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## Glossary of Acronyms

ALARP	As Low As Reasonably Practicable
AIS	Automatic Identification System
CFWG	Commercial Fisheries Working Group
DCO	Development Consent Order
DDV	Drop Down Video
DML	Deemed Marine Licence
ES	Environmental Statement
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
HVAC	High Voltage Alternating Current
IHO	International Hydrographic Organisation
IPMP	In-Principle Monitoring Plan
LAT	Lowest Astronomical Tide
MBES	Multibeam Echosounder
MCA	Maritime Coastguard Agency
MGN	Marine Guidance Note
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
ORJIP	Offshore Renewables Joint Industry Partnership
ORPAD	Offshore Renewables Protocol for Archaeological Discovery
OSPAR	The Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
ROV	Remotely Operated Vehicle
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SIP	Site Integrity Plan
SNCB	Statutory Nature Conservation Body
SPR	ScottishPower Renewables
SSS	Side Scan Sonar
TH	Trinity House
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation

## Glossary of Terminology

Applicant	East Anglia TWO Limited
Construction operation and maintenance platform	A fixed structure required for construction, operation and maintenance personnel and activities.
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.
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.
Offshore cable corridor	This is the area which will contain the offshore export cable between offshore electrical platforms and landfall jointing bay.
Offshore development area	The East Anglia TWO windfarm site and offshore cable corridor (up to Mean High Water Springs).
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.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the offshore construction operation and maintenance platform and the offshore electrical platforms.
Platform link cable	An electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms.
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations as a result of the flow of water

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# 1 Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan

## 1.1 Purpose of the In-Principle Monitoring Plan

1. This In Principle Monitoring Plan (IPMP) has been produced in order to provide the basis for delivering the monitoring measures as required by the conditions contained within the Deemed Marine Licences (DMLs).
2. The IPMP provides a key mechanism through which the relevant regulatory authorities can be assured that required offshore monitoring activities associated with the construction and operation of the offshore infrastructure for the proposed East Anglia TWO project will be formally controlled and mitigated.
3. The IPMP provides a framework for further discussions post consent with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the relevant Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs) to agree the exact detail (timings, methodologies etc.) of the monitoring that is required. Due to the long lead in time for the development of offshore windfarms it is not desirable or effective to provide final detailed method statements prior to being granted consent. However, agreeing guiding principles reinforces commitments made in the Environmental Statement (ES) and complements other requirements set out in the DMLs and will allow refinements to be made based on the best available knowledge and technology. Final detailed plans for monitoring work will be produced closer to the time that the actual work will be undertaken.
4. The relevant topics and / or receptor groups that will be discussed in this plan are as follows:
  - Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes;
  - Marine Water and Sediment Quality;
  - Benthic Ecology;
  - Fish and Shellfish Ecology;
  - Marine Mammals;
  - Offshore Ornithology;
  - Commercial Fisheries;
  - Shipping and Navigation; and
  - Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.

## 1.2 Background

5. East Anglia TWO Limited (the Applicant) (a wholly owned subsidiary of ScottishPower Renewables (SPR) UK Limited) is developing the proposed East Anglia TWO project, an offshore windfarm in the southern North Sea.
6. The proposed East Anglia TWO project comprises the East Anglia TWO windfarm site, within which wind turbines, associated offshore platforms, inter-array cables and platform link cables will be located. The East Anglia TWO offshore windfarm site will be connected to the shore by offshore export cables installed within the offshore cable corridor from the East Anglia TWO windfarm site to a landfall point north of Thorpeness, Suffolk. From there, onshore cables would transport power over approximately 9km to the onshore project substation near to the village of Friston, Suffolk. A full project description is given in the ES, **Chapter 6 Project Description**.

## 1.3 Description of the Proposed East Anglia TWO Project

7. The proposed East Anglia TWO project would consist of up to 67 wind turbines.

### 1.3.1 Key Project Characteristics

Parameter	Characteristic
Maximum number of wind turbines	Up to 75
East Anglia TWO windfarm site area	218.4km <sup>2</sup>
East Anglia TWO windfarm site water depth range	33 - 67m (LAT)
Distance from East Anglia TWO windfarm site to shore (closest point of site to the coast at)	32.6km
Maximum offshore cable corridor area (northern and southern route options combined)*	194.5km <sup>2</sup>
Maximum offshore cable corridor area – northern route option	137.6km <sup>2</sup>
Maximum offshore cable corridor area – southern route option	98.9km <sup>2</sup>
Maximum number of export cables (HVAC)	Two
Maximum cable lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-array – 200km</li> <li>• Platform link – 75km</li> <li>• Export – 160km</li> </ul>
Maximum wind turbine rotor diameter	250m
Maximum wind turbine hub height (LAT)	175m



Parameter	Characteristic
Maximum wind turbine tip height (LAT)	300m
Minimum clearance above sea level	22m (MHWS)
Minimum separation between wind turbines (although it should be noted that nominal spacing will likely far exceed this)	In-row spacing: 800m
	Inter-row spacing: 1200m
Maximum number of wind turbine models to be installed	Three
Wind turbine foundation type options	Jacket on pin piles, gravity base structure, suction caisson, jacket on suction caisson, monopile
Maximum number of met masts	One
Maximum height of met mast (LAT)	175m
Met mast foundation type options	Jacket on pin piles, gravity base structure, suction caisson, jacket on suction caisson, monopile
Maximum number of offshore electrical platforms	Up to four
Maximum number of construction, operation and maintenance platforms	Up to one

\* It should be noted that this area is for both the northern and southern offshore cable corridor route options. In practice, only one of the route options would be chosen following detailed project design.

## 1.4 General Guiding Principles for the Proposed Monitoring

8. Throughout the ES and supporting documentation the Applicant has taken steps to avoid or reduce significant impacts either through the iterative process of project design ('embedded mitigation' e.g. the location of project boundaries) or by 'additional' mitigation measures which will be applied during the construction, operation or decommissioning phases of the proposed East Anglia TWO project.
9. The guiding principles for monitoring and which apply in general to the in-principle monitoring outlined in this document are as follows:
  - All consent conditions, which would include those for monitoring, should be "necessary, relevant to planning, relevant to the permitted development, enforceable, precise and reasonable in all other respects" as set out in Paragraph 4.1.7 of the National Policy Statement (NPS) EN-1 and Paragraph 206 of the National Planning Policy Framework and referred to as the 'six tests' (Department for Communities and Local Government 2014).

- In line with good practice, monitoring must have a clear purpose in order to provide answers to specific questions where significant environmental impacts have been identified (e.g. Cefas 2012, Glasson et al. 2011, OSPAR 2008). As such, monitoring proposals should have an identified end date and confirmed outputs, which provide statistically robust data sets, as applicable to the hypothesis being tested.
- Monitoring should be targeted to address significant evidence gaps or uncertainty, which are relevant to the proposed East Anglia TWO project and can be realistically filled, as well as those species or features considered to be the most sensitive to the proposed East Anglia TWO project impacts including those of conservation, ecological and/or economic importance. Where there is potential for a significant environmental impact this should not, on its own, necessarily lead to the requirement for monitoring.
- Proposals for monitoring should be based, where relevant, on the best practice and outcomes of the latest review of environmental data associated with post-consent monitoring of licence conditions of offshore windfarms (MMO 2014).
- The scope and design of all monitoring work should be finalised and agreed following review of the results of any preceding survey and / or monitoring work (i.e. an adaptive approach), including those surveys conducted in support of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This includes the potential for survey requirements to be adapted based on the results of the monitoring outlined in this document. Where it has been agreed that there are no significant impacts, monitoring need not be conditioned through the DMLs.
- The Applicant is supportive of appropriate strategic monitoring studies. Where the Applicant is made aware of new strategic monitoring studies and they are aligned with the Applicant's business goals, they will discuss with the relevant authorities if they are appropriate to discharging specific East Anglia TWO DML conditions.

## 1.5 East Anglia TWO Residual Impacts

10. The EIA predicts the residual impact to receptors taking into account:

- Linkages using the source > pathway > receptor model;
- Embedded / Additional Mitigation;
- Sensitivity to the effect;
- Magnitude of the effect; and
- Ecological / economic importance / value.

11. The significance of the residual impact should not in its own right necessarily lead to the requirement for monitoring. Monitoring should be targeted to address significant evidence gaps or uncertainty, which are relevant to the project and can be realistically filled.
12. For each receptor the residual impacts and major areas of uncertainty as predicted within the East Anglia TWO ES are detailed. Only where moderate or major adverse impacts are predicted, or significant uncertainty remains in the assessment has monitoring been deemed necessary and required as part of the DML.

## 1.6 In-Principle Proposals for Monitoring

13. The following sections set out the in-principle proposals for monitoring in relation to each of the topics and / or receptor groups covered in the ES.
14. While accepting that this IPMP represents the best approach to monitoring available at the time of writing, it is recognised that the outcomes of the survey work discussed could influence future monitoring requirements, methodologies, focus and effort for the proposed East Anglia TWO project, as knowledge and understanding develops. For example, where appropriate, and in consultation with the MMO and its advisors, these scopes may be refined to consider other relevant studies carried out by neighbouring projects such as East Anglia ONE and East Anglia THREE. This is a key principle for an adaptive approach to monitoring and will be the subject of ongoing consultation between the Applicant, the MMO and its advisors, as discussed under guiding principles (see **section 1.4**).
15. This document has been submitted with the DCO application and will be used as a basis for further discussions post consent.

### 1.6.1 Engineering Related Monitoring

16. In addition to the environmental survey and monitoring required as conditions of the DMLs within the DCO, additional studies will be undertaken for engineering purposes. Some of these will overlap with the conditioned monitoring and wherever possible the Applicant will look to combine surveys for monitoring purposes with those already being carried out for engineering purposes. These are:
  - Geophysical;
  - Geotechnical;
  - UXO survey;
  - Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) survey; and
  - Cable burial survey.

17. Other relevant Plans required under the DML with commitments to monitoring (linked to those listed above) are:
- A scour protection management and cable protection plan (monitoring of scour and protection measures);
  - A cable specification and installation and monitoring plan (cable burial monitoring); and
  - An offshore operations and maintenance plan.

## 1.6.2 Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes

### 1.6.2.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

18. No residual impacts greater than negligible were predicted within the ES. The Applicant would wish to survey areas using appropriate geophysical surveys including high resolution bathymetric, multibeam echosounder (MBES) and side-scan sonar (SSS) surveys of the area(s) within the Order limits for engineering purposes. This information would also help inform the interpretation of the benthic survey campaign (see **section 1.6.4**).

### 1.6.2.2 In-Principle Monitoring

19. The following table provides information on the monitoring requirements for marine, geology, oceanography and physical processes. The proposed monitoring will be discussed and agreed with Natural England and the MMO.

**Table 1 In-Principle Monitoring Proposed – Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes**

Potential Effect	Receptor/s	Phase	Headline reason/s for monitoring	Monitoring Proposal	Details
Changes in sea bed level and the sediment transport regime, including scour processes	Physical environment and linked receptor groups e.g. marine ecology	Pre-construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engineering and design purposes</li> <li>Input in to benthic and other related ecological surveys and monitoring requirements as agreed with the MMO.</li> </ul>	A single survey within the agreed East Anglia TWO windfarm site and offshore cable corridor survey areas using full sea bed coverage swath-bathymetric, MBES and SSS surveys (to meet the requirements of MGN 543 and its Annexes) of the area(s) within the Order Limits in which it is proposed to carry out construction works, including a 500m buffer area around the site of each works. (The “site of each works” being the area within the order limits which is actually taken forwards to construction noting that it is possible that certain areas within the order limits may not be developed.).	<p>Scope of surveys and programmes and methodologies for the purposes of monitoring shall be submitted to the MMO for written approval at least 6 months prior to the commencement of any survey works.</p> <p>Surveys carried out for up to 3 years post-construction, which could be non-consecutive years, with provision of the agreed reports in the agreed format in accordance with the agreed timetable, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the MMO in consultation with the relevant statutory nature conservation bodies</p>
		Post-construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Structural integrity / engineering (scour)</li> </ul>	Surveys within the agreed East Anglia ONE North windfarm site and offshore cable corridor survey areas using full sea bed coverage swath-bathymetric surveys undertaken to meet the requirements of MGN 543 and its Annexes. For this purpose the undertaker will, prior to the first such survey, submit a desk based assessment (which takes account of all factors which influence scour) to identify the sample of adjacent wind turbines with greatest potential for scour. The survey will be used to validate the desk based assessment: further surveys	

Potential Effect	Receptor/s	Phase	Headline reason/s for monitoring	Monitoring Proposal	Details
				may be required if there are significant differences between the modelled scour and recorded scour. The quantity of turbines subject to monitoring will be confirmed following the completion of detailed design studies and in consultation with the MMO.	

### 1.6.3 Marine Water and Sediment Quality

#### 1.6.3.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

20. No residual impacts greater than minor adverse were predicted within the ES.

#### 1.6.3.2 In-Principle Monitoring

21. As stated in **section 1.4**, monitoring must have a clear purpose in order to provide answers to specific questions where significant environmental impacts have been identified. Monitoring should be targeted to address significant evidence gaps or uncertainty, which are relevant to the proposed East Anglia TWO project and can be realistically filled, as well as those species or features considered to be the most sensitive to the potential impacts including those of conservation, ecological and / or economic importance.

22. In this instance no monitoring or independent surveys are required.

### 1.6.4 Benthic Ecology

#### 1.6.4.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

23. No impact was greater than minor adverse for the project alone or cumulatively. The proposed East Anglia TWO project has no direct impact on any designated site and therefore no Annex 1 habitat features will be impacted.

#### 1.6.4.2 In-Principle Monitoring

24. The following table provides information on the monitoring requirements for benthic ecology. Where it is possible, synergies with monitoring commitments made in **section 1.6.2** would be explored in interpreting geophysical data.

25. No Annex 1 surveys are proposed. Consideration has been given to habitats / species of principal importance. The specific habitats of relevance identified within the offshore development area are the focus for monitoring outlined within **Table 2** below. These shall be referred to specifically as surveys for the main feature of concern: *Sabellaria spinulosa* (*Sabellaria* reef). Initial geophysical surveys will be reviewed with drop-down video (DDV) groundtruthing surveys to confirm presence as appropriate. This shall then be used to inform detailed layout design in the design plan and this will constitute the outline mitigation scheme requirements.

**Table 2 In-Principle Monitoring Proposed - Benthic Ecology**

Potential Effect	Receptor/s	Phase	Headline reason/s for monitoring	Monitoring Proposal	Details
Effects on <i>Sabellaria</i> reef	<i>Sabellaria</i> reef	Pre-construction	Determine the location and extent of any <i>Sabellaria</i> reef within areas of the Order Limits in which it is proposed to carry out construction works to inform the appropriate mitigation if found	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single geophysical (sidescan or Multi-Beam Echo Sounder) survey of those areas within which it is proposed that sea bed works will be carried out at a resolution sufficient to identify potential <i>Sabellaria</i> reef; and</li> <li>Ground truthing: In areas where potential <i>Sabellaria</i> reef is identified from the review of the geophysical data, DDV and / or stills will be deployed to confirm presence, extent and elevation. Where underwater visibility prevents the use of DDV, grab sampling using a Hamon grab may be employed as an alternative.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey programmes and methodologies for the purposes of monitoring shall be submitted to the MMO for written approval at least 4 months prior to the commencement of any survey works.</li> <li>Surveys may occur up to 18 months prior to the proposed construction works</li> </ul>
		Post-construction	The requirement for post-construction monitoring will be dependent on the findings of the pre-construction surveys.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where no <i>Sabellaria</i> reef is identified by the pre-construction survey of the proposed works or where reef has been identified but is avoided (and associated buffers), no post-construction surveys will be undertaken;</li> <li>Where <i>Sabellaria</i> reef is identified during the baseline survey and has not been able to be avoided, a single post-construction survey, specifically targeting those reefs identified in the baseline survey which were affected by the works will be undertaken to check their condition using the same methodology set out for pre-construction monitoring.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If required, survey programmes and methodologies for the purposes of monitoring shall be submitted to the MMO for written approval at least 4 months prior to the commencement of any survey works and conducted within the first year post commissioning of the proposed windfarm.</li> <li>If significant impacts are observed the potential requirement for further surveys will be agreed with the MMO following review of the post-construction survey</li> </ul>



## 1.6.5 Fish Ecology

### 1.6.5.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

26. No impact was greater than minor adverse for the project alone or cumulatively for the proposed East Anglia TWO project.

### 1.6.5.2 In-Principle Monitoring

27. In line with good practice, monitoring must have a clear purpose in order to provide answers to specific questions where significant environmental impacts have been identified. Monitoring should be targeted to address significant evidence gaps or uncertainty, which are relevant to the proposed East Anglia TWO project and can be realistically filled, as well as those species or features considered to be the most sensitive to the potential impacts including those of conservation, ecological and / or economic importance.
28. In this instance no further monitoring or independent surveys are required.

## 1.6.6 Marine Mammals

### 1.6.6.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

1. At a project alone level, the residual impacts from the proposed East Anglia TWO project are assessed as minor adverse at worst during construction for grey and harbour seal and harbour porpoise from the following activities:
- Piling (physical and auditory injury and disturbance impacts);
  - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) clearance (physical and auditory injury and behavioural impacts);
  - Other construction activities (physical and auditory injury);
  - Underwater noise and disturbance from construction vessels (physical and auditory injury); and
  - Barrier effects from underwater noise.
2. In addition, negligible to minor adverse impacts are predicted for harbour porpoise displacement due to changes in prey resource, and minor adverse impacts are assessed for harbour porpoise and grey seal for vessel interaction (collision risk).
3. During operation, up to minor adverse impacts are assessed for grey and harbour seal and harbour porpoise from the following activities:
- Underwater noise from operational turbines (physical and auditory injury); and
  - Underwater noise from maintenance activities (disturbance).

- Displacement of harbour porpoise due to changes in prey resource during operation and maintenance is also assessed to be minor adverse.
4. All the other potential impacts were determined to be negligible or no impact for construction, operation and decommissioning. No significant impacts were identified.
  5. The conclusions of the assessment are based on varying levels of confidence in the data used in the assessment. However, the conclusions of the assessment are of a precautionary nature where there is high uncertainty or low confidence in the data.
  6. All potential cumulative residual impacts were determined to be minor adverse (not significant). Project-specific Site Integrity Plans (SIP) for the Southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation (SAC) are proposed which will give due consideration to mitigation and monitoring, if deemed required.
  7. It should also be noted that the contribution of the proposed East Anglia TWO project to the cumulative harbour porpoise assessment is very small with a worst-case of up to 0.45% of the reference population (North Sea Management Unit) assessed as being potentially disturbed during piling operations.

#### 1.6.6.2 In-Principle Monitoring

8. It is recognised that monitoring is an important element in the management and verification of the actual proposed East Anglia TWO project impacts. The draft Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP) (document reference 8.14) and in principle Southern North Sea SAC SIP (document reference 8.17) submitted with the DCO application contain key principles that provide the framework for any monitoring that could be required. If piled foundations are used in the final project design, underwater noise monitoring of the first four piled wind turbine foundations of each piled foundation type and all of the offshore platform piles will be undertaken with the methods agreed with the MMO and relevant SNCBs in the pre-construction period. The requirement for and final appropriate design and scope of monitoring will be agreed with the relevant stakeholders and included within the final plans submitted for approval.

### 1.6.7 Offshore Ornithology

#### 1.6.7.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

9. The impacts that could potentially arise during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed East Anglia TWO project have been discussed with Natural England and RSPB as part of the Evidence Plan process (see **Chapter 12 Offshore Ornithology** of the ES).

10. During the construction phase, no impacts have been assessed to be greater than of minor adverse significance for any bird species. Similarly, no species is subject to an impact of greater than minor adverse significance from the potential effects of the proposed East Anglia TWO project during its operation.
11. Displacement effects on red-throated divers, gannets, razorbills and guillemots would not create impacts of more than minor adverse significance during any biological season during construction and operation phases..
12. The risk to birds from collisions with wind turbines from the proposed East Anglia TWO project alone is assessed as no greater than minor adverse significance for gannet, kittiwake, lesser black-backed gull, great black-backed gull and herring gull when considered for all biological seasons against the most appropriate population scale.
13. Potential plans and projects have been considered for how they might act cumulatively with the proposed project and a screening process carried out. The cumulative assessment identified that most impacts would be temporary, small scale and localised. Given the distances to other activities in the region (e.g. other offshore windfarms and aggregate extraction) and the highly localised nature of the impacts the assessment concluded that there is no pathway for interaction between most impacts cumulatively.
14. The risk to birds from cumulative collisions with wind turbines across all windfarms considered is assessed as no greater than minor adverse significance for all species. Therefore, monitoring on the basis of the EIA is not required however, if, for any reason, monitoring was to be undertaken it should focus on the operational period when there is a pathway to the risk (collision with turbines).

#### 1.6.7.2 In-Principle Monitoring

15. It is the position of East Anglia TWO limited that any ornithological monitoring proposal should be targeted to address impacts, evidence gaps or uncertainty of most relevance to the proposed East Anglia TWO project and the specific species.
16. Despite the findings of the EIA not dictating the need to undertake monitoring, the Applicant is supportive, in principle, of joint industry projects or alternative site based monitoring of existing seabird activity inside the area(s) within the Order Limits in which it is proposed to carry out construction works with its potential wider benefits and would welcome collaboration opportunities from SNCBs, NGOs or other developers in strategic monitoring programmes. This would likely be managed out with the IPMP e.g. SPR are active members in the

Offshore Wind Strategic Monitoring Research Forum pilot, looking to address wider knowledge gaps and industry priorities.

### 1.6.8 Commercial Fisheries

#### 1.6.8.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

17. The impacts on commercial fisheries during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the proposed East Anglia TWO project found that following the mitigation proposed, no receptors are predicted to experience significant impacts as a result of the individual project. Cumulatively, the only receptors which have the potential to experience moderate adverse impacts are Anglo-Dutch beam trawlers and Dutch seine netters during the operation phase due to the loss of ground on these fleets.

#### 1.6.8.2 In-Principle Monitoring

18. For the proposed East Anglia TWO project it is proposed that no further monitoring or independent surveys are required.
19. The DML includes the requirement for a Fisheries Liaison and co-existence Plan.
20. In order to aid and maintain regular communication between East Anglia TWO Limited and local fishermen potentially affected by the projects in the former East Anglia Zone, a Commercial Fisheries Working Group (CFWG) has been established with a representative from each local port which could potentially be impacted by the proposed East Anglia TWO project (Orford, Aldeburgh, Harwich, Felixstowe, Lowestoft and Southwold). The CFWG aims to identify and develop co-existence strategies during a project's lifecycle.

### 1.6.9 Shipping and Navigation

#### 1.6.9.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

21. The effects of the proposed East Anglia TWO project have been assessed in **Chapter 14 Shipping and Navigation** of the ES with impacts ranging from broadly tolerable to tolerable / as low as reasonably possible (ALARP).

#### 1.6.9.2 In-Principle Monitoring

22. **Table 3** provides information on the vessel traffic monitoring requirements for shipping and navigation.

**Table 3 In Principle Monitoring Proposed – Shipping and Navigation**

Potential Effect	Receptors	Phase	Headline reasons for monitoring	Monitoring Proposal	Details
Effects on the levels of marine traffic across the offshore development area	Marine traffic	Construction	Validate the predictions made in the Environmental Statement and Navigational Risk Assessment with respect to potential effects on the levels of shipping traffic.	Construction monitoring shall include vessel traffic monitoring by Automatic Identification System (AIS), including the provision of reports on the results of that monitoring periodically as requested by the MCA.	During construction, vessel traffic monitoring using AIS will be conducted, with the detailed requirements for this being agreed with the MMO and MCA six months before commencement of construction.
		Post-construction		Vessel traffic monitoring in line with the Navigation Monitoring Strategy (document reference 8.18) by AIS, totalling a maximum of 28 days taking account of seasonal variations in traffic patterns over one year, following the commencement of commercial operation. A report will be submitted to the MMO and the MCA following the end of the monitoring.	Post-construction vessel traffic monitoring would be in line with the Navigation Monitoring Strategy (document reference 8.18) and would consist of AIS monitoring for a maximum of 28 days (but not consecutively) and will take account of seasonal variation of traffic patterns over a year. This will be done at a suitable time as agreed with the MMO and MCA following the commencement of commercial operation.

## 1.6.10 Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage

### 1.6.10.1 Conclusions of the Environmental Statement

23. The construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the proposed East Anglia TWO project will result in a range of effects upon the marine archaeological and cultural heritage environment. For the project alone, the effects that have been assessed are anticipated to be reduced to a minor residual significance or are considered to be negligible on the basis of embedded mitigation and best practice, including further assessment of geophysical and geotechnical data post consent. Furthermore, known archaeological receptors are not considered to be subject to significant cumulative impacts on the basis that they should be avoided due to appropriate mitigation (embedded and project-specific).

### 1.6.10.2 In-Principle Monitoring

24. **Table 4** provides information on the monitoring requirements for marine archaeological and cultural heritage. The principle mechanism for delivery of monitoring for marine archaeological and cultural heritage is through agreement on the Written Scheme of Investigation and / or further activity specific method statements to be agreed with MMO in consultation with Historic England

**Table 4 In Principle Monitoring Proposed – Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage**

Potential Effect	Receptor/s	Phase	Headline reason/s for monitoring	Monitoring Proposal	Details
All direct and indirect effects on the archaeological resource	All Archaeology receptors	Pre-construction	Validate the predictions made where reasonable in the ES with respect to potential effects on the archaeological resource and to inform selection of appropriate mitigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outline project specific Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) has been compiled which makes provision for all archaeological mitigation that might be required in the light of preconstruction investigations, including field investigation, post-fieldwork activities, archiving and dissemination of results. The WSI includes provision to update the document as the project design is refined and as the results of further archaeological assessment become available.</li> <li>Full sea floor coverage swath-bathymetric surveys undertaken to IHO Order 1A standard, geotechnical, magnetometer, geophysical and SSS of the area(s) within the Order limits in which it is proposed to carry out construction works, including a 500m buffer area around the site of each works. This should include the identification of sites of historic or archaeological interest (around the whole feature for A1 receptors and 100m around centre point for A3 receptors) and any unidentified anomalies to agreed dimensional</li> </ul>	The Applicant has submitted an outline WSI with the DCO application. A WSI will be in place prior to pre-construction archaeological investigations, UXO clearance and pre-commencement material operations which involve intrusive sea bed works. A WSI will be submitted at least six months prior to the intended start of construction.
All direct and indirect effects on the archaeological resource					

Potential Effect	Receptor/s	Phase	Headline reason/s for monitoring	Monitoring Proposal	Details
				criteria (A2 receptors), which may require the refinement, removal or introduction of archaeological exclusion zones and to confirm project specific micro-siting requirements (for A2 receptors).	
All direct and indirect effects on the archaeological resource	All Archaeology receptors	Construction	Validate the predictions made in the Environmental Statement, where reasonable, with respect to potential effects on the archaeological resource and to inform selection of appropriate mitigation (Historic England requirement)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specific requirements relating to monitoring during post-construction (including a conservation programme for finds) as detailed in the written scheme of archaeological investigation (WSI). Notably the ORPAD shall be followed during all intrusive works.</li> </ul>	The WSI produced pre-construction be a 'point-in-time' document, with the specific methodology for each subsequent package of archaeological works (i.e. construction or operation) to be taken forward through archaeological method statements produced under the umbrella of the WSI and agreed with the archaeological curator. Survey and work package specific archaeological objectives will be established on a case-by-case basis



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