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Please find attached comments from the Deputy Leader of Norfolk County supporting the principle of offshore wind farms.

These comments are in addition to those already submitted by the County Council and are consistent with those earlier comments.

If you have any queries please call or email me.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this email.

Kind regards

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National Infrastructure Planning
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Dear Sir

East Anglia One (North) and East Anglia Two - Offshore Wind Farms

I understand that both these proposals are Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and are currently subject to formal Examination.

Norfolk County Council has consistently supported the principle of offshore renewable energy proposals, which are felt to be compatible with national renewable energy targets and objectives.

Neither of these projects make landfall in Norfolk and as such it is unlikely that these proposals will have any immediate impacts on Norfolk in terms of landscape, ecology and archaeological matters. Furthermore, it is not felt that there will be any significant transport impacts on Norfolk arising from either the construction or operation of the onshore infrastructure.

While Norfolk County Council welcomes the potential employment opportunities these offshore proposals will have within the local/regional area both during construction and once operational, there are significant economic issues, which these proposals will need to address with regard to:

- (a) The cumulative impacts on the local labour market; and supply chain (i.e. taking into account other planned NSIPs e.g. Sizewell C; Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm; Hornsea Project Three; and Boreas Offshore Windfarm).
- (b) Developing a local skills strategy to ensure there are sufficient skilled workers. Norfolk County Council would especially welcome measures that will enable permanent, long term job opportunities to be taken up by local people; and
- (c) The County Council would support measures that would encourage/enable people currently excluded from the formal labour market to be supported into jobs at any level/degree of permanency.

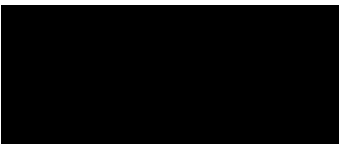
It is felt that given the proposals' proximity to Norfolk and the likelihood of additional major construction projects in both Norfolk and Suffolk arising from the offshore wind energy sector and Nuclear sector (as outlined above), the DCO needs to have a planning requirement setting out the need for an "education, employment and skills strategy" – to be prepared by the applicant.

There are wider grid connection issues in respect of the 400kV network which runs between Norfolk and Suffolk. It is considered that as part of the DCO application there needs to be clarification on whether there is likely to be any requirement in the wider area for either: (a) reinforcement of the existing 400 kV network; or (b) new overhead lines (400kV). There is a further need to take into account the current Offshore Transmission Network Review being led by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Given the amount of electricity coming ashore from other offshore wind energy projects and the increased generation from Sizewell C, the DCO application and accompanying ES will need to address the in-combination impact on the 400 kV transmission network in the wider strategic area i.e. including the potential for reinforcement and new lines in both Norfolk and Suffolk.

In summary the County Council is supportive of the principle of offshore wind farms and considers that there are significant opportunities for future employment in both Norfolk and Suffolk arising from these developments.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Graham Plant
Deputy Leader of the Council