

National Infrastructure Planning
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Our ref: ECC/LS/NSIP/EA1&2/Section42
Your Ref: EN010078
Date: 12th November 2019

Dear Kate Mignano,

RE: Application by ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm - Adequacy of consultation request

Thank you for your letter dated 25th October consulting Essex County Council (ECC) as a neighbouring authority, on the proposed application for East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm.

ECC is a neighbouring authority within the definition of the Duty to Co-operate S110 of the Localism Act 2012 and Section 30 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2008. The proposed development is a strategic cross-boundary matter and ECC is engaging with this process as a statutory consultee.

ECC is a strategic local authority, with the following roles:

- a key partner and service provider within Essex promoting economic development, regeneration, infrastructure delivery and new development;
- the strategic highway and transport authority, including responsibility for the delivery of the Essex Local Transport Plan and as the local highway authority; and
- the local education authority; Minerals and Waste Planning Authority; Lead Local Flood Authority; lead advisors on Public Health and major provider of a wide range of local government services throughout the county of Essex.

In respect of these Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, we welcome the opportunity for ongoing engagement and provide the following comments on adequacy of consultation and whether the developer has complied with the following duties:

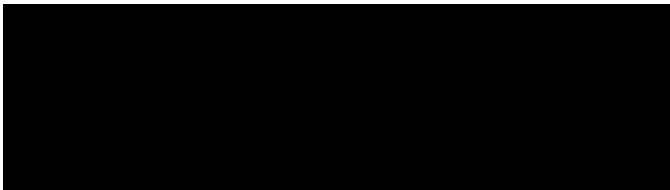
Duty to consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – section 42
Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47
Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48

We would highlight that it should be ensured that ScottishPower appropriately engaged directly with the Essex coastal authorities as the appropriate neighbouring Local Planning Authorities, as well as the unitary authority of Southend on Sea Borough Council, on both projects.

Essex County Council has no further comment to make at this stage.

If you require further information or clarification on any points raised in this response please contact Ellie Scott below.

Yours sincerely



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