



## **The Planning Act 2008**

**East Anglia One North (EA1N) and East Anglia Two (EA2) Offshore Wind Farms**

**Planning Inspectorate Reference: EA1N – EN010077 & EA2 – EN010078**

**Deadline 6 - 24 February 2021**

**East Suffolk Council's Summary of Oral Case - Issue Specific Hearing 8**

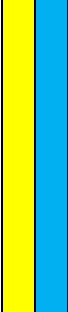
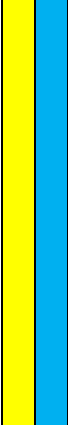
**ESC Summary of Oral Case - Issue Specific Hearing 8 (18 February 2021) – Seascapes**

Examining Authority’s Question	East Suffolk Council’s Summary of Oral Case	References
<b>Agenda Item 1 – Welcome, introductions and arrangements for these Issue Specific Hearings 8</b>		
	<p>ESC defers to Natural England in relation to matters of seascape as they are the government advisor on the natural environment. The Council’s deferral to Natural England was highlighted in our Local Impact Report and Statement of Common Ground with the Applicants.</p>	<p>ESC and SCC Joint LIR REP1-132, Section 16</p> <p>ESC &amp; SCC Joint SoCG REP1-072</p>
<b>Agenda Item 2 – Visibility</b>		
<p>Production, use of and interpretation of seascape visualisations</p>	<p>ESC defers to Natural England on this matter.</p> <p>ESC however wishes to highlight as part of the consideration of wind turbine visibility, it is important to understand that in the key high summer months for visitors to the Suffolk coast, offshore wind turbines can be notably illuminated by afternoon and evening setting sun in the west. With a generally westerly or south-westerly airstream, the ‘face’ of the turbine blades will be facing back towards the coast, and the declining afternoon and evening sun can give the blades a notably highlighted appearance, drawing attention to them in a way that no other weather conditions provide.</p>	

<b>Agenda Item 3 – Onshore seascape effects</b>		
a) Overall findings and interpretations of the ES SLVIA, including consideration of geographical extent and comparison with other offshore wind farms.		ESC defers to Natural England in relation to these matters.
b) East Anglia One North i. Visibility ii. Night-time effects iii. Effects on the AONB		<p><b>b) i.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter.</p> <p><b>b) ii.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter, the Council however understood the issue of night-time effects had been resolved.</p> <p><b>b) iii.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter. The Council has however agreed within its Statement of Common Ground with the Applicants, that the construction and operation of the EA1N offshore infrastructure has no significant project alone effects on the natural beauty / special qualities of the AONB.</p>
c) East Anglia Two i. Good design ii. Visibility iii. Night-time effects iv. Effects on the landscape receptors within the AONB – including, but not limited to discussions concerning Areas A and D of		<p><b>c) i.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter.</p> <p><b>c) ii.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter.</p>

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<p>Landscape Character Type (LCT) 06 Coastal Levels and LCT 29 Covehithe Broad and East Broad.</p> <p>v. Effects on the AONB special qualities</p> <p>vi. Effects on viewpoints and visual receptors within the AONB – including but not limited to Sizewell Beach and Orford Ness.</p> <p>vii. Effects on the Suffolk Coast Path.</p>	<p><b>c) iii.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter, the Council however understood the issue of night-time effects had been resolved.</p> <p><b>c) iv.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter.</p> <p><b>c) v.</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to this matter. It is understood that the Applicants are in ongoing discussions with Natural England in relation to this issue.</p> <p><b>c) vi &amp; viii</b> ESC defers to Natural England in relation to these matters.</p> <p>The Council’s position was set out in our Statement of Common Ground with the Applicants within which it has been identified that ESC is content for the Applicants to liaise with Natural England on these matters and will defer to Natural England’s position.</p>	<p><a href="#">REP1-072</a> LA12.13 and 12.20</p> <p><a href="#">REP1-072</a> LA12.04 and 12.05</p>
<p>d) Cumulative Effects</p>	<p><b>d)</b> The Council requested that the Applicants provide an update to their CIA to take into consideration the Sizewell C DCO submission material as set out in the Statement of Common Ground.</p>	<p><a href="#">REP1-072</a> LA 12.21</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 4 – Any other business relevant to the Agenda</b></p>		

<p>The ExAs may raise any other topics bearing on seascape as is expedient, having regard to the readiness of the persons present to address such matters.</p> <p>The ExAs may extend an opportunity for participants to raise matters relevant to the topic of these hearings that they consider should be examined by the ExAs.</p> <p>If necessary, the Applicants will be provided with a right of reply.</p>			
<b>Agenda Item 5 - Procedural Decisions, Review of Actions and Next Steps</b>			
<p>The ExAs will review whether there is any need for procedural decisions about additional information or any other matter arising from Agenda items 2 to 4.</p> <p>To the extent that matters arise that are not addressed in any procedural decisions, the ExAs will address how any actions placed on the Applicants, Interested Parties or Other Persons are to be met and consider the approaches to be taken in further hearings, in the light of issues raised in these hearings. A written action list will be published if required.</p>			
<b>Agenda Item 6 – Closure of hearings</b>			