

Planning Inspectorate
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East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm
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The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership supports the national benefit this project will bring in meeting the renewable energy targets and creating sustainable economic growth across the region, subject to the local and cumulative impacts of the project being considered and adequately addressed by the applicant.

Norfolk and Suffolk are the epicentre of the world's largest market for offshore wind energy with expertise in all forms of energy generation. Planned investment will make it the leading supplier of renewable energy to the UK, providing power for more than 50% of the UK Government's 40GW target by 2030.

This project heavily supports the Local Industrial Strategy and the Economic Strategy for Norfolk and Suffolk, which establishes Clean Energy as one of the regions key growth opportunities and a strategic priority of the New Anglia LEP.

The New Anglia LEP welcomes the potential for high skill jobs and growth for the region both during construction and once operational, there are issues, which the development consent order (DCO) will need to address regarding:

- The cumulative impacts on the local labour market; and supply chain (i.e., taking into account other planned NSIPs including Sizewell C)
- Developing a local skills strategy across Suffolk and Norfolk to ensure there are sufficient skilled workers and measures that will enable permanent, long term job opportunities to be taken up by local people.
- Supporting measures that would encourage/enable people currently excluded from the formal labour market to be supported into jobs at any level/degree of permanency.
- Supporting the demonstration of the economic benefits of Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth being used both bases and marshalling ports for the project.

In summary, the New Anglia LEP supports the proposal for the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm, subject to the issues above being adequately addressed and will work with partners to maximise the growth opportunities for the region.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive Officer