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Planning Act 2008, Scottish Power Renewables, Proposed East Anglia One North (EA1N) and Two (EA2) Offshore Windfarm

Historic England Deadline 5 Response - onshore

Dear Mr Smith

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (HBMCE), known as Historic England are the government's advisor on the historic environment and we provide independent advice on heritage matters. We have a duty to conserve, as well as promote public understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment.

Please find below Historic England Comments at Deadline 5 03rd Feb 2021. Please see also our additional letter with regards to the Offshore development.

1) Proposed Changes to the Order Limits and Additional Land required (EA1N and 2)

The WSI produced (Headland Archaeology) and submitted with the ES has not to the best of our knowledge been changed at all, and the comment we made in our Written Representation (see section 2.8 :pp14) have yet to be taken on board. We recommend revisions are made and a revised version is submitted by the applicant at Deadline 6

2) Heritage Assessment Addendum (Document Reference: ExA.AS-11.D4.V1)

We can confirm we have considered the amendments in relation to the historic environment and do not wish to provide further comment at this stage.



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3) Applicants' Comments on Historic England's Deadline 3 Submission (Document Reference: ExA.AS-19.D4.V1)

We note the applicants have provided comments in relation to our Deadline 4 submission and do not wish to provide further comment at this stage. Our view remains fundamentally the same.

4) Revised SoCG

Following a meeting with the applicant in January further progress has been made on the SoCG and a number of items are still under review.

5) Deadline 4 Project Update Note (Document Reference: ExA.AS-2.D4.V1)

We note the applicants have a new project update, we do not wish to provide further comment at this stage, we welcome the additional proposed planting with regards to the NGET station to screen from the north (see section 1.4 Additional Planting at National Grid Substation) which is also illustrated with an updated and revised photomontage and viewpoint (CHVP4). Whilst we welcome the screen planting, our view remains fundamentally the same. This will reduce the effects but not change the fundamental harm with regards to the views of the church from the north, which will remain cut off as illustrated, or from the loss of the historic northern route way.

At our last meeting with the applicant the impact of the sealing end compounds was also discussed. This is still an area of concern for Historic England in relation to their location and the impact on historic field boundaries.

Historic England conclusion and Position

As set out in our previous letter we conclude that the development of the sub-stations both individually and in conjunction with each other and with the NGET sub-station would result in harm to the historic environment. This is harm to the significance of a number of designated heritage assets from development within their setting. Our primary concern is still the grade II* listed church of St Mary's, Friston, and because of the important relationship of the development area to the church and the erosion of its rural setting. We have concluded and continue to be of the view that this would be a high degree of less than substantial harm.

Although we welcome the changes Historic England do not consider this is sufficient to alter our overall position and we maintain our in principle objection to the sub-station elements of



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both developments and the NGET infrastructure. This would be a high degree of less than substantial harm.

If there are any further material changes to the proposals, or you would like further clarification in relation to our advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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