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East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm

Appendix D2 to the Natural England Deadline 3 Submission

NE Comments to Sizewell C Cumulative Impact Assessment (Landscape and Visual) Clarification Note [REP2-010]

For:

The construction and operation of East Anglia Two Offshore Windfarm, a 900MW windfarm which could consist of up to 75 turbines, generators and associated infrastructure, located 37km from Lowestoft and 32km from Southwold.

Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010078

15th December 2020



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This document is applicable to both the East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2) applications, and therefore is endorsed with the yellow and blue icon used to identify materially identical documentation in accordance with the Examining Authority's (ExA) procedural decisions on document management of 23rd December 2019. Whilst for completeness of the record this document has been submitted to both Examinations, if it is read for one project submission there is no need to read it again for the other project.

Summary

1. Natural England welcomes the Applicant's review of their Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment [APP-077] which addresses the cumulative effects of the onshore elements of the EA1 and EA2 schemes with the proposed Sizewell C nuclear power station.
2. Natural England's advice is focused on the cable landfall within and the cable route through the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Our concerns are only with the construction phase and for elements of the scheme within and directly affecting the AONB and its statutory purpose. Natural England note that significant adverse cumulative construction phase effects on the AONB are still identified. We have previously advised that those significant adverse effects could be more impactful than the Landscape and Visual Impacts Assessment (LVIA) narrative would suggest, with the cabling works for EA1N and EA2 and the Sizewell C construction site and activities combining in peoples' perception to strongly associate this section of the AONB with major construction. That advice still stands.
3. Specifically for the landfall site Natural England would advise that EDF Energy have now issued for consultation a set of proposed changes to the DCO for Sizewell C. Natural England has not yet responded to that consultation, but we do note that it does include new coastal activities and structures to allow more material to be delivered by sea. These changes may produce a significant cumulative effect with the EA1N and EA2 landfall site during the construction phase.