



## **East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm and East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm**

### **Access Required Site Inspections and Unaccompanied Site Inspections held in place of Accompanied Site Inspections 1 and 2 (ASI1 & ASI2)**

Notice was provided for ASI1 and ASI2 in the Examining Authorities' (ExAs') Rule 8(3) Letter of 8 December 2020<sup>1</sup> at Annex E. Since the service of notice, infection rates in many parts of the country have climbed significantly and new measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in England have been put in place. Inspections themselves are essential work for the purposes of relevant public health regulations and guidance, but the regulations and guidance require the ExAs to ensure that only those with an essential need to attend inspections now attend and that inspections are conducted in a socially distanced manner to minimise any risk of infection.

Planning Inspectorate Coronavirus advice on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and on [virtual events](#) in NSIP Examinations highlight the need for ExAs to move swiftly to ensure that site inspections are conducted in accordance with public health regulations and guidance. The published notices for ASI1 and ASI2 highlighted that changes to itineraries may be made up to the day of the inspection to respond to changing public health circumstances. On this basis, the ExAs have made changes to the arrangements for these site inspections to limit attendance to those whose presence is essential to enable inspections to proceed. In summary terms, such people are the landowner, occupier, their agent or delegate able to permit access, open any locked entrances and direct the ExA to relevant parts of the site. Where a site inspection relates to a specific feature (for example, archaeological significance), it can be essential for the person on site to be a technical expert, able to identify relevant locations and features. Public attendance by groups who might wish to attend but whose attendance is not essential is no longer supported. In those circumstances it is important that the only people who attend inspection locations are those who have been requested to attend by the ExAs. The Case Manager will contact all those whose attendance has been requested. These inspections are described as access required site inspections (ARSIs).

In certain circumstances, where inspections are proposed to be carried out in the public domain and information already available to the ExAs includes routes or descriptions of features to be seen, the ExAs have decided that no public attendance is necessary, and these inspections will take place as unaccompanied site inspections (USIs).

If you are a person who had originally wished to attend an inspection but whose presence is now not deemed to be essential, in recognition of this change the ExAs have agreed to publish a written inspection note shortly after the inspections are concluded, confirming the inspections that were completed. You can make your own summary observations in writing on the condition and specific features of the inspected sites. Any notes that you submit can be supported by maps, plans, drawings, photographs and videos. They should be submitted to the project mailboxes by Deadline 5 (3 February 2021).

For those still attending, the ExAs have provided a separate document on site protocols and measures to control Coronavirus related risks that we ask you to read, sign and return before the inspections begin. The site inspection will involve some walking and we therefore request that attendees wear appropriate clothing for the weather, and sturdy footwear. We would like to remind all participants that the

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<sup>1</sup> [EA1N Rule 8\(3\) Letter](#) and [EA2 Rule 8\(3\) Letter](#)



site inspection is not an opportunity to make any oral representations on the application, but simply an opportunity to identify physical features that are relevant to the examination. The itinerary for both days is set out below. An illustrative plan is included at Annex A.

### 1. Day 1 Itinerary – 26 January 2021

The inspection will commence at 9.10am promptly and attendees are requested to arrive by 9.00am.

<b>Access Required Site Inspections and Unaccompanied Site Inspections 1 – Itinerary</b>		
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Purpose for Site Inspection</b>	<b>Inspection</b>
1.	<b>ExA Orientation in Friston</b>	
2.	Inspection of St. Mary's Church and its setting.	ARSI
3.	Inspection of Grove Road (proposed haul road/cable route crossing the public highway (Work No 26))	USI
4.	Inspection of the Wooded Pit (proposed substation site)	ARSI
5.	Inspection of High House Farm grounds	ARSI
6.	Inspection of the Friston 'Main River' from proposed substation site to the A1094 crossing	ARSI
7.	Inspection of Friston House grounds	ARSI
8.	Inspection of Moor Farm grounds and land	ARSI
9.	Inspection of B1121 (proposed permanent site access north of Friston)	USI
10.	Inspection of Leiston Airfield, Abbey Lane, Theberton – suggested alternative connection location	USI
11.	<b>Access Required Site Inspections and Unaccompanied Site Inspections 1 will conclude once all relevant matters have been inspected for the day</b>	

### 2. Day 2 Itinerary – 27 January 2021

The inspection will commence at 9.00am promptly.

<b>Access Required Site Inspections and Unaccompanied Site Inspections 2 – Itinerary</b>		
<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Purpose for Site Inspection</b>	<b>Inspection</b>
1.	<b>ExA Orientation in Aldringham</b>	
2.	Inspection of Snape Road. To provide visual context of the onshore cable corridor of the Projects, and the associated landscape and visual impacts anticipated to be experienced by users of the Sandlings Way PRoW passing Billeaford Hall and users of the B1069 road.	USI
3.	Inspection of the Archaeology Valley slopes overlooking the Hundred River, to the east of School Plantation opposite Aldringham Court (pinch point considered to require archaeological excavation of complex deposits and logistical issue of spoil storage)	ARSI
4.	Inspection of the River Hundred River Valley – proposed haul roads/cable corridors (Work Nos 18 & 19) in this part of the former River Hundred special Landscape Area, proximity to residence of Riverwood and Hundred Cottage.	ARSI



5.	Inspection of Aldeburgh Road at Fitches Lane and Gipsy Lane crossing. Proposed location for cable corridors across the B1122 and surrounding woodland to the east and west of Aldeburgh Road, proximity to residences in Aldeburgh Road and Fitches Lane)	USI
6.	Inspection of Aldringham Court from surrounding footpaths	USI
7.	Inspection of Sandlings SPA – proposed crossing location of onshore cable corridor	ARSI
8.	Inspection of Thorpeness, proposed by Save our Sandlings	USI
9.	Inspection of Ness House Cottage, undertaken whilst on tour of Thorpeness.	ARSI
10.	<b>Access Required Site Inspections and Unaccompanied Site Inspections 2 will conclude once all relevant matters have been inspected for the day</b>	

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team

Yours faithfully

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#### **Annex**

**A** Access Required Site Inspections and Unaccompanied Site Inspections – Illustrative Plan