbines from shore, number of wind turbines and max tip height), the importance of offshore wind, details on offshore windfarm technology,

details on the consenting process and the onshore study area. The exhibition boards were also made available to download from the project website.

129. A1 Photomontages were also made available at the Public Information Days and on the project website (see **Appendix 5.6**). These showed images of the existing views and photomontage views from Sizewell Beach, Orford Castle, Southwold and Lowestoft showing a wind turbine layout of the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North windfarm sites.
130. Other consultation materials available at the Public Information Days included Landowner Information Packs, Summary of Environmental Considerations, A0 Interactive Maps and the East Angle Newsletter (Winter 2017/2018) (see **Appendix 5.7**, **Appendix 5.8**, **Appendix 5.9** and **Appendix 5.10**, respectively).
131. There were a total of 129 attendees over the four Public Information Days. The distribution of attendees is shown in **Plate 4.2** below.



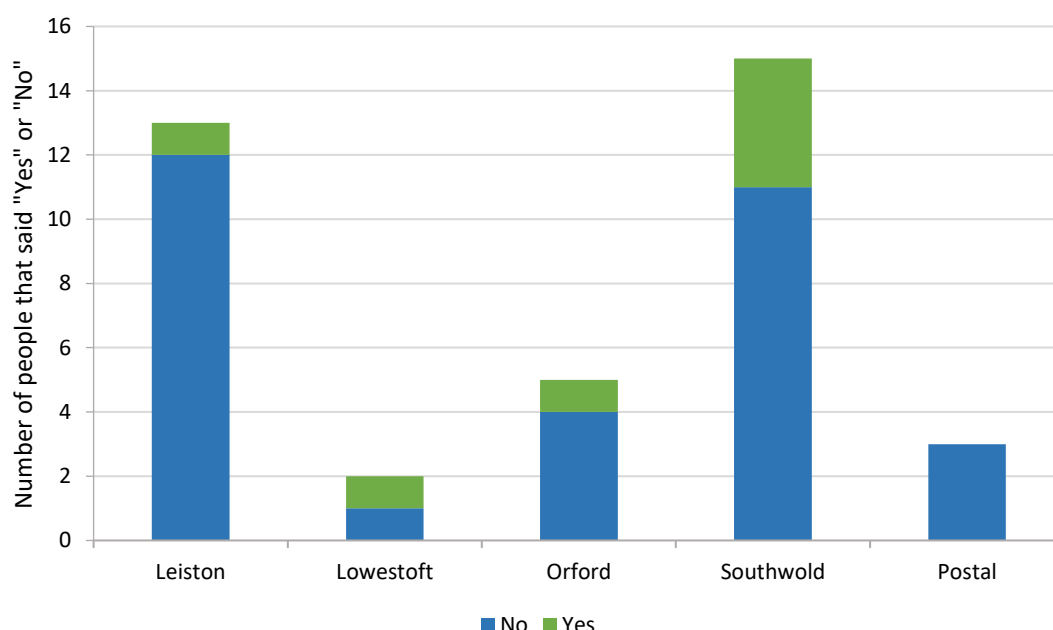
**Plate 4.2 Distribution of Attendees to Public Information Days (out of a total of 129 attendees counted)**

#### 4.3.2.5 Feedback Forms

132. Feedback forms were made available at the Public Information Days as an effective method of obtaining the local community's views on the proposed East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North projects. These included a mix of multiple choice and comment answers. A copy of the feedback form can be found in **Appendix 5.11**.
133. All attendees were invited to complete a feedback. A total of 43 feedback forms were received with three sent via post and 40 during the events.



134. The questions on the feedback forms were based on the main aims of this phase of consultation, to consult on the potential constraints of the locations of onshore infrastructure and to consult on the offshore visual aspects of the offshore windfarm.
135. Feedback on the Public Information Day events was as follows:
- 100% found the event helpful in informing them about the proposals;
  - 100% found the boards to be clear and understandable; and
  - 93% would be interested in attending future Public Information Days.
136. In terms of the proposed East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North project proposals the feedback was as follows:
- 79% said that it would not be acceptable to have a direct impact on residential property;
  - 100% said that they would prefer the onshore substation to be as close to existing electrical infrastructure (i.e. overhead power lines and other substations) as possible; and
  - In terms of having a direct impact on residential property, this feedback varied with Public Information Day location as shown in **Plate 4.3**. Overall, 82% ticked that it was unacceptable to have a direct impact on residential property, whereas 18% ticked that it was acceptable.



**Plate 4.3 Feedback on Whether it would be Acceptable to have a Direct Impact on Residential Property**

137. Feedback contained several suggestions of organisations who may have information to inform decision making. These included:

- EDF Energy;
- Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council;
- Southwold Harbour Master;
- Landowners;
- East Suffolk Water Abstraction Group;
- Local schools, colleges and universities;
- National security agencies;
- Southwold Town Council;
- Chamber of Trade;
- Southwold and Reydon Society;
- Leiston Together;
- Transport groups (particularly regarding work near Woodbridge);
- National Trust; and
- The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

138. Key responses from the questions which required comments for response are noted in **Appendix 5.14**.

#### 4.3.3 Project Website

139. A specific webpage for the East Anglia TWO Phase 1 consultation was available on the Applicant's website. This included information on the locations and dates of the Public Information Days and was updated with Public Information Day materials, feedback form and Environmental Considerations Document. This website also contained information about upcoming phases of consultation.

#### 4.3.4 Email and Postal Contact

140. Contact details for general enquiries relating to the East Anglia TWO project were made available during Phase 1 including:

- A website contact form to register interest in the project;
- A project email address; and
- Freepost address.

141. These details were made available on the feedback forms at Phase 1 Public Information Days and on the project website.

142. Following any enquiry from a member of the public, the Applicant endeavoured to respond fully to the consultee within one calendar month. All comments and information received was considered by the Applicant and recorded in a consultation database.
143. All stakeholders that had registered an interest in receiving information received emails with project updates including an email with information about the Phase 1 Public Information Days, and an email providing links to the Scoping Reports and requesting comments.

## 4.4 Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation

### 4.4.1 Evidence Plan

144. The Evidence Plan Process (EPP) is a voluntary mechanism to help agree the information required by the Planning Inspectorate as part of a DCO application to ensure compliance with the EIA and Habitats Regulations. The stakeholders involved included:
  - MMO;
  - The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas);
  - Natural England (NE);
  - Local Planning Authorities (where relevant);
  - Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs);
  - Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC);
  - RSPB;
  - The Wildlife Trust (TWT); and
  - Suffolk Wildlife Trust (SWT).
145. The aim of the EPP was to give greater certainty to all parties on the amount and range of evidence the Applicant should collect and present to support the DCO application.
146. The process covered the following offshore ecological receptor topics:
  - Benthic ecology (including marine geology, oceanography and physical processes, and fish ecology);
  - Ornithology; and
  - Marine mammals.
147. The evidence requirements and processes for reaching agreements were monitored by a Steering Group. The Steering Group was made up of: The Planning Inspectorate; The Applicant and its lead EIA Consultant; NE and the MMO. The role of the Steering Group was:

- To **oversee progress** of the Evidence Plan and processes and to ensure that schedules were met;
- To **resolve any issues** or **agree approaches** to issues that emerged from Expert Topic Groups;
- To provide **‘sign-off’** for decisions of Expert Topic Groups; and
- To clarify and agree how to **address HRA and key EIA consenting risks** to the Project, on receipt of advice from Expert Topic Groups.

148. The final Evidence Plan can be found in **Appendix 5.12**.

149. The pre-Phase 1 meetings relating to the Evidence Plan, Steering Group and Expert Topic Group meetings were held on the dates shown in **Table 4.5**.

**Table 4.5 Pre-Phase 1 Expert Topic Group and Steering Group Meetings**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	The Planning Inspectorate, SPR	Discussed agenda for Steering Group meeting and other details on the focus of the Evidence Plan meetings.
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	The Planning Inspectorate, NE, MMO and SPR.	First Evidence Plan Steering Group Meeting to initiate the Evidence Plan process
12 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	NE, MMO, Cefas, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Benthic Ecology (Fish Ecology and Physical Processes Included) Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	MacArthur Green, NE, RSPB, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Ornithology Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
30 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	NE, TWT, WDC and MMO, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Marine Mammals Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	The Planning Inspectorate, NE, MMO, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Evidence Plan Process Steering Group Meeting

150. Each Expert Topic Group was responsible for agreeing the approach to addressing technical issues, survey strategy and approach to EIA/ HRA. The key agreements from these meetings are summarised in **Appendix 5.14**.

151. Method Statements for Benthic Ecology, Marine Mammals and Ornithology were prepared to inform discussions at the Expert Topic Groups, and were provided to stakeholders prior to the initial Expert Topic Group meetings. They were designed to provide background information on each topic and to include detail on the approach to the baseline and impact assessment. These Method Statements were then discussed at the Expert Topic Group meetings in order to agree detailed approaches or to discuss information where clarification is required.

#### 4.4.2 Other Expert Topic Groups

152. The Applicant engaged in a process similar to the EPP to cover onshore topics. Prior to and during Phase 1 consultation there were four onshore evidence plan meetings as shown in **Table 4.6**. Key agreements from these meetings are summarised in **Appendix 5.14**.

**Table 4.6 Onshore Expert Topic Group Meetings undertaken Pre-Phase 1 and during Phase 1**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	SCC, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council, Suffolk Coastal District, SPR, Royal HaskoningDHV and Optimised Environments.	Coastal Visualisation Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	SCC; Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Norfolk County Council, SPR, Arup, Royal HaskoningDHV, Optimised Environments and LDA Design.	Coastal Visualisation Expert Topic Group Meeting 2
20 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	SCC, NE, Environment Agency, SWT, RSPB, SPR.	Onshore Ecology Expert Topic Group Meeting 1

#### 4.4.3 Other Stakeholder Consultations

153. Throughout the development of the project the Applicant has been conducting non-statutory consultation with stakeholders potentially affected by the project, as highlighted in **section 2.5.2**. The consultation is outlined in **Table 4.7** below with key feedback from these meetings highlighted in **Appendix 5.14**.

**Table 4.7 Other Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation Undertaken Pre-Phase 1 and during Phase 1**

Consultation	Reason	Dates
East Anglia Projects and Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Meetings	Meetings providing project updates, providing a timescale and discussions of wind turbine layout and cable corridors.	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
MMO Monthly Meetings/ Quarterly Updates	Regular meetings with MMO to provide project updates including on topics such as grid connection, scoping and the evidence plan	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2016 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2016 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 (MMO Sizewell Update) 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2017 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2017

Consultation	Reason	Dates
		18 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 (Wave modelling meeting) 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
NE Monthly Catch-Up Meetings	Regular meetings with NE to provide project updates, discuss consultation and Expert Topic Groups.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2016 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2017 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
Commercial Fisheries Working Group Meetings (CFWG) (including Brown and May and IFCA)	To discuss the project updates and allow questions to be raised.	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Local Planning Authority Meetings including: SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Waveney District Council (WDC) (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), Norfolk County Council (NCC), Suffolk Coastal Partnership (SCP), Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council and Great Yarmouth Borough Council (GYBC).	Project update meetings and onshore study area update meetings including discussions regarding consultation strategy and the onshore study area.	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017 (SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Districts Planning Partnership and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council) 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 (SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council) 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 (SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Districts Planning Partnership and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council) 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 (SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Districts Planning Partnership and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council) 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 (NCC and GYBC) 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 (Coastal Viewpoints Expert Topic Group) 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 (SCC and Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council)) 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 (SCC, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council) and Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership)

Consultation	Reason	Dates
		2nd November 2017 (SCC and Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council)) 5th December 2017 (Site selection workshop – SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC) 7th December 2017 (SCC) 13th December 2017 (SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)) 30th January 2018 (SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)) 26th February 2018 (SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)).
RSPB Meetings	Meeting with RSPB to discuss the project structure and provide a summary of the plans and timeline.	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
EDF Energy Meetings	Initial meeting with EDF Energy regarding projects.	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Pre-meeting with Norfolk County Council (NCC), GYBC and the Broads Authority	Presented information about the scheme with time for questions and discussion.	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Informal council leader update meeting.	Project update meeting with council leaders	1 <sup>st</sup> August 2017
Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (EIFCA) Meeting	Meeting to discuss project updates.	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council Meeting	To discuss any concerns or questions.	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 (Phone Call) 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Meeting with SWT; Ornithology Risk Workshop	Cable routeing presentation given, time for discussion.	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2017 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Briefing meeting with Councillors from SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	Meeting with councillors to brief them on the projects.	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Meeting with Visit East Anglia	Meeting to discuss the projects and tourism.	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Historic England (HE) Meetings	Meetings giving details about the projects and discussions regarding archaeological surveys and data collection.	13 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2017 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018
Meeting with Galloper Wind Farm Limited	Meeting to discuss the project including area of search for grid	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2017



Consultation	Reason	Dates
	connection, substation and cable route.	
Seascape Character Assessment Meeting with SCC, LDA Design, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership and NE	Meeting to agree approach proposed and methodology for the Seascape Character Assessment.	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017
Wave Modelling Meeting with MMO and Cefas	Project updates provided and wave modelling approach was discussed	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Transboundary Fisheries Consultation with The Netherlands (VisNed.nl), Belgium (Redercentrale), National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO) and France (CRPMEM Hauts de France)	Meetings to discuss the projects and any potential transboundary impacts.	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 (The Netherlands) 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017 (Belgium) 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 (NFFO) 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 (France)
Suffolk Coast Forum	SPR presented at the Suffolk Coast Forum. Those in attendance at SCF had a good technical knowledge of coastal issues but a low understanding of the different SPR projects and programmes. There were detailed slides prepared on site selection but the majority of the time was spent answering ad hoc questions. SPR responses to the questions were well received.	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
Parish and Town Council Meetings (as shown in <b>section 4.3.1</b> )  Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council, Knodishall Parish Council, Southwold Town Council.	Meetings to provide project updates, the project programme and to answer any questions raised.	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 (Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council) 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Knodishall Parish Council) 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Southwold Town Council)
Suffolk Energy Projects Meeting with SCC, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), Sizewell B, Sizewell C, Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership,	Meeting to discuss project updates for all organisations.	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

Consultation	Reason	Dates
National Grid Ventures and National Grid.		
Meeting with The Suffolk Coast Destination Management Organisation (DMO)	Meeting to discuss projects including topics such as tourism and visual impacts.	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Interoute Concerto Cable Meeting	Interoute Concerto Cable Meeting held to discuss onshore and offshore cable routes and provide an update of the project.	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Meeting with Suffolk Preservation Society	Meeting to provide a project overview.	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Onshore site selection workshop: SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership	Meetings to discuss site selection including discussing preferred substation sites and consultation.	20 <sup>th</sup> February - 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018

#### 4.4.4 Summary of Key Feedback and the Applicant's Response

154. A summary of all of the key feedback points raised pre-Phase 1 and during Phase 1 is provided in **Appendix 5.14**.

### 4.5 Landowner Consultation

155. To ensure early consultation with all relevant individuals and organisations that would be directly affected by the East Anglia TWO project, the Applicant appointed land agents to undertake land referencing activities in August 2017. At this early stage, this involved identifying a large number of landowners. The appointed land agents began identifying landowners by way of Land Registry searches, issuing of letters and phone calls. Further investigation of unregistered land was undertaken where necessary.
156. On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017, introductory letters and a non-statutory request for information as a 'Person with an Interest in land (PIL) form' were issued to all landowners within the East Anglia TWO onshore study area who had been identified as owning land holdings over 0.5 acres in size (see **Appendix 10.2** for letter and example PIL form). The PIL form requested details of the person(s) or organization(s) with an interest in land or property within the East Anglia TWO onshore study area covering the nature of their tenure in the property, details of the current occupier, rights benefiting and affecting the property, any restrictive covenant(s), whether the plans showing the person's land were correct, details of other interests, current mortgages, and any managing agents. In addition to this desktop exercise, the land agents undertook a door knocking exercise to

identify owners of unregistered land and Landowners not responding to introductory letters and requests for information.

157. The land agents issued a follow-up letters to landowners on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 providing dates for the forthcoming Phase 1 Public Information Days (see **Appendix 10.3**).
158. On 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017, the land agents wrote to landowners informing them about the publication of the Scoping Report and how this document could be obtained (see **Appendix 10.4**).
159. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 the land agent issued letters to all referenced landowners informing them of the start of Phase 2 consultation and inviting them to further Public Information Days in March 2018 (see **Appendix 10.5**). This advised that the detailed routeing of the export cables within the preferred East Anglia TWO onshore cable corridor had yet to be identified.
160. A record of consultation with landowners is presented in **Appendix 10.1**.

## 5 Phase 2 Consultation

### 5.1 Introduction

161. This chapter describes the non-statutory and statutory consultation undertaken during Phase 2 consultation. **Section 5.2** describes the statutory community consultation, **Section 5.3** presents the non-statutory consultation undertaken and **Section 5.4** presents landowner and statutory undertaker consultation.
162. The objectives of this phase of consultation were to provide further information on the indicative onshore development area and substation zones for the intended onshore electrical infrastructure and to obtain comments on viewpoints selected to assess the visual impacts of the offshore wind turbines.

### 5.2 Statutory Community Consultation

163. Phase Two statutory community consultation commenced on publication of the SoCC on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and concluded on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018. During this period parish meetings were held, there were Public Information Days, information was posted on the project website and consultees were welcomed to provide feedback via the feedback forms or by email or postal contact.

#### 5.2.1 Parish Meetings

164. There were several meetings with Parish Councils in order to provide information on the project and to answer questions, the meetings were attended by Parish Councillors, but the meeting at Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council was also attended by members of the public. The meetings were in order to inform Parish Councils so that they could communicate information to members of the public. The meetings that occurred for Phase 2 are shown in **Table 5.1** below.

**Table 5.1 Parish Meetings**

Date	Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Friston Parish Council Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Leiston-cum-Sizewell Parish Council; Aldringham-cum-Thorpe and Knodishall Parish Council Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Friston Parish Council Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Aldringham Parish Meeting

165. Parish Councils also received email notifications about the Phase 2 Public Information Days as explained in **section 5.2.2.3** below.

## 5.2.2 Public Information Days

### 5.2.2.1 Summary

166. Between the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018, the Applicant held six Public Information Days throughout Suffolk to consult on East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North. This formed the start of the Applicant's statutory community consultation as set out in the SoCC, in order to inform the proposed DCO application.

### 5.2.2.2 Locations and Dates

167. The locations and dates of the Phase 2 Public Information Days are shown in **Table 5.2**. Following Phase 1 consultation and Scoping, additional locations were added to the Phase 1 Public Information Day locations to address comments received during Phase 1. Scheduling events during the Easter Holiday period was designed to target second home owners.

**Table 5.2 Locations and Dates of Phase 2 Public Information Days**

Venue	Date	Time
<b>Lowestoft</b> Victoria Hotel, Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, NR33 0BZ	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	10am - 1pm
<b>Southwold</b> Stella Peskett Hall, Rights Road, Southwold, IP18 6BE	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	3pm – 6pm
<b>Leiston</b> United Church, High Street, Leiston, IP16 4EL	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	10am – 1pm
<b>Thorpeness</b> Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, Thorpeness, IP16 4NU	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	10am – 1pm
<b>Aldeburgh</b> The Jubilee Hall, Crabbe Street, Aldeburgh, IP15 5BN	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	3pm – 6pm
<b>Orford</b> Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford, Woodbridge, IP12 2NZ	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	10am – 1pm

168. Although there was no Public Information Day event at Friston, the other locations were advertised to the residents of Friston through posters, newspaper articles and online as described in **section 5.2.2.3** below.

### 5.2.2.3 Notification of Public Information Days

169. The Phase 2 Public Information Days were advertised within the advert for the SoCC on half page adverts (see **section 3.4.3**), there were also quarter page adverts which just listed the Public Information Days which were published in newspapers as shown in **Table 5.3** (the advert is shown in **Appendix 6.1**). Posters advertising the Public Information Days were displayed in various shops,

libraries, post offices and other local places (see **Appendix 6.2** for the poster). A full list of places where the Public Information Days were advertised is shown in **Appendix 6.3**. Details of the Public Information Days and copies of the poster were also emailed to all local Town Councils and Parish Councils (over 100 in number) (see **Appendix 6.4** for the full distribution list).

170. Aldringham-cum-Thorpe, Knodishall and Kessingland Parish Councils all undertook their own letter drop. Details of the events were also published on many Parish Council websites, including Aldringham-cum-Thorpe and Reydon.

**Table 5.3 Newspaper Adverts for Phase 2 Public Information Days**

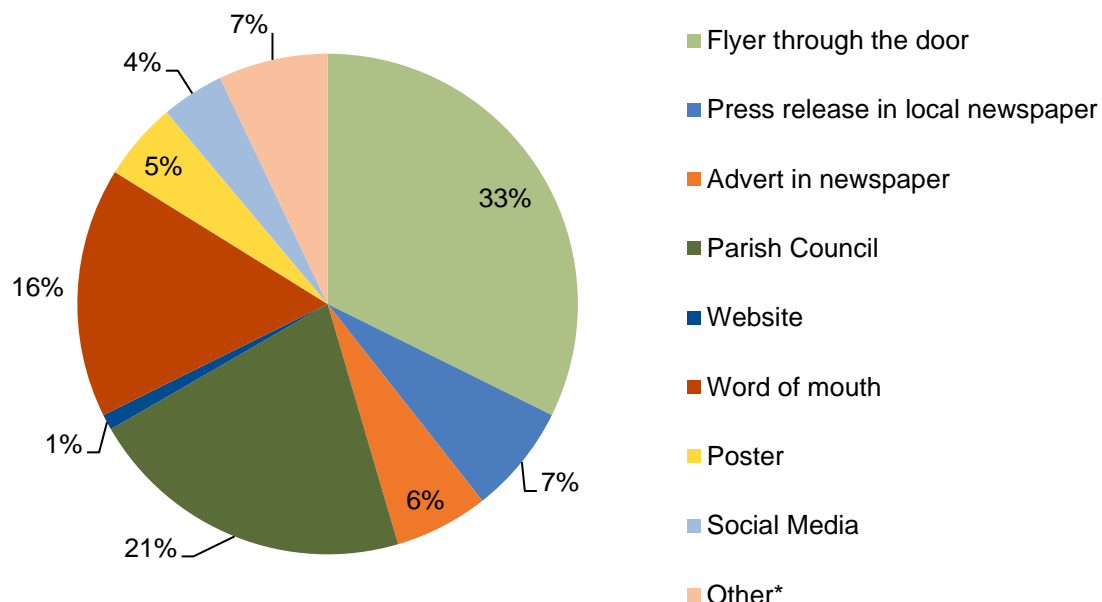
Newspaper	Date of Advert
East Anglian Daily Times	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Beccles and Bungay Journal	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Lowestoft Journal	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2018 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Ipswich Star	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

171. The Applicant issued a press release to newspapers and media outlets on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (see **Appendix 6.5** for press release notification) and articles were drafted on the basis of this which were posted online by the authors in Lowestoft Journal, Beccles and Bungay Journal, Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times and Coastal Scene and in print in East Anglian Daily Times and Lowestoft Journal.
172. The Applicant sought to engage with the ‘hard to reach’ audience including tourists, second home owners, parts of the working population, those with disabilities and those with limited internet access by deploying a mail drop (see **Appendix 6.6** for the leaflet) during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to over 5,000 residents and businesses in the following areas:
- Orford;
  - Aldeburgh;
  - Thorpeness;
  - Sizewell;
  - Southwold;
  - Reydon; and
  - Walberswick.
173. Details of the Public Information Day events were shared on social media including the following local Facebook community pages:

- Ask about Great Yarmouth and Gorleston;
- Victoria Arcade Book Store (Great Yarmouth);
- Lowestoft one hell of a town;
- Beccles Community;
- Enjoy Beccles More;
- What's on in Southwold and Reydon;
- Southwold and Reydon Dog Owners Community;
- Saxmundham what's happening;
- Leiston, Saxmundham and surrounding areas;
- Leiston Chit Chat;
- Leiston Events; and
- Aldeburgh and the surrounding area images.

174. The Applicant also advertised the Public Information Days on the SPR Twitter page, @SPRenewables.

175. The distribution of how attendees were notified of the Phase 2 Public Information Days is shown in **Plate 5.1**, based on feedback forms returned from the Public Information Days.

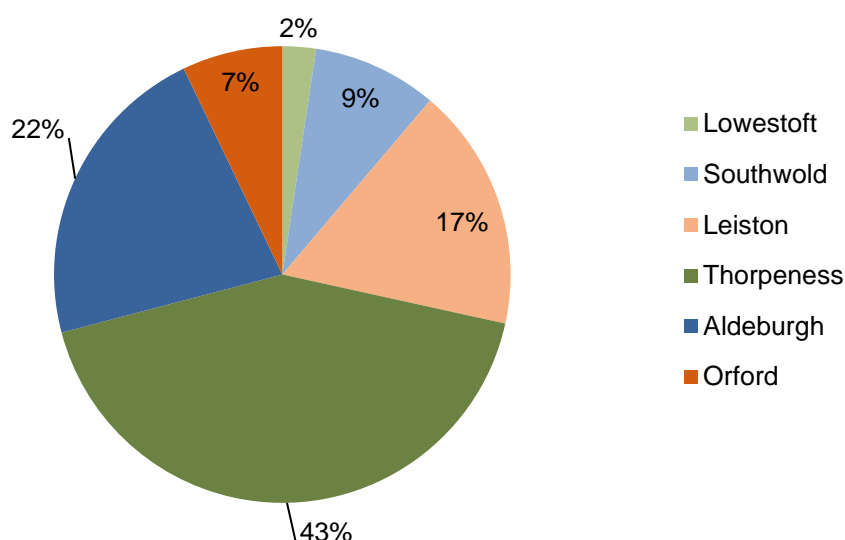


**Plate 5.1 How Attendees were Notified of the Phase 2 Public Information Days out of 132 Feedback Forms (\*Other includes flyers in library, Parish Magazine, notice board at village hall, and overheard)**



#### 5.2.2.4 Consultation Materials

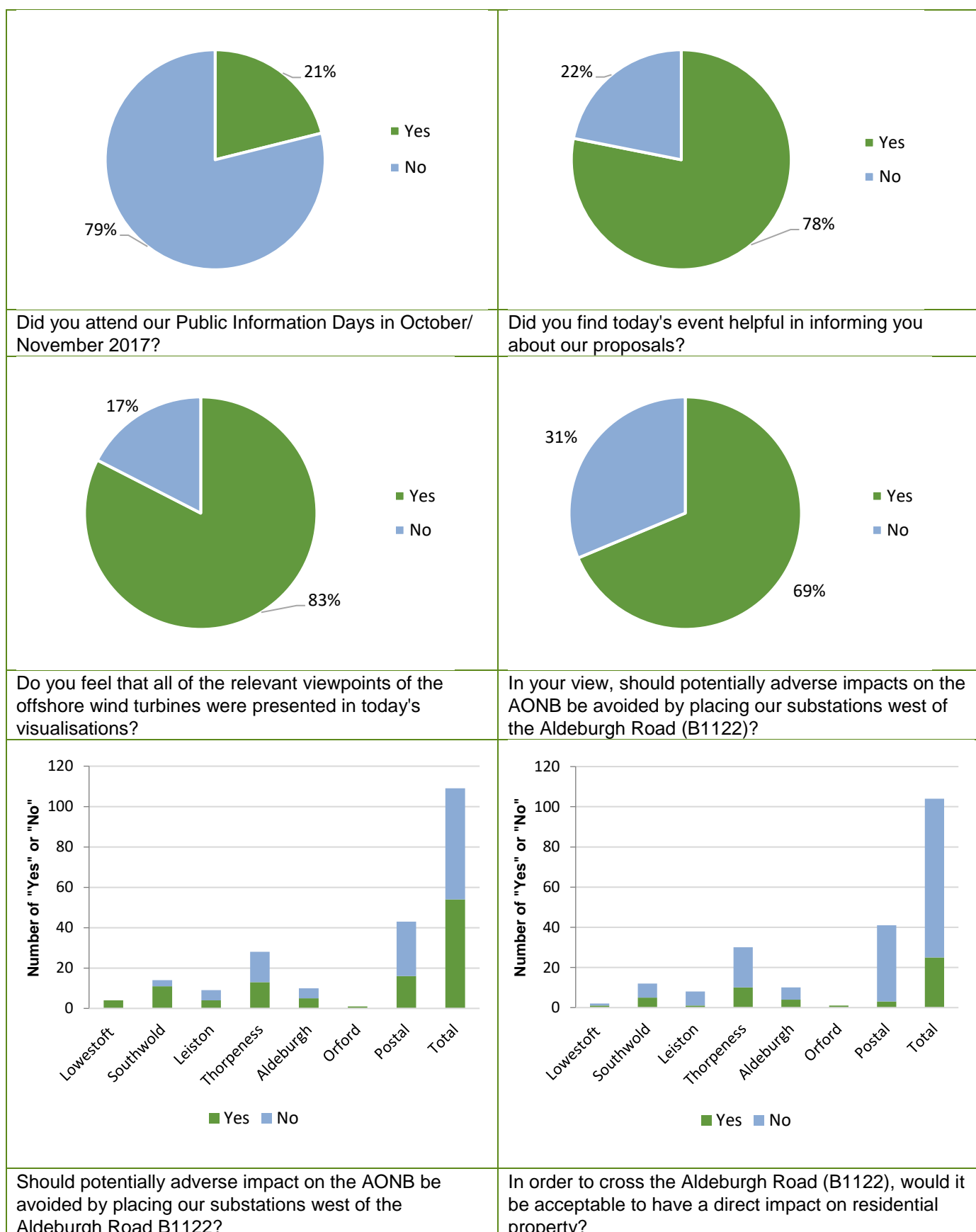
176. The principal consultation materials used for the Phase 2 Public Information Days were the public exhibition boards. Eleven boards were displayed at all events to inform members of the public about the proposed East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North projects. The boards which are presented in **Appendix 6.7** covered the details of the infrastructure of the projects, the onshore study area as well as details on the SoCC. The exhibition boards were also made available to download from the project website.
177. A1 Photomontages were also available at the Public Information Days and on the project website (see **Appendix 6.8**). These showed images of the existing views and photomontage views showing a wind turbine layout of the proposed East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North projects from Lowestoft, Southwold, Sizewell Beach, Thorpeness, Aldeburgh and Orford Castle.
178. Other consultation materials included, A0 Interactive Boards, SoCC for East Anglia TWO, a Coastal Views and Visibility document and an Onshore Substation Site Selection PowerPoint presentation (see **Appendix 6.9**, **Appendix 3.2**, **Appendix 6.10** and **Appendix 6.11**, respectively).
179. The website also included the Onshore Study Area and Potential Substation Zones Map as shown in **Appendix 6.12**.
180. Over the six events 464 people attended, of whom 382 signed in to register their attendance. The distribution of attendees (clicked in as attending) is shown in **Plate 5.2** below.



**Plate 5.2 Distribution of Attendees to Public Information Days (clicked in as attending)**

#### 5.2.2.5 Feedback Forms

181. Feedback forms were made available at the Public Information Days as an effective method of obtaining the local community's views on the proposed East Anglia TWO project. These included a mix of multiple choice and free comment answers. A copy of the feedback form can be found in **Appendix 6.13**.
182. All attendees were invited to complete a feedback form. A total of 132 feedback forms were received, with 47 received via the post and 85 during the events.
183. The questions on the feedback forms were based on the main aims of this phase of consultation, being to consult further on the onshore study area including refinement of the study area and to further consult on the viewpoints selected to assess the visual impact of the offshore wind turbines.
184. A summary of the responses to the feedback form questions are shown in **Plate 5.3**.



**Plate 5.3 Summary of Responses to Phase 2 Public Information Day Questions**

185. The Public Information Day Feedback Summary Document in **Appendix 6.14** contains details of all feedback received. Key feedback from the Public Information Day feedback forms is also noted in **Appendix 6.15**.

### 5.2.3 Project Website

186. A specific webpage for the East Anglia TWO project's Phase 2 consultation was established on the Applicant's website. This included information on the locations and dates of the Public Information Days and was updated with Public Information Day materials and feedback form and following the Public Information Days was updated with the Phase 2 Summary Report. This website also contained information about upcoming Phases of consultation.

### 5.2.4 Email and Postal Contact

187. Contact details for general enquiries on the East Anglia TWO project were made available during Phase 2 including:
- A website contact form to register interest in the project;
  - A project email address; and
  - Freepost address.
188. These details were made available on the feedback forms at Phase 2 Public Information Days, on the project website, within the SoCC and within the advert for the Phase 2 Public Information Days.
189. Following any enquiry from a member of the public, the Applicant endeavoured to respond fully to the consultee within one calendar month. All comments and information received was considered by the Applicant and recorded in a consultation database.
190. All stakeholders that had registered an interest in receiving information received emails with project updates, including an email with information about the Phase 2 Public Information Days.

## 5.3 Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation

### 5.3.1 Evidence Plan

191. The Phase 2 meetings relating to the Evidence Plan, Steering Group and Expert Topic Group meetings were held on the dates shown in **Table 5.4**.

**Table 5.4 Phase 2 Expert Topic Group and Steering Group Meetings**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	NE, TWT, WDC, MMO, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Marine Mammals Expert Topic Group Meeting 2
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	MMO, NE, RSPB, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Ornithology Expert Topic Group Meeting 2
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	MMO, NE, CEFAS, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Benthic Ecology Expert Topic Group Meeting 2

192. Each Expert Topic Group was responsible for agreeing the approach to addressing technical issues, survey strategy and approach to EIA/ HRA. Key agreements made at these meetings are recorded in **Appendix 6.15**.

### 5.3.2 Other Expert Topic Groups

193. Method Statements for the non-evidence plan topics were prepared to inform discussions at the Expert Topic Groups, and were provided to stakeholders prior to the initial Expert Topic Group meetings. They were designed to provide background information on each topic and to include detail on the approach to the baseline and impact assessment. These Method Statements were then discussed at the Expert Topic Group meetings in order to agree detailed approaches or to discuss information where clarification is required. Key agreements made at these Expert Topic Group meetings are provided in **Appendix 6.15**.

194. The final Method Statements were agreed at the respective Expert Topic Group meetings (at the dates in **Table 5.5**) for the following topics:

- Air Quality;
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage;
- Ground Conditions and Contamination;
- Health;
- Landfall and Coastal Processes;
- LVIA;
- Noise and Vibration;
- Onshore Ecology and Ornithology;
- SLVIA;
- Socio-Economics and Tourism; and

- Water Resources and Flood Risk.

195. In Phase 2 there were 11 non-evidence plan meetings as shown in **Table 5.5**.

**Table 5.5 Phase 2 Onshore Expert Topic Group Meetings**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SPR	Landfall and Coastal Processes Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Highways England, SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Traffic and Transport Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Environment Agency, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Ground Conditions and Contamination, Air Quality and Noise and Vibration Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Historic England, Suffolk Preservation Society, SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Anglian Water, Environment Agency, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Water Resources and Flood Risk Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	NE, SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Norfolk County Council, Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership, SPR, Royal HaskoningDHV and OPEN.	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and Seascape Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), NE, Environment Agency, SWT, RSPB, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Onshore Ecology and Ornithology Expert Topic Group Meeting 2

### 5.3.3 Other Stakeholder Consultations

196. Throughout the development of the project the Applicant has been conducting non-statutory consultation with stakeholders potentially affected by the project, as highlighted in **section 2.5.2**. The consultation is outlined in **Table 5.6** below with key feedback from these meetings highlighted in **Appendix 6.15**.

**Table 5.6 Other Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation Undertaken during Phase 2**

Consultation	Reason	Dates
Local Planning Authority Meetings, SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	Monthly meetings to discuss project updates, consultation and surveys.	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Landfall and Coastal Processes Local Planning Authority Briefing); 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Project Management Meeting); and 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Project Management Meeting, Site Selection)
Meeting with the Suffolk Coast Destination	Presentation covering project overview, coastal visibility, onshore	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018

Consultation	Reason	Dates
Management Organisation (DMO)	site selection, tourism impact, programme and next steps.	
NE Monthly Meetings	Meetings to discuss projects including discussions around onshore and offshore issues, the latest evidence plan and seascape discussions.	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Site Selection Update)
MMO Meetings	Discussion surrounding project updates, scoping responses and the evidence plan.	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Project Updates with the Planning Inspectorate	Meetings to discuss project updates, environmental assessment updates and discussing consultation with stakeholders.	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Historic England (HE) Monthly Meeting	Meetings with HE to discuss general updates to the project.	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Site Selection Update)
Parish Council Meetings (as shown in <b>section 5.2.1</b> )  Friston Parish Council; Leiston-cum-Sizewell Parish Council; Aldringham-cum-Thorpe and Knodishall Parish Council	Meetings to provide project updates, the project programme and to answer any questions raised.	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Friston Parish Council – Phase 2 Briefing) 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Leiston, Aldringham and Knodishall) 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 (Friston Parish Council) 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Aldringham Parish Meeting)
Aldeburgh Town Council Presentation	Presentation to give project update and allow time for questions and answers.	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Trinity Light House Service - East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Project Introduction meeting	Introductory meeting for the projects with time for questions and answers. Invited Trinity Light House Service to Hazard Workshop.	28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Project update and scoping response meeting	Meeting to provide project update, survey approach and discuss scoping response.	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and Cruising Association Meetings	Meetings to provide project update and discuss survey results.	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
The Chamber of Shipping Introductory Meeting	Project introduction with time for questions to be answered.	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Local Planning Authority Highways and Access meeting	Meeting to establish if the SCC transport model could be utilised to inform the Traffic and Transport Impact assessment and other practicalities including cost and timescales.	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Hazard Workshop (Navigation, Hazard Risk)	The aims of the Hazard Workshop were to identify the navigational risks associated with East Anglia	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2018



Consultation	Reason	Dates
	TWO (and East Anglia ONE North) projects, to discuss possible causes, consequences and potential mitigation measures.	

#### 5.3.4 Summary of Key Feedback and the Applicant's Response

197. A summary of all of the key feedback points raised during Phase 2 is provided in **Appendix 6.15**.

### 5.4 Landowner Consultation

198. During the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the land agent and the Applicant met landowners for additional introductions. High level discussions were held with regards to cable routeing and substation location options. Landowners were also reminded of the timescales associated with the project and were advised of the upcoming Phase 3 consultation and Public Information Days due to be held in June and July 2018.

199. A record of consultation with landowners is presented in **Appendix 10.1**.

## 6 Phase 3 Consultation

### 6.1 Introduction

200. This chapter describes the consultation undertaken during Phase 3 consultation. **Section 6.2** describes the statutory community consultation, **section 6.3** presents the non-statutory consultation undertaken and **section 6.4** presents landowner and statutory undertaker consultation.
201. The objectives of this phase of consultation was to show the Indicative Onshore Development Area for onshore infrastructure, including the proposed substation location north of Friston (known as Grove Wood) and to update consultees on general proposed development plans.

### 6.2 Statutory Community Consultation

202. Phase 3 statutory community consultation took place between 16<sup>th</sup> May until 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018, during this period parish and public meetings were held, there were Public Information Days, information was posted on the project website, and consultees were welcomed to provide feedback via the feedback forms or by email or postal contact.

#### 6.2.1 Parish and Public Meetings

203. There were several meetings with parish members in order to provide information on the projects and to answer questions, these meetings were attended by both Parish Councillors and members of the public. The aim of the meetings was to provide information to Parish Councils that they could then pass on to members of the public. The meetings that occurred for Phase 3 are shown in **Table 6.1** below:
204. During Phase 3 the Applicant also met with the Substation Action Save East Suffolk (SASES) group to discuss the project and answer questions.

**Table 6.1 Parish and Public Meetings**

Date	Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Leiston Briefing Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	Knodishall Parish Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Leiston Parish Council Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Friston Parish Briefing Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	SASES Friston Working Group/ Action Group Meeting

205. Parish Councils also received email notifications about the Phase 3 Public Information Days as explained in **section 6.2.2.3** below.

## 6.2.2 Public Information Days

### 6.2.2.1 Summary

206. Between the 28<sup>th</sup> June and the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018, the Applicant held 12 Public Information Days throughout Suffolk to further inform the public of the projects. These formed the second stage of the Applicant's statutory community consultation as set out in the SoCC.

### 6.2.2.2 Locations and Dates

207. The locations and dates of the Phase 3 Public Information Days are shown in **Table 6.2**. Following feedback received during Phase 2 consultation, Friston was added as a Public Information Day location. Also, in order to target second home owners these Public Information Days were aligned with the summer holiday season. There were also repeated events in five locations in order to capture a wider number and range of people.

**Table 6.2 Locations and Dates of Phase 3 Public Information Days**

Venue	Date	Time
<b>Orford</b> Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford, Woodbridge, IP12 2NZ	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	4pm – 7pm
<b>Friston</b> Friston Village Hall, Friston, IP17 1PX	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	10am – 1pm
<b>Leiston</b> Sizewell Sports and Social Hall, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	3pm – 6pm
<b>Southwold</b> Stella Peskett Hall, Might's Road, Southwold, IP18 6BE	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	10am – 1pm
<b>Lowestoft</b> Victoria Hotel, Kirkley Cliff, Lowestoft, NR33 0BZ	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	4pm – 7pm
<b>Aldeburgh</b> The Jubilee Hall, Crabbe Street, Aldeburgh, IP15 5BN	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	10am – 1pm
<b>Thorpeness</b> Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, Thorpeness, IP16 4NU	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	10am – 1pm
<b>Aldeburgh</b> The Jubilee Hall, Crabbe Street, Aldeburgh, IP15 5BN	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	4pm – 7pm
<b>Leiston</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	10am – 1pm

Venue	Date	Time
Sizewell Sports and Social Hall, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX		
<b>Southwold</b> Stella Peskett Hall, Might's Road, Southwold, IP18 6BE	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	3pm – 6pm
<b>Friston</b> Friston Village Hall, Friston, IP17 1PX	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	10am – 1pm
<b>Thorpeness</b> Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, Thorpeness, IP16 4NU	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	3pm – 6pm

### 6.2.2.3 Notification of Public Information Days

208. The Phase 3 Public Information Days were advertised on quarter page adverts in newspapers as shown in **Table 6.3**. The advert is shown in **Appendix 7.1** An advert poster (**Appendix 7.2**) was displayed in various local places as shown in **Appendix 7.3**. Details of the Public Information Days and copies of the poster were also emailed to all Town Councils and Parish Councils located within the Zone of Theoretical Vision region (see **Appendix 7.4** for list of recipients). The poster was also provided to the following Parish Councils during meetings in May 2018:

- Knodishall Parish Council;
- Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council; and
- Friston Parish Council.

209. Posters were also sent via Royal Mail to Leiston Town Council, Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council, Orford Parish Council, Aldeburgh Town Council, Friston Parish Council, Knodishall Parish Council, Kessingland Parish Council and Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall.

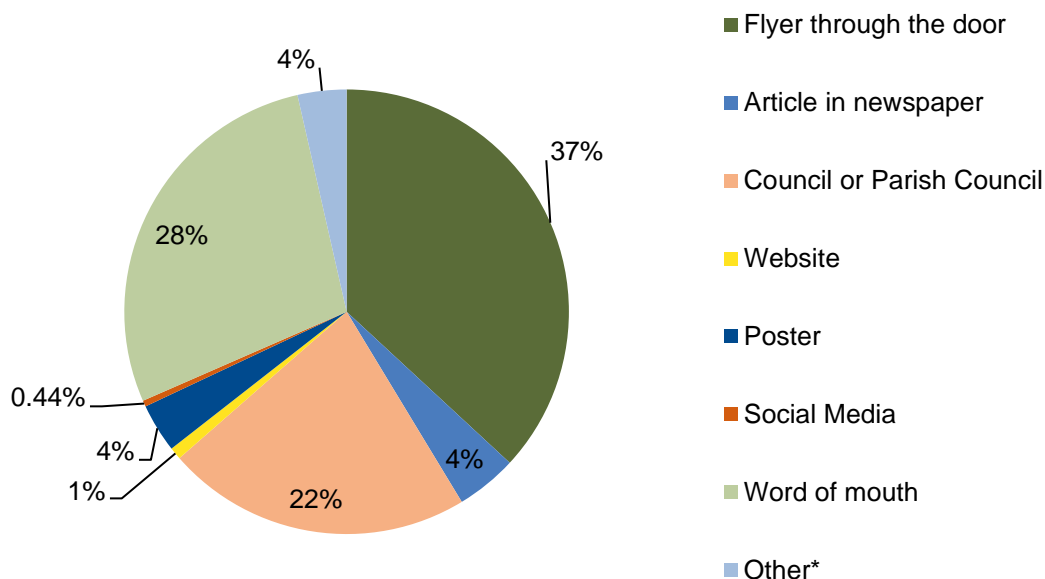
**Table 6.3 Newspaper Adverts for the Phase 3 Public Information Days**

Newspaper	Date of Advert
East Anglian Daily Times	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 20 <sup>th</sup> July and 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Lowestoft Journal	15 <sup>th</sup> June, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June, 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 20 <sup>th</sup> July and 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

210. There was also a press release issued to newspapers and media outlets on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (see **Appendix 7.5** for press release notification) and articles were published following this which were posted online in East of England Energy Group, 4C Offshore, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles and Bungay Journal, Eastern Daily Press, East Anglian Daily Times, Coastal Scene and Ipswich Star and in

print in East Anglian Daily Times, Ipswich Star, Southwold Organ, Saxmundham News and Lowestoft Journal.

211. A mail drop was undertaken for all residents and businesses in post code areas IP15, IP16, IP17 and IP18 using Royal Mail Door-to-Door service. Delivery was made by Royal Mail between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018. Another mail drop was arranged for the town of Orford and this was completed Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 by a local distribution company. The mail drop included 13,500 letters to residential and business properties and comprised the Summary and Approach to Site Selection document, a flyer with locations and dates of the Phase 3 Public Information Days and a cover letter giving an update on the projects (shown in **Appendix 7.6**, **Appendix 7.7** and **Appendix 7.8**, respectively). These mail drops were designed to cover the onshore study area, key parish councils and potential substation zones and covered all hard to reach areas.
212. Flyers were also distributed at the following meetings in May: Knodishall Parish Council, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council and Friston Parish Council.
213. Details of the Public Information Day events have been shared on the following local Facebook community pages:
  - Ask about Great Yarmouth and Gorleston;
  - Lowestoft one hell of a town;
  - Leiston Events;
  - Knodishall Local History Group; and
  - Knodishall Methodist Church.
214. There were also a series of tweets advertising the Public Information Days on the ScottishPower Renewables Twitter page, @SPRenewables, with the first post relating to Phase 3 on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018.
215. The distribution of how attendees were notified of the Phase 3 Public Information Days is shown in **Plate 6.1**, based on feedback forms returned from the Public Information Days.

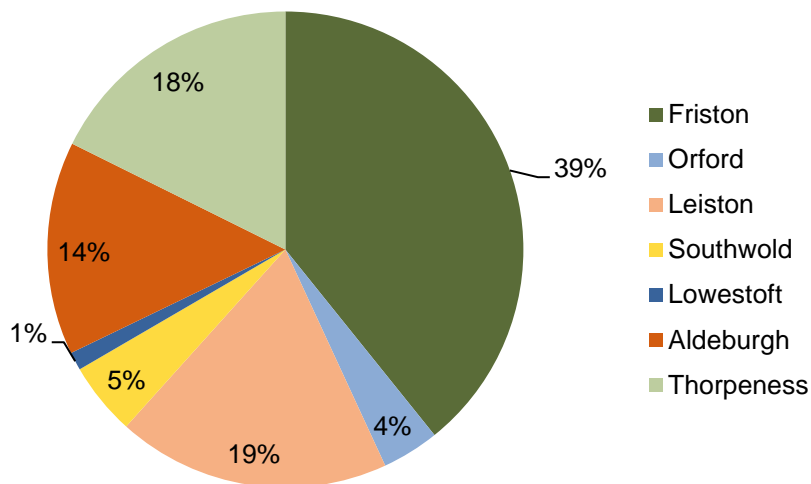


**Plate 6.1 How Attendees were Notified of Phase 3 Public Information Days, out of 175 Feedback Forms (\*Other includes written correspondence, previous meetings, local magazine)**

#### 6.2.2.4 Consultation Materials

216. The principal consultation materials used for the Phase 3 Public Information Days were the public exhibition boards. Twelve boards were displayed at all events and included information on the importance of offshore wind, the site selection process, cable route consideration and mitigation measures. The boards are presented in **Appendix 7.9**. The exhibition boards were also made available to download from the project websites.
217. Onshore substation and offshore photomontage booklets and offshore day and night visuals were made available at Public Information Days and on the project website (shown in **Appendix 7.10**, **Appendix 7.11**, **Appendix 7.12** and **Appendix 7.13**, respectively). The onshore substation photomontages showed the onshore substations and National Grid Substation at the Grove Wood site from various viewpoints. The offshore photomontages showed views from Lowestoft, Southwold, Sizewell Beach, Thorpeness, Aldeburgh and Orford Castle. The offshore day visuals were the same as Phase 2 but the night time visuals included views from Southwold, Felixstowe and Aldeburgh.
218. Two videos were shown at Phase 3 Public Information Days; one showing a fly-through of the East Anglia ONE onshore cable corridor (to illustrate the nature of cable construction) and one covering electrical engineering and technical topics.
219. In addition, the Indicative Onshore Development Area was available on the project website (see **Appendix 7.14**).

220. Over the 12 events there were 566 attendees. The distribution of the attendees is shown in **Plate 6.2**.



**Plate 6.2 Distribution of Attendees to Public Information Days**

#### 6.2.2.5 Feedback Forms

221. Feedback forms were made available at the Public Information Days as an effective method of obtaining the local community's views on the proposed East Anglia TWO project. These forms included mainly free comments style questions. A copy of the feedback form for Phase 3 is presented in **Appendix 7.15**.
222. The questions on the feedback forms at this phase were chosen based on the Indicative Onshore Development Area for onshore infrastructure and also on refinement of the cable corridor refined area of search.
223. All attendees were invited to complete a feedback form. A total of 175 feedback forms were received by the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
224. The Public Information Day Feedback Summary Document in **Appendix 7.16** contains details of all feedback received. Key feedback received from the Public Information Day feedback forms is also noted in **Appendix 7.17**.

#### 6.2.3 Project Website

225. On the ScottishPower Renewables website there was a specific webpage for the East Anglia TWO Phase 3 consultation. This included information on the locations and dates of the Public Information Days and was updated with Public Information Day materials and feedback form, and following the Public Information Days was updated with the Phase 3 Summary Report. This website also contained information about upcoming phases of consultation.



#### 6.2.4 Email and Postal Contact

226. Contact details for general enquiries on East Anglia TWO were made available during Phase 3 including:
- A website contact form to register interest in the project;
  - A project email address; and
  - Freepost address.
227. These details were made available on the feedback forms at Phase 3 Public Information Days, on the project website, within the SoCC and within the advert for the Phase 3 Public Information Days.
228. Following any enquiry from a member of the public, the Applicant endeavoured to respond fully to the consultee within one calendar month. All comments and information received was considered by the Applicant and recorded in a consultation database.
229. All stakeholders that had registered an interest in receiving information received emails with project updates including an email with information about the Phase 3 Public Information Days.

### 6.3 Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation

#### 6.3.1 Evidence Plan

230. During Phase 3 consultation there was one Steering Group meeting with the Planning Inspectorate, MMO and NE on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
231. This Steering Group meeting was to discuss project updates and an overview of the Expert Topic Group meetings to date.
232. There were no Evidence Plan Expert Topic Group meetings during Phase 3.

#### 6.3.2 Other Expert Topic Groups

233. There were three non-evidence plan onshore Expert Topic Group meetings in Phase 3 as shown in **Table 6.4**. The first Socio-economics and Tourism Expert Topic Group took place to agree on baseline data sources presented in the Method Statement and to agree the approach to assessment, potential impacts and study area. The other two meetings were to further agree assessment methodology and baseline data studies. Key agreements made in these meetings are summarised in **Appendix 7.17**.

**Table 6.4 Phase 3 Onshore Expert Topic Group Meetings**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	SCDC (now East Suffolk Council); Environment Agency, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Landfall and Coastal Processes Expert Topic Group Meeting 2
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	SCC; SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council); Norfolk County Council; Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership; The Suffolk Destination Management Organisation (DMO), SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Socio-economics and Tourism Expert Topic Group Meeting 1
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Highways England, SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV	Traffic and Transport Expert Topic Group Meeting 3

### 6.3.3 Other Stakeholder Consultations

234. Throughout the development of the project the Applicant has been conducting non-statutory consultation with stakeholders potentially affected by the project, as highlighted in **section 2.5.2**. This consultation is outlined in **Table 6.5** below with key feedback from these meetings highlighted in **Appendix 7.17**.

**Table 6.5 Other Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation Undertaken during Phase 3**

Consultation	Reason	Dates
Rijkswaterstaat (RWS) Consultation Meeting	Presentation and meeting with RWS giving updates to the projects and the programme, detailing specific transboundary issues with the opportunity for comments and questions to be raised and discussed.	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Parish Council Meetings (as shown in <b>section 6.2.1</b> )  Leiston Parish Council; Knodishall Parish Council; Friston Parish Council	Meetings to provide any project updates and to answer questions raised.	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Leiston briefing meeting) 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018 (Knodishall Parish Meeting) 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 (Leiston Parish Council Meeting; Friston Parish Briefing Meeting)
SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) Call	Call to discuss feedback from Friston Parish Council Meeting.	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Project co-ordination meetings with National Grid Ventures and National Grid Energy Transmission.	Meeting to discuss project updates.	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2018 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Presentation to Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB partnership	Presentation on project updates to Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership.	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2018

Consultation	Reason	Dates
MMO Meeting	Meetings held with MMO to discuss the projects and any updates.	6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
NE Meetings	Meetings to discuss projects including discussions around onshore and offshore issues, the latest evidence plan and seascape discussions.	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018
Local Planning Authority Progress Meetings, SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	Monthly meetings to discuss project updates, consultation and surveys.	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Suffolk Energy Projects Meeting with EDF Energy, National Grid Ventures, SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	Meeting to discuss project updates.	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Historic England (HE) Monthly Meetings	Meetings held with HE to discuss general updates to the project.	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Local Planning Authority Traffic and Transport Technical Meeting, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) and SCC	Meetings to discuss baseline studies, proposed access concepts and delivery routes and assessment methodology.	18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Meeting with Councillors from SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	Meetings were to introduce and discuss the projects with Councillors.	23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 (SCC Councillor Briefing) 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 (SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) Councillor Briefing)
Landowner Meeting held SPR and Dalcour Maclaren in attendance	Meeting with landowners to discuss the project and to answer any questions.	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Benhall and Sternfield Parish Council Meeting	Meeting to discuss the projects and traffic and transport.	6 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
EDF Energy/ SPR Traffic and Transport	Meetings to discuss and share traffic related information and work completed so far between SPR and EDF Energy projects	15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Update call with Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Update provided on projects.	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
EDF Energy Mitigation Land Meetings	Investigating the availability of the EDF Energy Reptile Mitigation Land for use by the Project.	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2018 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018

Consultation	Reason	Dates
Suffolk Preservation Society (SPS) Meeting	Meeting to present the projects to SPS and address any questions.	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018

### 6.3.4 Summary of Key Feedback and the Applicant's Response

235. A summary of all of the key feedback points raised during Phase 3 is provided in **Appendix 7.17**.

## 6.4 Landowner Consultation

236. The land agent and the Applicant held meetings with landowners during week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 to inform them of the publication of the Landfall, Onshore Cable Corridor, and Substation Refined Area of Search as well as the Indicative National Grid and Overhead Line Realignment Area. Feedback was invited on this refined area.
237. On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018, letters were sent to landowners in the wider Onshore Study Area with a Landowner Information Questionnaire and requesting a meeting to discuss access for non-intrusive surveys (see **Appendix 10.6**).
238. During weeks commencing the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 respectively, the land agent arranged meetings and door knocked several landowners in the Onshore Study Area following up on the letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.
239. Public Information Days were held between 28<sup>th</sup> June and the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at various locations in the surrounding areas of the Onshore Development Area. Any interactions with known landowners inside the Indicative Onshore Development Area were recorded and any requests for further private meetings with landowners were arranged during or following these dates.
240. Between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 meetings were held with some potentially affected landowners and their agent to ensure they were aware of the latest Phase 3 consultation and to review the Indicative Onshore Development Area.
241. Over the period of the Phase 3 consultation, landowners were asked to make any comments on the Indicative Onshore Development Area and any further comments on potential accesses to the Development Area to allow the Applicant to take into account any concerns raised.
242. Between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018, individual landowner meetings were held to record any comments on the Indicative Onshore Development Area as Phase 3 consultation ended and to make landowner's aware that a new phase of consultation (Phase 3.5) was about begin on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
243. A record of consultation with landowners is presented in **Appendix 10.1**.

## 7 Phase 3.5 Consultation

### 7.1 Introduction

244. This chapter describes the consultation undertaken during Phase 3.5 consultation. **Section 7.2** describes the statutory community consultation, **section 7.3** presents the non-statutory consultation undertaken and **section 7.4** presents landowner and statutory undertaker consultation. Notification following the outcome of Phase 3.5 consultation is covered in **section 7.5**.
245. As discussed in **section 3.5**, Phase 3.5 was an additional phase of consultation undertaken in response to Local Planning Authority, statutory and non-statutory stakeholder feedback, and followed the publication of the Updated SoCC.
246. The objectives of this phase of consultation were to consult upon an alternative substation location between Leiston and Sizewell known as Broom Covert, as well as the Grove Wood site at Friston. The alternative substation location would make use of land which is part of mitigation measures for the proposed Sizewell C power station. The Applicant therefore also consulted on alternative mitigation land areas which could be used for the Sizewell C development. Consultation was also undertaken with communities where traffic and transport modifications may be required. Options to ensure appropriate connection to the surface water drainage network were also consulted on.

### 7.2 Statutory Community Consultation

247. Phase 3.5 statutory community consultation began on the 29<sup>th</sup> September and finished on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, this was extended by two weeks from the original end date of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018, following feedback from Local Planning Authorities and residents. During this period, public and parish meetings were held, information was posted on the project website, and consultees were welcomed to provide feedback via the feedback forms or by email or postal contact.

#### 7.2.1 Public Meetings

##### 7.2.1.1 Summary

248. Between the 9<sup>th</sup> October and the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018, The Applicant held four public meetings to inform communities on project developments including the possible alternative substation location (Broom Covert, Sizewell site), refinement of the proposed area required for the national electricity grid connection and information of the proposed improvements to parts of the wider road network. These public meetings formed the third stage of the Applicant's statutory community consultation, as set out in the Updated SoCC.

### 7.2.1.2 Locations and Dates

249. The locations and dates of the Phase 3.5 public meetings are shown in **Table 7.1**. These meeting locations were selected as they were inclusive of the parishes that were the options for the proposed siting of the substation (Leiston and Friston) and neighbouring parish Knodishall, as well as the parish location of the landfall site, Thorpeness.

**Table 7.1 Locations and Dates of Phase 3.5 Public Meetings**

Venue	Date	Time
<b>Leiston</b> Sizewell Sports and Social Hall, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	7.30pm
<b>Friston</b> Friston Village Hall, Friston, IP17 1PX	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	7.30pm
<b>Knodishall</b> Knodishall Village Hall, School Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1UD	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	6.30pm
<b>Thorpeness</b> Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, Thorpeness, IP16 4NU	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	6.30pm

### 7.2.1.3 Notification of Public Meetings

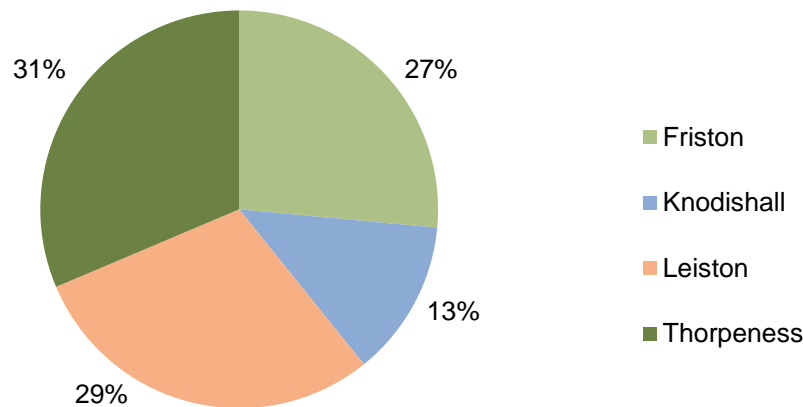
250. There was a press release issued to newspapers and media outlets on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (see **Appendix 8.1** for press release notification<sup>5</sup>) and articles were published following this which were posted online in Suffolk Wire, East Anglian Daily Times, 4C Offshore, Friston Parish Council – One Suffolk, Eastern Daily Press, Beccles and Bungay Journal and Lowestoft Journal and in print in Southwold Gazette, Leiston Observer and Saxmundham News.

251. A mail drop was undertaken for all post codes beginning IP15, IP16, IP17 and IP18 using Royal Mail Door-to Door service between 24<sup>th</sup> September and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018. An additional distribution was undertaken on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September by Flyerpress to the town of Orford, and the villages Marlesford and Little Glemham, as these areas fall outside the abovementioned postcodes but are within the area of search for road modifications. These maildrops were designed to cover the onshore development area, key parish councils and potential substation zones and covered all hard to reach areas. The maildrop covered over 16,500 letters to residential and business properties and consisted of a branded SPR envelope, a cover letter, Phase 3.5 Consultation Information leaflet and a feedback form (shown in **Appendix 8.2**, **Appendix 8.3**, **Appendix 8.4** and **Appendix 8.5**, respectively).

<sup>5</sup> Please note, the date on press release is incorrectly stated as 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018.



252. There was an approximate total of 510 attendees over the four events, distributed as shown in **Plate 7.1**.



**Plate 7.1 Distribution of Attendees at Public Meetings (as counted at the events)**

#### 7.2.1.4 Consultation Materials

253. This phase of consultation was delivered as a presentation, with a PowerPoint presentation explaining the reasons behind Phase 3.5 and why an alternative location was considered. The presentation also provided a summary of the Red, Amber, Green (RAG) assessment undertaken for both sites, the requirements for alternative land for Sizewell C's ecological mitigation, information on access, broad landscaping and drainage plans, refinement of area required for the national electricity grid connection and information on the proposed improvements to parts of the wider local road network. The presentation was available on the project website and is shown in **Appendix 8.6**.
254. Additional Phase 3.5 consultation leaflets and feedback forms were available at the events. There was also traffic and transport factsheet available to take away (shown in **Appendix 8.7**).
255. Other materials made available on the project website at Phase 3.5 included Substation Photomontages (both of Grove Wood, Friston and Broom Covert, Sizewell), Landfall Factsheet, Substation Factsheet, Substation Site Selection Update Presentation (RAG Assessment process explanation presented at Phase 3 but available online at Phase 3.5), Summary of RAG Methodology, Broom Covert Sizewell and Grove Wood Friston RAG Assessment Summary and National Grid CION Process Connection Assessment Note (**Appendix 8.8, Appendix 8.9, Appendix 8.10, Appendix 8.11, Appendix 8.12, Appendix 8.13, Appendix 8.14** and **Appendix 8.15**, respectively).



#### 7.2.1.5 Feedback Forms

256. Feedback forms were sent in a mail drop (detailed in **section 7.2.1.3**) and were made available at the public meetings. These forms were all free comment style questions. A copy of the feedback form is shown in **Appendix 8.5**.
257. The questions on the feedback forms were chosen based on the objectives of this phase of consultation to consult upon both Grove Wood and Broom Covert substation sites and traffic and transportation matters.
258. A total of 392 feedback forms were received. Key feedback received from the Public Information Day feedback forms is noted in **Appendix 8.19**.

#### 7.2.2 Parish Meetings

259. There were several meetings with Parish and Town Councils in order to provide information on the projects and to answer questions. The aim of the meetings was to provide information to Parish Councils that they could then pass on to members of the public. There was also a meeting with the Sizewell Residents Association. The meetings that occurred for Phase 3.5 are shown in **Table 7.2** below:

**Table 7.2 Parish Meetings**

Date	Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2018	Aldeburgh Town Council and Sizewell Residents Association Meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Snape Parish Council Meeting

#### 7.2.3 Project Website

260. A specific webpage for the East Anglia TWO project's Phase 3.5 consultation was available on the Applicant's website. This included information on the locations and dates of the public meetings and was updated with the feedback form and the consultation materials described in **section 7.2.1.4**. This website also contained information about upcoming phases of consultation.

#### 7.2.4 Email and Postal Contact

261. Contact details for general enquiries on the East Anglia TWO project were made available during Phase 3.5 including:
- A website contact form to register interest in the project;
  - A project email address; and

- Freepost address.
262. These details were made available in the feedback forms, on the project website, Phase 3.5 consultation Information and cover letter (sent in the mail drop).
263. Following receipt of any enquiry from a member of the public, the Applicant endeavoured to respond fully to the consultee within one calendar month. All comments and information received was considered by the Applicant and recorded in a consultation database.
264. All stakeholders that had registered an interest in receiving information received emails with project updates including an email with information about the Phase 3.5 Public Meetings.

## 7.3 Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation

### 7.3.1 Evidence Plan

265. During Phase 3.5 there were no Steering Group or Expert Topic Group meetings.

### 7.3.2 Other Expert Topic Groups

266. There were two non-evidence plan, onshore Expert Topic Groups during Phase 3.5, as shown in **Table 7.3**. The aims of these Expert Topic Groups were to feedback project updates, provide information on the PEIR assessment and to discuss proposed mitigation measures. Key agreements made in these meetings are summarised in **Appendix 8.19**.

**Table 7.3 Phase 3.5 Onshore Expert Topic Group Meetings**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), NE, Environment Agency, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, RSPB SPR, Royal HaskoningDHV and MacArthur Green	Onshore Ecology and Ornithology Expert Topic Group 3
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Environment Agency, Water Level Management Alliance, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Water Resources and Flood Risk Expert Topic Group 2

### 7.3.3 Other Stakeholder Consultations

267. Throughout the development of the project the Applicant has been conducting non-statutory consultation with stakeholders potentially affected by the project, as highlighted in **section 2.5.2**. The consultation is outlined in **Table 7.4** below with key feedback from these meetings highlighted in **Appendix 8.19**.

**Table 7.4 Other Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation Undertaken during Phase 3.5**

Consultation	Reason	Dates
Project co-ordination meetings with National Grid Ventures and National Grid Energy Transmission.	Meeting to discuss project updates.	4 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Innogy Galloper Meeting	Overview and background to Phase 3.5 consultation and discussion regarding the potential Broom Covert, Sizewell site.	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Suffolk Energy Projects Meeting with EDF Energy, National Grid Ventures, SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	Meeting to discuss project updates.	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
NE Meeting	Onshore and offshore project updates, and notification of upcoming Expert Topic Groups.	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
EDF Energy Land Mitigation Meetings	Investigating the availability of the EDF Energy Reptile Mitigation Land for use by the Project.	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018
Local Planning Authority Monthly Meetings  SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	Onshore and offshore project updates and discussion of upcoming stakeholder consultation. DCO Workshop – discussion regarding progress of the DCO.	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 (DCO Workshop)
Parish Council Meetings (as shown in <b>section 7.2.2</b> )  Aldeburgh Town Council and Sizewell Residents Association; Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council; and Snape Parish Council.	Meetings briefing parish councils and community groups about substation site selection decision.	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (Aldeburgh Town Council and Sizewell Residents Association Meeting) 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 (Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council Meeting) 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 (Snape Parish Council Meeting)
Historic England Meeting	Background on Phase 3.5 provided including details on site selection criteria and consultation updates. Discussion of key issues such as potential heritage assets for consideration.	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Commercial Fisheries Working Group (CFWG)	Project update meeting with offshore and onshore updates and programme updates.	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Rijkswaterstaat (RWS) Conference Call	A conference call with RWS was held where Royal HaskoningDHV presented information on the two projects. Royal HaskoningDHV ornithology, marine mammals and shipping specialists provided information on	26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018

Consultation	Reason	Dates
	how the assessment had been carried out with particular reference to transboundary issues. RWS specialists contributed with relevant info from their perspective.	
Meeting with member of the National Federation of Fisherman's Organisation	Meeting to detail project descriptions and the DCO timeline.	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2018

### 7.3.4 Summary of Key Feedback and the Applicant's Response

268. A summary of all of the key feedback points raised during Phase 3.5 is provided in **Appendix 8.19**.

## 7.4 Landowner Consultation

269. Between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, key landowners/agents were met to discuss and provide feedback on Phase 3.5 consultation and to give timescales for when Phase 3.5 consultation would be concluded and the final site selection made.
270. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018, a further meeting was held with a potentially affected landowner to discuss the Phase 3.5 consultation and how this current proposal may affect their land interests and to provide feedback to the Applicant on the substation site selection.
271. On 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 882 land interest questionnaires (LIQs) were sent to 571 parties who, through a title interrogation exercise, had been identified as holding an interest in land which may be directly or indirectly affected by the project. Subsequent LIQs were sent to any new land interests identified through the completed LIQs. Numerous queries from LIQ recipients were responded to. The cover letter, LIQ and follow up letters are shown in **Appendix 10.7**.
272. Between 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 notices were put up around the area, on or as close to the location of the unregistered parcel to attempt to identify anyone with an interest in an unregistered parcel that might be affected by the Projects. Each notice was checked once every week following erection to check if it required replacement if damaged or removed. A record was kept of each visit and recorded by photograph each time. An example notice and plan of the unregistered notice locations is shown in **Appendix 10.8**.

## 7.5 Outcome of Phase 3.5 Consultation

273. Following consideration of feedback from members of the public, local interest groups and statutory stakeholders it was decided that the Grove Wood, Friston site offers on balance the most appropriate option for substation development, and therefore was taken forward to Phase 4 consultation, which included consultation on the PEIR (see **Chapter 8** for Phase 4 consultation). This was due to concerns raised regarding proposed substation impacts on the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB, concerns relating to the interaction between Broom Covert, Sizewell site with internationally and nationally designated nature conservation sites, including drainage implications in relation to the Sizewell Marshes nationally protected Site of Special Scientific Interest. The decision was explained in further detail in the Phase 3.5 Decision Summary which can be found in **Appendix 8.18**.
274. The Applicant communicated the substation site selection decision via a number of avenues as outlined in **section 7.5.1** below.

### 7.5.1 Notification of the Phase 3.5 Decision

#### 7.5.1.1 Press Release and Interview

275. The Applicant issued a press release on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (see **Appendix 8.16** for press release notification) which was broadcast on BBC Radio Suffolk, BBC Look East and BBC Radio Suffolk, online by East Anglian Daily Times, BBC, Orbis Energy, EEEGR, 4C Offshore and published in the East Anglian Daily Times. There was also an interview on BBC Look East with a representative from ScottishPower Renewables.

#### 7.5.1.2 Project Website

276. A Phase 3.5 Decision Summary document explaining the decision was posted on the project website on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and is shown in **Appendix 8.18**.
277. Contact details for general enquiries on East Anglia TWO were available on the project website and within the Phase 3.5 Decision Summary.

#### 7.5.1.3 Email and Telephone Contact

278. Stakeholders who had registered an interest in receiving information on the project were sent an email with the Phase 3.5 decision announcement (**Appendix 8.18**) and information on the forthcoming Phase 4 Public Information Days.
279. There were also decision announcement follow up calls with members of local interest groups and statutory stakeholders.

#### 7.5.1.4 Parish Meetings

280. Meetings with parish councils and community groups were held to explain the Phase 3.5 decision and to provide the opportunity for questions, as shown in **Table 7.5** below.

**Table 7.5 Parish and Community Group Meetings**

Date	Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, Sizewell Residents Association, Save our Sandlings Phase 3.5 Decision Briefing Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Friston Parish Council and SASES Phase 3.5 Decision Briefing Meeting

281. At these meetings there was a presentation which can be found in **Appendix 8.17**.

#### 7.5.1.5 Other Stakeholder Meetings

282. Stakeholders were briefed on the Phase 3.5 decision at stakeholder meetings during December 2018, and there was a DCO workshop held with the Local Planning Authority, as shown in **Table 7.6** below.

**Table 7.6 Other Stakeholder Consultation (Post Phase 3.5 Outcome)**

Consultation	Reason	Dates
Local Planning Authority Monthly Meetings (with SCC and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council))	Meeting to brief the Local Planning Authorities on the Phase 3.5 decision.	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2018 (Phase 3.5 decision briefing)
NE Meeting	Onshore updates including Phase 3.5 decision, offshore project updates and notification of upcoming Expert Topic Groups.	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Historic England Meeting	Onshore updates including Phase 3.5 decision, offshore project updates and notification of upcoming Expert Topic Groups.	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Parish Council Meetings (as shown in <b>section 7.5.1.4</b> )  Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, Sizewell Residents Association and Save our Sandlings;  Friston Parish Council and SASES	There were two meetings briefing parish councils and community groups about the Phase 3.5 decision.	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Leiston Town Council, Sizewell Residents Association and Save our Sandlings) 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Friston Parish Council and SASES Meeting)

### **7.5.2 Landowner Consultation after Phase 3.5 Decision**

283. On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 meetings were held with several landowners to advise them of the outcomes of the Phase 3.5 consultation period. A similar meeting was held with agents representing a number of landowners with the intention that the agents would inform their clients accordingly.



## 8 Phase 4 Consultation

### 8.1 Introduction

284. This chapter describes the consultation undertaken during Phase 4 consultation.

**Section 8.2** describes the statutory stakeholder consultation, **section 8.3** presents the statutory community consultation, **section 8.4** presents the non-statutory stakeholder consultation and **section 8.5** presents landowner and statutory undertaker consultation.

285. The main objective of Phase 4 Consultation was to consult upon the PEIR for the project. This included details of the preliminary environmental assessment findings, a description of the proposals and baseline environmental information collected (to date). The PEIR identified the potential impacts of East Anglia TWO including cumulative impacts as relevant, and where necessary has identified possible mitigation measures to reduce, prevent or offset these. The PEIR was consulted upon directly with statutory consultees and prescribed consultation bodies, Local Planning Authorities and persons with an interest in the land. The Applicant also consulted with local communities, the wider public and other organisations on the PEIR.

286. Prior to publishing the PEIR, in preparation for section 42 consultation, there were some Expert Topic Group meetings (both offshore and onshore) and one Landscape Mitigation Plan meeting to provide key stakeholders with an early view of information presented within the PEIR and Landscape Mitigation Plan.

### 8.2 Statutory Stakeholder Consultation

#### 8.2.1 Section 42 Consultation

##### 8.2.1.1 Summary

287. The Section 42 consultation period ran from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 until midnight on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Section 42 consultation ran parallel to consultation under Section 47 and Section 48 of the Planning Act.

##### 8.2.1.2 Section 42 Consultation Requirements

288. Section 42 of the Planning Act requires the Applicant to consult with the following:

- Prescribed consultees (i.e. those persons listed in Schedule 1 to the APFP Regulations)
- The MMO
- The Local Planning Authorities set out within Section 43; and

- Landowners and those with an interest in the land and fall within the categories specified in Section 44.

### 8.2.1.3 Identification of Section 42 Consultees

#### Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations

289. Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations contains a list of prescribed organisations to be consulted. This is a list of consultees provided by the Planning Inspectorate to the Applicant under Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations which includes the prescribed consultees, the relevant Local Planning Authorities and those persons considered to be, or likely to be, affected by, or to have an interest in the proposed development but unlikely to become aware of the project through the DCO pre-application process. All consultees in this list were consulted by the Applicant. The full list of prescribed consultees is presented in **Appendix 9.1**.

#### Local Planning Authorities

290. Local Planning Authorities as defined under Section 42 (1)(b) are shown in **Table 8.1** below, as well as presented in **Appendix 9.1**.

**Table 8.1 Local Planning Authorities as Defined Under Section 42 (1)(b)**

Local Planning Authority	Local Planning Authority Category	Description
East Suffolk Council (previously Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils)	B	Lower-tier district council in which the development is situated.
Babergh District Council	A	Lower-tier district council which shares a boundary with category B authority.
Mid Suffolk District Council	A	Lower-tier district council which shares a boundary with category B authority.
Ipswich District Council	A	Lower-tier district council which shares a boundary with category B authority.
The Broads Authority	A	The Broads Authority which shares a boundary with category B authority.
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	A	Lower-tier district council which shares a boundary with category B authority. (Following combination of Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council to be East Suffolk District Council on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019 the boundary of the category B authority increased and Great Yarmouth Borough Council and South Norfolk Council became category A authorities)
South Norfolk Council	A	Lower-tier district council which shares a boundary with category B authority. (Following combination of Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District

Local Planning Authority	Local Planning Authority Category	Description
		Council to be East Suffolk District Council on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019 the boundary of the category B authority increased and Great Yarmouth Borough Council and South Norfolk Council became category A authorities)
Suffolk County Council	C	Upper-tier county council in which the development is situated.
Cambridgeshire County Council	D	Upper-tier county council which shares a boundary with the host C authority.
Norfolk County Council	D	Upper-tier county council which shares a boundary with the host C authority.
Essex County Council	D	Upper-tier county council which shares a boundary with the host C authority.

### Additional Parties Consulted under Section 42

291. In addition to the prescribed bodies and Local Planning Authorities, it was the Applicant's decision to consult with the following stakeholders under Section 42: non-prescribed consultation bodies, stakeholders consulted during scoping (but not in Regulation 11 list provided by the Planning Inspectorate), transboundary consultees, consultees for the Navigation Risk Assessment, asset owners (cable crossings), fishing consultees and members of the local fishing fleet. The full list is shown in **Appendix 9.1**.

### Persons with an Interest in the Land under Section 44

292. The Applicant consulted with all parties having an interest in land within the PEIR boundary (as shown in Figure 6.2 of the PEIR) as well as to parties with interests in land on the periphery of this boundary.

### Other Organisations

293. The consultation pack was sent to the organisations shown in **Table 8.2** to be made available for public viewing. The table also includes locations where materials were deposited in hard copy as per the requirements under Section 48.

**Table 8.2 Organisations Sent Consultation Pack (\*Denotes Location Stated in Section 48 Notices).**

Organisation	Date delivered
Aldeburgh Library*	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
Woodbridge Library*	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council*	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
SCC*	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
Orbis*	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
Knodishall Parish Council	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Friston Parish Council	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Aldeburgh Town Council	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Aldringham cum Thorpe Parish Council	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
SCDC (now East Suffolk Council)	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019

294. At these locations Volume 1 (chapters) and Volume 2 (figures) of the PEIR and the Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment were issued as hard copies to be available for public viewing, as per the requirements under Section 48.

#### 8.2.1.4 Issuing the PEIR

295. On the 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 all consultees identified under Section 42 (as shown in **Appendix 9.1**) (with the exception of South Norfolk Council, described below) were notified of the start of statutory pre-application consultation via a written notification. This included:

- A covering letter with the background to the proposed East Anglia TWO project;
- A USB containing a copy of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Non-Technical Summary and Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment;
- A hard copy of the notice published under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as required by Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017); and
- A hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary.

296. The covering letter included details on how consultation responses should be made and a deadline of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (55 and 57 days in total), which is longer than the statutory minimum of 28 days. An example of the covering letter which accompanied the distribution of the PEIR is provided in **Appendix 9.2**.

297. At the time of issuing the PEIR to Section 42 consultees East Suffolk Council was two separate councils: Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council,

therefore Great Yarmouth Borough Council and South Norfolk Council were not listed as Category A authorities until East Suffolk Council was created on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. Great Yarmouth Borough Council was sent the PEIR on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as they were listed as a 'non-prescribed consultation body' at the time. South Norfolk Council were sent the PEIR following the creation of East Suffolk Council and they received this on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019. South Norfolk Council were given until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 to respond (44 days). The covering letter sent to South Norfolk Council is shown in **Appendix 9.2**.

298. On 28th January 2019, Section 42 notices were sent to all parties having an interest in land within the PEIR boundary (as shown in Figure 6.2 of the PEIR) as well as to parties with interests in land on the periphery of this boundary where it was deemed the project may have a compensatable impact (shown in **Appendix 10.10**). Information included:

- Electronic copies of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Non-Technical Summary and Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment were issued in conjunction with these notices in the form of USB sticks; and
- A hard copy of the notice published under Section 48 of the Planning Act was also attached (as shown in **Appendix 10.10**).

299. Prior to notifying Section 42 consultees, on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019, the Secretary of State was notified of the start of statutory pre-application consultation via written notification including:

- A notice to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (see **Appendix 9.3**);
- A hard copy of the template Section 42 cover letters to be issued to consultees (this included two forms of the letter: the letter sent to person identified for the purposes of Section 44 of the Planning Act, **Appendix 10.10** and letters sent to all other statutory consultees, **Appendix 9.2**);
- A USB containing a copy of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Non-Technical Summary and Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment;
- A hard copy of the notice published under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008; and
- A hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary.

300. Printed copies of Volume 1 (chapters) and Volume 2 (figures) of the PEIR, together with printed copies of the Non-Technical Summary and the Habitat

Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment were made available to be inspected free of charge from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 until 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the locations and times shown in **Table 8.3**. A printed copy of Volume 3 (appendices) was placed at Aldeburgh Library, and USB flash drives containing the entire PEIR content as set out above were made available at all locations.

**Table 8.3 Locations the PEIR was Available to View in Printed Format (\*Venues Advertised in the Section 48 Notice, All Other Venues were Additional and were Advertised Online)**

Venue	Opening Hours
<b>Leiston Town Council*</b> Council Offices Main Street Leiston Suffolk IP16 4ER	Monday: 0900 – 1230, 1400 - 1645 Tuesday: 0900 – 1230, 1400 - 1645 Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 0900 – 1230 Friday: 0900 – 1230 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
<b>Aldeburgh Library*</b> 32 Victoria Road Aldeburgh Suffolk IP15 5EG	Monday: 0900 – 1300 Tuesday: 0900 – 1300 Wednesday: 0900 – 1300, 1500 – 1800 Thursday: 0900 – 1300 Friday: 0900 – 1300 Saturday: 1000 – 1230, 1300 – 1530 Sunday: 1000 – 1230, 1300 – 1530
<b>Woodbridge Library*</b> New Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1DT	Monday: 1000 – 1600 Tuesday: 0930 – 1930 Wednesday: 0900 – 1730 Thursday: 0900 – 1730 Friday: 0900 – 1930 Saturday: 0900 – 1700 Sunday: 1000 – 1600
<b>Suffolk County Council*</b> Endeavour House 8 Russell Road Ipswich Suffolk IP1 2BX	Monday: 0900 – 1700 Tuesday: 0900 – 1700 Wednesday: 0900 – 1700 Thursday: 0900 – 1700 Friday: 0900 – 1700 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
<b>Orbis Energy Centre*</b> Orbis Energy Centre Wilde St Lowestoft NR32 1XH	Monday: 0830 – 1700 Tuesday: 0830 – 1700 Wednesday: 0830 – 1700 Thursday: 0830 – 1700 Friday: 0830 – 1700 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
<b>Suffolk Coastal District Council</b> East Suffolk House Station Road Melton Woodbridge IP12 1RT	Monday: 0900 – 1700 Tuesday: 0900 – 1700 Wednesday: 0900 – 1700 Thursday: 0900 – 1700 Friday: 0900 – 1700 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed

Venue	Opening Hours
<b>Aldeburgh Town Council</b> Moot Hall Market Cross Place, Aldeburgh IP15 5DS	Monday: 0930 – 1200 Tuesday: 0930 – 1200 Wednesday: 0930 – 1200 Thursday: Closed Friday: 0930 – 1200 Saturday: Closed Sunday: Closed
<b>Friston Parish Council</b> Friston Village Hall Church Road Friston Saxmundham IP17 1PU	Available when the hall was open.
With the Parish Chair, <b>Knodishall Parish Council</b> The Bungalow School Road Knodishall Saxmundham Suffolk IP17 1UD	Contact Parish Chair to organise access.
With the Parish Clerk <b>Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council</b> Tyn Rhyl, Aldeburgh Road, Aldringham, Leiston, Suffolk IP16 4PR	Contact Parish Clerk to organise access.

301. A printed copy of the PEIR, including Volume 3 (appendices), was also available to view at each of the Public Information Days, as described in **section 8.3.1**.

302. The PEIR including the Non-Technical Summary and Guidance Document, Volume 1: Chapters, Volume 2 Figures, Volume 3 Appendices and the Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment was also available to view online on the East Anglia TWO Phase 4 consultation page of the ScottishPower Renewables website from the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (see **section 8.3.3** for more information).

## 8.2.2 Section 48 Publicity Notices

303. The Applicant publicised the proposed application in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act and Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations. The Section 48 notification included details on where and when the PEIR would be available to view as well as details of Public Information Days and provided a deadline for responses.



The notification was published in the newspapers as shown in **Table 8.4**. Evidence of the Section 48 notification in the newspapers is shown in **Appendix 9.4**.

**Table 8.4 Newspapers and Dates of Section 48 Notifications**

Newspaper	Date of Advert
East Anglian Daily Times	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019, 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Lloyd's List	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
The Times	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
The Gazette	28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Fishing News	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2019

### 8.3 Statutory Community Consultation

304. Phase 4 statutory community consultation began on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and finished on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. During this period, Public Information Days were held, there was a parish meeting and community group meetings, information was posted on the project website and consultees were welcomed to provide feedback via email or postal contact.

#### 8.3.1 Public Information Days

##### 8.3.1.1 Summary

305. Between 16<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Applicant held 13 Public Information Days throughout Suffolk. These formed the final phase of statutory community consultation as set out in the Updated SoCC (see **Chapter 3**). These Public Information Days were held to communicate the findings of the PEIR and the proposed project details.

##### 8.3.1.2 Locations and Dates

306. The locations and dates of the Phase 4 Public Information Days are shown in **Table 8.5**. There were repeat events in five locations in order to capture a wider number and range of people by including daytime and evening events as well as weekday and weekend events.

**Table 8.5 Locations and Dates of Phase 4 Public Information Days**

Venue	Date	Time
<b>Friston</b> Friston Village Hall, Friston, IP17 1PU	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	10am-4pm
<b>Aldeburgh</b> Aldeburgh Church Hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5EA	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Leiston</b> Sizewell Sports and Social Hall, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Orford</b> Town Hall, Market Hill, Orford, Woodbridge, IP12 2NZ	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Knodishall</b> Knodishall Village Hall, School Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1UD	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Thorpeness</b> Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, Thorpeness, IP16 4NU	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2019	10am-4pm
<b>Southwold</b> Stella Peskett Hall, Rights Road, Southwold, IP18 6BE	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Friston</b> Friston Village Hall, Friston, IP17 1PU	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Thorpeness</b> Thorpeness Country Club, The Benthills, Thorpeness, IP16 4NU	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Aldeburgh</b> Aldeburgh Church Hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh, IP15 5EA	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Knodishall</b> Knodishall Village Hall, School Road, Saxmundham, IP17 1UD	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	10am-4pm
<b>Southwold</b> Stella Peskett Hall, Rights Road, Southwold, IP18 6BE	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	2pm-7pm
<b>Leiston</b> Sizewell Sports and Social Hall, King Georges Avenue, Leiston, IP16 4JX	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	10am-4pm

### 8.3.1.3 Notification of Public Information Days

307. In addition to the newspaper notices as discussed in **section 8.2.2** the Public Information Days were advertised via a poster (**Appendix 9.5**), which was placed on display in various local places during week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 as shown

in **Appendix 9.6**. Details of the Public Information Days and copies of the poster were also emailed to Town and Parish Councils and libraries for display (see **Appendix 9.7** for list of recipients).

308. There was a press release on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (see **Appendix 9.8** for press release notification), and articles advertising the upcoming events were posted online for East Anglian Daily Times, Eastern Daily Press, Lowestoft Journal, Icen Post, 4C Offshore, OffshoreWind.Biz and the Royal Yacht Association; and in print in the East Anglian Daily Times, Ipswich Star, East Suffolk Extra and Aldeburgh Gazette.

309. A mail drop was undertaken for all residents and businesses in post code areas IP15, IP16, IP17 and IP18 using Royal Mail Door-to-Door service. Delivery was made by Royal Mail week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019, up until and including 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. Another mail drop was arranged for Orford, Marlesford and Little Glemham and this was completed 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 by a local distribution company. The mail drop included around 16,500 letters to residential and business properties and included a letter informing of the beginning of Phase 4 consultation and included details of where the PEIR was available to view, locations, dates and times of the Public Information Days and how respond to consultation (the maildrop letter and the branded envelope is provided in **Appendix 9.9**). These mail drops were also designed to cover the onshore study area, key parish councils and the proposed substation zone and covered hard to reach areas.

310. There was an email distributed to registered contacts, those who had expressed an interest (those who had engaged in the project during previous phases of consultation) and key stakeholders, which included details of the Phase 4 Public Information Days.

311. The Public Information Day dates were also advertised on the Applicant's website from 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

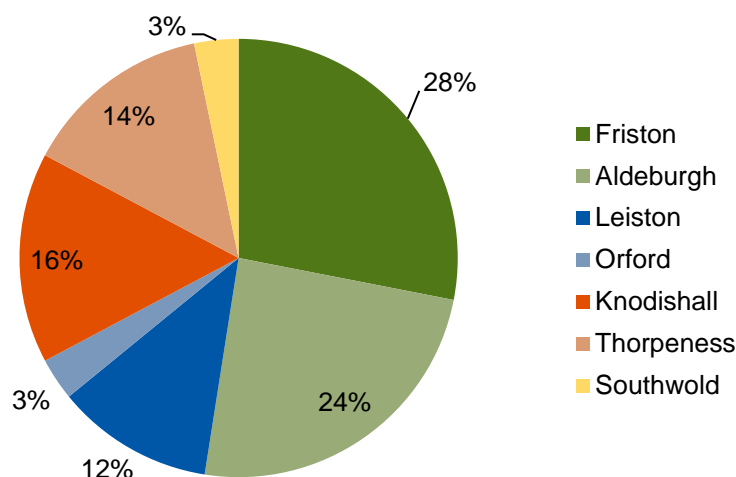
312. There was an advert on the ScottishPower Renewables Facebook page from 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 with details of the Public Information Days. There were also a series of tweets advertising the Public Information Days posted on the ScottishPower Renewables Twitter page, @SPRenwables.

#### 8.3.1.4 Consultation Materials

313. Public exhibition boards were the principal consultation materials used during the Phase 4 Public Information Days. Thirteen boards were displayed at all events which detailed the proposed development, potential impacts on human and environmental receptors, details of mitigation measures and cumulative impacts. The boards are

presented in **Appendix 9.10**. The exhibition boards were also made available to download from the project website.

314. In addition to the boards, there was an Onshore Substation Site Selection Presentation available on a TV screen (shown in **Appendix 9.11**) and three videos on a second TV screen about ScottishPower Renewables, a fly through of the cable route and one about electrical infrastructure. There were also two A0 maps of the Proposed Onshore Development Area, showing the indicative onshore cable corridor study area (see **Appendix 9.12**). A 3D model of the onshore infrastructure was displayed on a PC screen, project team members oversaw this and enabled attendees to zoom in on the screen over a 3D recreation of the cable route.
315. Other consultation materials included the East Angle newsletter (Autumn/ Winter 2018) (see **Appendix 9.13**), Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR (see **Appendix 9.14**) and copies of two A3 maps, one with Proposed Grove Wood, Friston Access Route and one of the Onshore Substation Indicative Landscape Mitigation Plan (see **Appendix 9.15**). USB sticks with copies of the PEIR were available if requested, along with a Guide to Navigating the PEIR document (see **Appendix 9.16**).
316. The PEIR was displayed in hard copy which comprised of around 15 lever arch files, including all appendices and figures. Project team members also carried electronic versions of the PEIR on iPads, in order to access information quickly and easily.
317. In addition, a feedback flyer and freepost envelope were available with details of how to respond to Phase 4 consultation (see **Appendix 9.17** for feedback flyer and envelope).
318. Over the 13 events there were 766 attendees. The distribution of the attendees is shown in **Plate 8.1**.



**Plate 8.1 Distribution of Attendees to Public Information Days**

#### 8.3.1.5 Feedback

319. The feedback flyer available at the Public Information Days included details on how to respond to the consultation. This gave the opportunity to provide open feedback on the proposals and the PEIR. The Phase 4 Feedback Summary is provided in **Appendix 9.18**. Key responses are also recorded in **Appendix 9.19**.

#### 8.3.2 Parish Council and Community Group Meetings

320. During Phase 4 there were meetings with the Parish Council and Community Groups shown in **Table 8.6**. These meetings provided key information from the PEIR and project updates with the opportunity for meeting attendees to discuss any questions or concerns.

**Table 8.6 Parish and Community Group Meetings**

Date	Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019	Save our Sandlings Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Thorpeness Residents Meeting
8th March 2019	Snape Parish Council Meeting

#### 8.3.3 Project Website

321. On the ScottishPower Renewables website there was a specific webpage for the East Anglia TWO Phase 4 consultation. This included information on the locations and dates of the Public Information Days and was updated with Public Information Day materials. The following documents were available on the website: the Non-Technical Summary and Guidance Document, Volume 1: Chapters, Volume 2 Figures, Volume 3 Appendices and the Habitat Regulations Assessment: Draft

Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment. Alongside this was a Guide to Navigating the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and the Signposting Document. Locations and times of where the PEIR and supporting documentation was available to view was also shown.

### 8.3.4 Email and Postal Contact

322. Contact details for general enquiries on East Anglia TWO were made available during Phase 4 including:

- A website contact form to register interest in the project;
- A project email address; and
- Freepost address.

323. These details were made available on the feedback flyer at Phase 4 Public Information Days, on the project website and within the advert for the Phase 4 Public Information Days.

324. Following any enquiry from a member of the public, the Applicant endeavoured to respond fully to the consultee within one calendar month. All comments and information received was considered by the Applicant and recorded in a consultation database.

325. All stakeholders that had registered an interest in receiving information received emails with project updates including an email with information about the Phase 4 Public Information Days.

## 8.4 Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation

### 8.4.1 Evidence Plan

326. There were two Expert Topic Group meetings held at Phase 4, as shown in **Table 8.7**.

**Table 8.7 Phase 4 Expert Topic Group Meetings**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	TWT, NE, MMO, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Marine Mammals Expert Topic Group 3
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	NE, RSPB, MacArthur Green, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Offshore Ornithology Expert Topic Group 3

327. Both meetings had the purpose to review previous agreements and to outline the proposed PEIR submission (specifically the Marine Mammals and Offshore Ornithology chapters). Key agreements made at these meetings are recorded in **Appendix 9.19**.

#### 8.4.2 Other Expert Topic Groups

328. There were several non-evidence plan onshore Expert Topic Group meetings as shown in **Table 8.8**. These meetings were to provide key updates, discuss consultation, project design developments and to update on the individual assessments undertaken for the relevant topic. Key agreements made in these meetings are summarised in **Appendix 9.19**.

**Table 8.8 Phase 4 Onshore Expert Topic Group Meetings**

Meeting date	Attendees	Topic
21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	Highways England, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SCC, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Traffic and Transport Expert Topic Group 3
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	Historic England, Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), SCC, Headland Archaeology, Suffolk Presentation Society, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Expert Topic Group 2
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), SCC, Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership, Snape Maltings (representing the Suffolk Coast DMO), SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Socio-Economics and Tourism Expert Topic Group 2
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council), Norfolk County Council, OPEN, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and Seascape Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Expert Topic Group 2
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	NE, SCC, SWT, RSPB, SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Onshore Ecology and Ornithology Expert Topic Group 3
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	East Suffolk Council, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SPR, Royal HaskoningDHV.	Air Quality Expert Topic Group 2
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	East Suffolk Council, Suffolk and SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SPR, Royal HaskoningDHV	Ground Conditions and Contamination Expert Topic Group 2
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	East Suffolk Council, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), SPR and Royal HaskoningDHV.	Noise and Vibration Expert Topic Group 2

329. At all Expert Topic Group meetings in January, and through other regular engagement with statutory consultees, these consultees were notified that they would be receiving the PEIR.



### 8.4.3 Other Stakeholder Consultations

330. Throughout the development of the project the Applicant has been conducting non-statutory consultation with stakeholders potentially affected by the project, as highlighted in **section 2.5.2**. The consultation is outlined in **Table 8.9** below with key feedback from these meetings highlighted in **Appendix 9.19**.

**Table 8.9 Other Non-Statutory Stakeholder Consultation Undertaken during Phase 4**

Consultation	Reason	Dates
Local Planning Authority Monthly Meetings	Landscape Mitigation Plan Meeting – to present and discuss the landscape mitigation plan.	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 (Landscape Mitigation Plan Meeting, with Historic England).
SCC, SCDC (now East Suffolk Council), Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils (now East Suffolk Council)	Meetings providing onshore and offshore updates, stakeholder and DCO updates.	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Site Selection Decision Briefing) 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 (SCDC (now East Suffolk Council) Meeting) 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 (SCC Briefing) 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019
Historic England Update Meetings	Offshore and onshore project updates.	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
MMO Update Meetings	Offshore and onshore project updates.	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
NE Update Meetings	Offshore and onshore project updates.	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Save our Sandlings Meeting (also shown in <b>section 8.3.2</b> ).	Meeting giving an overview of PEIR documentation and discussing specific points raised at Phase 4.	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
Thorpeness Residents Meeting (also shown in <b>section 8.3.2</b> ).	Project update meeting with details on traffic and transport, landfall location and protection of birds.	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Cultural Heritage and Settings meeting with Suffolk Preservation Society and Headland Archaeology	Meeting to discuss cultural heritage and settings	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Snape Parish Council Meeting (also shown in <b>section 8.3.2</b> ).	Project update meeting including details on traffic and transport.	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Trinity House Meeting	Project updates including stakeholder engagement, with discussion around shipping and navigation.	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2019

### 8.4.4 Summary of Key Feedback and the Applicant's Response

331. A summary of all of the key feedback points raised during Phase 4 is provided in **Appendix 9.19**. As Phase 4 consultation for East Anglia TWO was carried out in parallel with Phase 4 consultation for East Anglia ONE North, responses which are relevant to both projects have been included in the Consultation Reports for both projects, even if they were only noted in one consultation response.

#### 8.4.4.1 Statutory Stakeholder feedback

332. A concern with the Seascape Landscape Visual Impact Assessment was identified during Phase 3 consultation (Q2 2018) relating to the impact of offshore wind turbines associated with the proposed East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO windfarms on the AONB. The matter was raised formally by NE following a site visit to AONB with offshore visualisations prepared by the Applicant, but it was decided to wait until we had issued the PEIR to see if this changed their concern.

#### 8.4.4.2 Key Matters Raised

- Cumulative “curtailment of the horizon” due to “little to no distinction between the EA1N and EA2”
- Impact on special qualities of the AONB – “open and extensive views, the sense of remoteness and tranquillity”
- Concern expressed as relating more to EA2 than EA1N (north-south extent of EA2 / closer proximity to AONB)

#### 8.4.4.3 Section 42 consultation response

333. NE response – key matters:

- “Size (height and mass) of the turbines proposed in both the worst case scenario and alternative technology options are significantly greater than NE have been presented with for other offshore wind energy schemes affecting a National Park or AONB”
- “The northward geographic spread of the array, combined with the cumulative effects of EA2 and the EA1N proposal will result in turbines occupying the majority of the seaward horizon of the AONB”

334. Local Planning Authority and Councils response:

- “Councils object to EA2 in relation to significant effects predicated offshore by SPR on seascape, coastal landscapes, character and qualities of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)”

335. AONB Partnership response:

- “The AONB Partnership has significant concerns about the impact of the offshore developments will have on the nationally designated landscape”.

#### 8.4.4.4 The Applicant's Mitigation

336. Based on the section 42 consultation responses, the Applicant investigated potential to address concerns over ‘curtailment of the horizon’ by:

- Reducing the north-south extent of East Anglia TWO; and

- Increasing the size of the ‘gap’ between East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North,
337. Whilst not:
- Reducing East Anglia TWO target capacity; and
  - Ensuring mitigation is still commercially deliverable.
338. The resulting mitigation addresses key matters raised and is commercially deliverable and has therefore been fully adopted in the DCO submission.

## 8.5 Landowner and Statutory Undertaker Consultation

339. Twenty-five Section 48 site notices were installed at strategic locations within the draft PEIR boundary on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The notices provided information about the Public Information Days as well as where the PEIR documentation could be viewed. These notices were checked weekly and replaced as necessary throughout Phase 4, until the consultation closed on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The notice and the locations they were installed are shown in **Appendix 10.11**.
340. Site notices directed at those with an interest in unregistered land were also installed on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in locations where it had not been possible to identify and confirm ownership. These sites were predominantly highway verges where highways extents did not entirely match the adjoining registered title. These notices were checked weekly and replaced as necessary throughout Phase 4, until the consultation closed on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The unregistered landowner notice and the locations they were installed are shown in **Appendix 10.12**.
341. On 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 meetings were held with landowners directly affected by the proposed substation, cable route and landfall. These meetings provided the opportunity for landowners to discuss the impact of the proposals on their property specifically and provide constructive feedback on the proposals. Further meetings were held during week commencing 18th March 2019.
342. On 22nd March 2019 letters additional to those sent as part of the main Section 42 maildrop were sent to utility companies who have apparatus within the PEIR boundary (see **Appendix 10.13** for letter). This presence and location of apparatus was identified using intelligence gathered from landowners through the land referencing process as well as the results from a search undertaken by Atkins Utility Solutions. Enclosed with these letters was a draft of the protective provisions proposed on the project.

343. During the course of the Public Information Days from the 16<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Applicant's appointed agent's and the Applicant engaged with any landowners who visited the events.
344. A record of all landowner consultation at Phase 4 is shown in **Appendix 10.9**.

## 8.6 Ongoing Consultation Following Phase 4 Consultation

345. There has been continued engagement with stakeholders since the official Phase 4 end date. This has included Expert Topic Group meetings to further discuss mitigation measures for inclusion in the ES chapters, continued regular meetings with key stakeholders and meetings with resident groups where requested. The East Anglia TWO project webpage was updated following Phase 4 consultation and all stakeholders that had registered an interest received an email providing a project update following Phase 4 consultation.

## 9 Conclusion

346. The Applicant has undertaken extensive pre-application consultation on the proposed East Anglia TWO project pursuant to the Planning Act 2008. The consultation has taken into account relevant UK Government and the Planning Inspectorate advice and guidance.
347. Five phases of consultation were held incorporating both non-statutory consultation and statutory consultation under Section 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act.
348. The community consultation was in line with the Statement of Community Consultation and the Updated Statement of Community Consultation and included engagement with local communities to provide opportunities for local communities to receive information and give feedback on the proposed East Anglia TWO offshore windfarm project.
349. Statutory stakeholders were consulted with throughout the pre-application process through regular meetings and Expert Topic Group meetings to discuss specific technical topics.
350. Section 42 consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report included notifying statutory stakeholders and making copies available to inspect free of charge at locations set out in the Section 48 notice and five additional locations, in addition to being available on the ScottishPower Renewables website.
351. Throughout all phases of consultation, the Applicant has sought and considered feedback from stakeholders and where relevant, this has informed decision making on the East Anglia TWO project as set out in this Consultation Report.

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