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# East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms

## Statement of Common Ground

### Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership

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## Glossary of Acronyms

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
APP	Application Document
DCO	Development Consent Order
DML	Deemed Marine Licence
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
ETG	Expert Topic Group
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
NE	Natural England
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
SCHAONB	Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground



## Glossary of Terminology

Applicants	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited
AFA Report	A report commissioned by the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from Alison Farmer Associates to undertake a review of the East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment documents in light of a revised layout and in the context of the AONB designation.
AONB Partnership	The AONB Partnership was formed in 1993 and is comprised of public, private and voluntary organisations committed to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB.
Cable sealing end compound	A compound which allows the safe transition of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
Cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound	A compound (which includes a circuit breaker) which allows the safe transition of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
East Anglia ONE North project	The proposed project consisting of up to 67 wind turbines, up to four offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia TWO project	The proposed project consisting of up to 75 wind turbines, up to four offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia TWO windfarm site / East Anglia ONE North windfarm site	The offshore area within which wind turbines and offshore platforms will be located.
Horizontal directional drilling (HDD)	A method of cable installation where the cable is drilled beneath a feature without the need for trenching.
Inter-array cables	Offshore cables which link the wind turbines to each other and the offshore electrical platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Jointing bay	Underground structures constructed at intervals along the onshore cable route to join sections of cable and facilitate installation of the cables into the buried ducts.
Landfall	The area (from Mean Low Water Springs) where the offshore export cables would make contact with land, and connect to the onshore cables.
Meteorological mast	An offshore structure which contains metrological instruments used for wind data acquisition.
National electricity grid	The high voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales owned and maintained by National Grid Electricity Transmission



National Grid infrastructure	A National Grid substation, cable sealing end compounds, cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound, underground cabling and National Grid overhead line realignment works to facilitate connection to the national electricity grid, all of which will be consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project Development Consent Order but will be National Grid owned assets.
National Grid substation	The substation (including all of the electrical equipment within it) necessary to connect the electricity generated by the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project to the national electricity grid which will be owned by National Grid but is being consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project Development Consent Order.
Offshore electrical platform	A fixed structure located within the windfarm area, containing electrical equipment to aggregate the power from the wind turbines and convert it into a more suitable form for export to shore.
Offshore infrastructure	All of the offshore infrastructure including wind turbines, platforms, and cables.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the construction, operation and maintenance platform and the offshore electrical platforms.
Onshore cable corridor	The corridor within which the onshore cable route will be located.
Onshore cable route	This is the construction swathe within the onshore cable corridor which would contain onshore cables as well as temporary ground required for construction which includes cable trenches, haul road and spoil storage areas.
Onshore cables	The cables which would bring electricity from landfall to the onshore substation. The onshore cable is comprised of up to six power cables (which may be laid directly within a trench, or laid in cable ducts or protective covers), up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing cables.
Onshore infrastructure	The combined name for all of the onshore infrastructure associated with the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project from landfall to the connection to the national electricity grid.
Onshore substation	The East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North substation and all of the electrical equipment within the onshore substation and connecting to the National Grid infrastructure.
Platform link cable	Electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations as a result of the flow of water.
Transition bay	Underground structures at the landfall that house the joints between the offshore export cables and the onshore cables.



# 1 Introduction

1. This document is applicable to both the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North DCO Applications (the 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 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 (PD-004). Whilst this document has been submitted to both Examinations, if it is read for one project submission there is no need to read it for the other project submission.

## 1.1 Background

2. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited (the Applicants) and the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership in relation to the East Anglia TWO project and the East Anglia ONE North project (the Projects). It identifies areas of the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Development Consent Order (DCO) applications where matters are agreed or not agreed between the parties.
3. The Applicants have had regard to the guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015) when compiling this SoCG.
4. This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of the Applications which are of interest to the AONB Partnership. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed and actions to resolve between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership are included within this SoCG.
5. The tables presented below represent the SoCG with the Applicants and the AONB Partnership in respect of the following topics (each of which includes matters pertaining to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and DCO):
  - Offshore Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity; and
  - Onshore Landscape and Visual Amenity.
6. Throughout the SoCG the phrase "Agreed" identifies any point of agreement between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership. The phrase "Not Agreed" identifies any point that is not yet agreed between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership.
7. The matters considered within this SoCG apply only to AONB Partnership's remit, which encompasses the area within and views from the boundary of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB (the AONB). Matters that are not yet agreed will be the subject of ongoing discussion between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership



to reach agreement on each matter wherever possible, or refine the extent of disagreement between parties. The notes column of the SoCG tables provides commentary on these matters.

## 1.2 The AONB Partnership

8. The AONB Partnership was formed in 1993 and is comprised of public, private and voluntary organisations committed to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB. The AONB Partnership's role is to oversee delivery of the AONB Management Plan. It meets at least twice a year to discuss significant issues in the AONB, and delivery of the Plan. The AONB Partnership consists of: Suffolk County Council, Essex County Council, Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council (formerly Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council), Tendring District Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Country Land and Business Association, The Crown Estate, Defra, Historic England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Haven Gateway Partnership, National Farmers' Union, National Trust, Natural England, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk Coastal Business Forum, Suffolk Coast Limited, Suffolk Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, Suffolk Preservation Society, Suffolk Coast Acting for Resilience, and Suffolk Wildlife Trust.
9. The Applicants are developing separate SoCGs with a number of member organisations which represent the views of these organisations.
10. The AONB Partnership's views in this SoCG have been informed from AONB team and chairmen knowledge before consultation and agreement with all members of the AONB Partnership. Furthermore, it draws on reports commissioned by the AONB from Alison Farmer Associates, which were commissioned to inform the AONB Partnership of the expected impacts of the Applicants' proposals. Individual AONB Partnership organisations are expected to make their own SoCG with the Applicants and for avoidance of any doubt this SoCG relates to the AONB Partnership and does not reflect the views of individual members of the AONB Partnership who will make their own agreements.

## 1.3 The Development

11. The key offshore components of each project will comprise:
  - Offshore wind turbines and their associated foundations;
  - Offshore platforms - up to four offshore electrical platforms and their associated foundations supporting some of the windfarm's electrical equipment, and up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform and associated foundations that may cater for personnel and activities





required during the construction phase and operation and maintenance of the windfarm;

- Sub-sea cables between the wind turbines and offshore electrical platforms (inter-array), between separate offshore platforms (platform link cables) and between offshore electrical platforms and the landfall (export cables);
- Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array, platform link and export sub-sea cables as required; and
- Potential for one meteorological mast and its associated foundations for monitoring wind speeds during the operational phase of the windfarm.

12. The key onshore components of each project will comprise:

- The landfall site with up to two transition bays to connect the onshore and offshore cables;
- Up to six onshore cables, up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing cables installed underground (some or all of which may be installed in ducts) and associated jointing bays installed underground;
- Onshore substation; and
- Electrical cable connection between the onshore substation and National Grid substation.

13. National Grid infrastructure will also be required to connect each project to the national electricity grid. Key components of the National Grid infrastructure which is common to both Projects will comprise:

- National Grid substation;
- Cable sealing end compounds and a cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound; and
- Realignment of the existing overhead lines; including the reconstruction or replacement of up to three existing overhead pylons in proximity to the National Grid substation and the addition of up to one new pylon in close proximity to existing overhead pylons.



## 2 Statement of Common Ground

14. A summary of the consultation undertaken to date with the AONB Partnership and the matters agreed or not agreed between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership (based on discussions and information exchanged between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership during the pre-application and examination phases of the Applications) are set out below for each of the SoCG topic areas.

### 2.1 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity

15. The offshore components of the projects have the potential to impact upon seascape, landscape and visual amenity. **Chapter 28 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity** of the Environmental Statement (ES) (APP-076) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
16. In particular, an assessment of the project alone effects of each Projects' offshore infrastructure on the special qualities of the AONB are described in **Section 28.7.3.2** and summarised in **Table 28.10** of each Project's ES (**Chapter 28** (APP-076)). A full assessment of effects on AONB special qualities is provided in **Section 28.2.2** and **Table A28.3** of **Appendix 28.4** (APP-559).
17. Visual effects on viewpoints within the AONB are assessed in full in **Section 28.2.1** within **Appendix 28.5** (APP-560) and summarised in **Chapter 28** (APP-076), **Section 28.8.3.2** and **Table 28.11**.
18. An assessment of the cumulative effect of the construction and operation of the Projects offshore infrastructure on the special qualities of the AONB is provided in **Section 28.2.2.2** of **Appendix 28.7** (APP-562) and summarised in **Section 28.9.1.3.2** of **Chapter 28** of the ES (APP-076).
19. The onshore components of the projects have the potential to impact upon landscape and visual. **Chapter 29 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment** of the ES (APP-077) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
20. An assessment of the Project-alone construction effects of the onshore infrastructure on the special qualities of the AONB are described in each Project's ES, in **Chapter 29** (APP-077), **Section 29.5.3**, **Section 29.6.1.1** (Landfall), **Section 29.6.1.2** (Onshore Cable Route) and **Section 29.6.1.3** (Onshore Substation).
21. An assessment of the Project-alone operational effects of the onshore substation on the special qualities of the AONB are described in each Project's ES, in **Chapter 29** (APP-077), **Section 29.6.2.2** (*paragraph 184, Table 29.10*).



22. **Table 1** provides an overview of consultation undertaken with the AONB Partnership regarding seascape, landscape and visual amenity. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for seascape, landscape and visual amenity can be found in the **Consultation Report** (APP-029).

**Table 1 Summary of consultation with the AONB Partnership regarding seascape, landscape and visual amenity**

Date	Contact Type	Topic
<b>Pre-Application</b>		
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Meeting (face to face)	Method statement, assessment methodology and study area
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Meeting (face to face)	Presentation and discussion of assessment within Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Meeting (face to face)	Presentation and discussion of updated design decisions regarding orientation and extent of the East Anglia TWO turbine array
<b>Post-Application</b>		
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Meeting (face to face)	SoCG Meeting 1
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Written Correspondence	Updated SoCG issued to the AONB Partnership for comment
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Workshop	SLVIA workshop with the AONB Partnership, Natural England, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Written Correspondence	The AONB Partnership provided comments on the SoCG
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Meeting	SoCG Meeting 2
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Meeting	SoCG Meeting 3

23. Post-Application consultation has continued, and a number of issues remain unresolved. In order to expedite the SoCG process and reflecting on the positions of the AONB Partnership and Natural England (whose technical assessment the AONB Partnership has deferred to) at Issue Specific Hearing 8 (18<sup>th</sup> February 2021), the SoCG has been amended from the format previously submitted to a more streamlined document based upon the AONB Partnership's Relevant Representation (RR-083) and Written Representation (REP1-184).



24. **Table 2** presents the matters agreed or not agreed between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership in relation to seascape, landscape and visual amenity.



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Table 2 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity

ID	Topic	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	AONB Partnership Position	Notes
<b>East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Onshore</b>					
001	The Landscape and Visual Impact of the scheme on the nationally designated AONB, including its setting.	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that there will be significant negative impacts on the nationally designated AONB during the construction of the cable route.</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p> <p>The Applicants note that the following statements were agreed with Natural England in their statement of common ground (REP1-057)</p> <p><i>Significant effects on AONB special qualities are limited to the temporary construction activities associated with the onshore cable route, occurring within or close to Section 1 of the onshore development area.</i></p> <p><i>On the basis that the onshore cable corridor's reinstatement is fully and successfully achieved, the landscape and visual effects associated with the onshore cable route are considered temporary, with no significant long-term operational effects on AONB natural beauty/special qualities arising</i></p>
002	The impact of the scheme on the defined natural beauty elements of the AONB, including landscape quality,	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that there will be significant negative impacts on the defined natural beauty elements of the AONB during the construction of the cable route.</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p>



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	scenic quality, relative wildness, relative tranquility, natural heritage features and cultural heritage.				<p>The Applicants note that the following statements were agreed with Natural England in their statement of common ground (REP1-057)</p> <p><i>Significant effects on AONB special qualities are limited to the temporary construction activities associated with the onshore cable route, occurring within or close to Section 1 of the onshore development area.</i></p> <p><i>On the basis that the onshore cable corridor's reinstatement is fully and successfully achieved, the landscape and visual effects associated with the onshore cable route are considered temporary, with no significant long-term operational effects on AONB natural beauty/special qualities arising</i></p>
003	The impact of the scheme on the purposes of the nationally designated AONB, including its setting, to conserve and enhance natural beauty	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that the purposes of the AONB will be negatively impacted during the construction of the cable route.</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p> <p>The Applicants note that the following statements were agreed with Natural England in their statement of common ground (REP1-057)</p> <p><i>Significant effects on AONB special qualities are limited to the temporary construction activities associated with the onshore cable route, occurring within or close to Section 1 of the onshore development area.</i></p> <p><i>On the basis that the onshore cable corridor's reinstatement is fully and successfully achieved, the landscape and visual effects associated with the onshore cable route are considered temporary, with no significant long-term operational effects on AONB natural beauty/special qualities arising</i></p>



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004	How the scheme and the developer has addressed its duty of regard to the purposes of the AONB.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership recognise the applicants attempts to meet its duty of regard to the purposes of the AONB by seeking to locate the associated substation outside the nationally designated landscape and to underground the associated cables. The AONB Partnership recognises the applicant's efforts relating to micro siting of cable routes to pay regard to the purposes of the AONB and in particular its defined features such as its heritage and natural heritage features. The AONB Partnership recognise the applicant's efforts to minimise these impacts and their efforts made to their duty of regard to the AONB but note the impacts during construction cannot be avoided.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership recognise the legitimate concern of those who will be impacted by proposed location of the substation.</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p> <p>The Applicants welcome the Partnership's recognition of the efforts made to reduce or avoid impacts.</p>
005	The impact of the scheme on the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy the purposes of the AONB, its natural beauty and special qualities, for example public access and	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership has deferred technical assessment to Natural England and the Highways Authority, however the AONB Partnership considers that there will be a negative impact on the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy the natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB during the construction of the cable route</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p>



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	enjoyment of countryside.				The Applicants note that in the Statement of Common Ground with the Councils, the Councils have agreed all aspects mitigation access and public rights of way (PRoW) (through the Outline Public Rights of Way Strategy (OPRoWS) with respect to (REP3-024). Whilst there will be some disruption, the PRoW network within the AONB will remain operational during the construction phase. As discussed above, Natural England concur with the Applicants that significant effects on AONB special qualities are limited to the temporary construction activities associated with the onshore cable route, occurring within or close to Section 1 of the onshore development area.
006	The impact of the scheme on the local economy, in particular the tourism industry, that relies on the natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB partnership defers to the Suffolk Coast Limited Destination Management Organisation and Local Authorities for technical assessment on impacts of the local economy and in particular the tourism industry but consider that the impacts of the construction of the cable route will not enhance the key driver for tourism in the AONB, those wishing to enjoy landscapes, the associated wildlife and relative tranquility.</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p> <p>The Applicants consider that the offshore elements will not have significant impacts upon tourism.</p> <p>However, notwithstanding the above, the Applicants have committed to a Tourism Fund of £150,000, payable in the event that one or both of the Projects is granted consent. This demonstrates that the Applicants are considerate</p>





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007	The quality of and appropriateness of measures to avoid, mitigate and compensate for impacts on the natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB.	n/a	Agreed	Agreed	<p>developers and that we have listened to the comments of the comments of key stakeholders.</p> <p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership has deferred technical assessment to Natural England, however the AONB Partnership recognise the applicants location of the substation outside the AONB and the undergrounding of cables through the AONB as a measure to minimise the impacts on the AONB. Furthermore it does not consider the impacts of the offshore element of EA1N to be significant to the AONB.</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p> <p>The Applicants note that following NE's Relevant Representation (RR-059), the Applicants provided additional information on the programme of onshore works within the immediate setting of the AONB within the Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations (AS-036).</p> <p>Natural England have confirmed in their <b>Risk and Issues Log</b> (REP5-088) that with regard to the AONB:</p> <p><b>P5 (row 12)</b> "NE welcomes the information within the Project Update Note [REP2-007] submitted by the Applicant at D2 that simultaneous installation of the cable infrastructure for both the EA1N and EA2 projects when the first of the two proceeds will significantly lessen and landscape or ecological impact."</p> <p>This issue is now flagged as <b>green</b> 'NE supports the Applicant's approach'</p>



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008	Requirement for compensation	Agreed	N/A	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership has given outline views to the applicant and East Suffolk Council on proposed compensation for the proposals. The AONB Partnership has not been directly involved in discussions with the applicant on the magnitude, purpose of delivery mechanisms of a proposed compensation package, despite the potential for significant impacts on the AONB's defined qualities.</p> <p><b>Applicants</b></p> <p>The Applicant is of the view the Projects will not have significant impacts upon tourism.</p> <p>However, notwithstanding the above, the Applicants have committed to a Tourism Fund of £150,000, payable in the event that one or both of the Projects is granted consent. This demonstrates that the Applicants are considerate developers and that we have listened to the comments of the comments of key stakeholders.</p>
<b>East Anglia TWO Offshore</b>					
101	The Landscape and Visual Impact of the scheme on the nationally designated AONB, including its setting.	Not agreed	n/a	Not agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The applicant acknowledges that there will be significant negative impacts on the defined characteristics of the AONB during the construction of the cable route. The AONB partnership diverge from the opinion of the applicant that this should be characterised as localised as the AONB Partnership consider the AONB to be a single entity and that damage to one part of the nationally</p>



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102	The impact of the scheme on the defined natural beauty elements of the AONB, including landscape quality, scenic quality, relative wildness, relative tranquillity, natural heritage features and cultural heritage.	Not agreed	n/a	Not agreed	designated landscape compromises the AONB as a whole. It is not appropriate to use 'localised' as a descriptor under these circumstances.  <b>Applicant</b>  The Applicant acknowledges that the offshore elements of the development will have some impact on the setting of the AONB and some of its special qualities. The Applicant has had regard to the purposes of the AONB through the siting and design of the Project in order to minimise landscape and visual effects on the SCHAONB and avoid compromising the purposes of the SCHAONB designation  <b>AONB Partnership</b>  For EA2 the AONB Partnership note that the applicant acknowledges that two of the six defined characteristics of natural beauty of the AONB, landscape quality and scenic quality will suffer significant long-term effect. The AONB Partnership acknowledge that these impacts are reversible but suggest that with the anticipated lifespan of the windfarm being 25 years, these impacts are long term, particularly with the likelihood of a re-charge for an additional 25 years.  In relation to the proposed embedded mitigation scheme for EA2, the AONB Partnership would draw on its expert advice from Alison Farmer Associates* which concludes:  "Whilst the SLVIA [Seascope, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment] for the mitigated scheme shows a reduction in effect from viewpoints due to reduced lateral spread, this does not alter the fact that when taken in

\* <https://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/EA2-SLVIA-MitigatedLayout-Review-Final-Report-20200416.pdf>



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					<p>association with EA1N and Galloper, Greater Gabbard, EA2 will continue to cause a substantial 'curtain' effect of turbines on skyline views from the AONB and would not conserve and enhance its special qualities."</p> <p>The AONB Partnership therefore expects appropriate mitigation and where not possible, compensation in relation to the adverse impacts on the special qualities of the AONB.</p> <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges that the offshore elements of the development will have some impact on the setting of the AONB and some of its special qualities. However, the Applicant notes that Natural England have confirmed in their <b>Risk and Issues Log</b> (REP5-088) that:</p> <p><b>P38 (row 7)</b> "We agree that the contribution made by the EA1N OWF project to the cumulative effects of the EA2 OWF project is small. However, we note that opportunities do exist to reduce this contribution further through the use of shorter (250m) turbines. NE does not consider that the combined lateral spread of the two arrays is likely to result in significant adverse visual effects. The reduction in the lateral spread of the EA2 array has eliminated the possibility of a 'curtaining effect' where views of the horizon are obscured due to the apparent merging of the EA1N and EA2 arrays."</p> <p>The Applicant has had regard to the purposes of the AONB through the siting and design of the Project in order to minimise landscape and visual effects on the SCHAONB and avoid compromising the purposes of the SCHAONB designation.</p>



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103	The impact of the scheme on the purposes of the nationally designated AONB, including its setting, to conserve and enhance natural beauty	Not agreed	n/a	Not agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB has a statutory purpose to conserve and enhance natural beauty. The AONB appointed consultant, Alison Farmer Associates, concludes in Seascope landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Review EA2 and EA1N Final Report† that:</p> <p><i>“Wind turbines are not a special quality of the Suffolk Coast &amp; Heaths AONB nor a key characteristic, and the proposed development would not further the purpose of designation. On the contrary, the proposed developments, either individually or cumulatively, would undermine the special qualities and perceptions which are a fundamental component of this nationally valued landscape.”</i></p> <p>Compensation for the adverse impact the wind turbines will have on the special qualities of the AONB must be appropriate to the level of identified impact.</p> <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges that the offshore elements of the development will have some impact on the setting of the AONB and some of its special qualities. The Applicant has had regard to the purposes of the AONB through the siting and design of the Project in order to minimise landscape and visual effects on the SCHAONB and avoid compromising the purposes of the SCHAONB designation</p>

† <https://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/SLVIA-Review-EA2-and-EA1N-Final-Report-.pdf>



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104	How the scheme and the developer has addressed its duty of regard to the purposes of the AONB.	Not agreed	n/a	Not agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership recognise and welcome the applicant seeking to locate the proposed associated substation outside the nationally designated landscape. However, the offshore elements of the development will impact on the purposes of the AONB.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership accepts that there is no mitigation for this impact and seeks maximum compensation in relation to the residual impact arising from the offshore elements of EA2.</p> <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges that the offshore elements of the development will have some impact on the setting of the AONB and some of its special qualities. The Applicant has had regard to the purposes of the AONB through the siting and design of the Project in order to minimise landscape and visual effects on the SCHAONB and avoid compromising the purposes of the SCHAONB designation</p>
105	The impact of the scheme on the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy the purposes of the AONB, its natural beauty and special qualities, for example public access and	Not agreed	n/a	Not agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that public enjoyment of the AONB will be compromised by the offshore elements.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership accepts that there is no mitigation for this impact and seeks maximum compensation in relation to the residual impact arising from the offshore elements of EA2.</p> <p><b>Applicant</b></p>



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	enjoyment of countryside.				The Applicant does not consider that public enjoyment of the AONB will be compromised by the offshore elements
106	The impact of the scheme on the local economy, in particular the tourism industry, that relies on the natural beauty and special qualities of the AONB	Agreed	n/a	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>Appropriate mitigation in the form of a Tourism Fund is required to enable identified bodies such as the Suffolk Coast Limited, Destination Management Organisation to mitigate the adverse impacts, including the temporary onshore impacts of the cable route, on tourism arising from this project.</p> <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>The Applicants consider that the offshore elements will not have significant impacts upon tourism.</p> <p>However, notwithstanding the above, the Applicants have committed to a Tourism Fund of £150,000, payable in the event that one or both of the Projects is granted consent. This demonstrates that the Applicants are considerate developers and that we have listened to the comments of the comments of key stakeholders</p>
107	The quality of and appropriateness of measures to avoid, mitigate and compensate for impacts on the natural beauty and	Agreed	n/a	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that if the developments go ahead then compensation payments would be required in addition to the embedded mitigation of the proposed scheme.</p> <p>Any compensation and mitigation funds should seek to meet the aspirations of the statutory AONB Management Plan. Such funds should reflect the impacts caused by the development during the construction, operation and decommissioning on the AONB.</p>



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	special qualities of the AONB.				<p>The AONB Partnership considers that compensation and mitigation funds should include representatives of the AONB Partnership in any decision-making processes of how those funds are distributed.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership has given outline views to the applicant and East Suffolk Council on proposed compensation for the proposals. The AONB Partnership has not been directly involved in discussions with the applicant on the magnitude, purpose of delivery mechanisms of a proposed compensation package, despite the potential for significant impacts on the AONB's defined qualities.</p> <p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>The Applicants will enter into a S111 Agreement with East Suffolk Council. This Agreement includes funds for measures to support access, environmental and ecological enhancements to the AONB.</p>
108	Requirement for compensation	Agreed	n/a	Not Agreed	<p><b>AONB Partnership</b></p> <p>Appropriate mitigation in the form of a Tourism Fund is required to enable identified bodies such as the Suffolk Coast Limited, Destination Management Organisation to mitigate the adverse impacts on tourism arising from this project.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership has not been directly engaged with the applicant on detailed discussions relating to the magnitude, purpose or operation of any s111 agreements made between East Suffolk Council and the applicant.</p> <p><b>Applicant</b></p>











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					<p>The Applicant is of the view the Projects will not have significant impacts upon tourism.</p> <p>However, notwithstanding the above, the Applicants have committed to a Tourism Fund of £150,000, payable in the event that one or both of the Projects is granted consent. This demonstrates that the Applicants are considerate developers and that we have listened to the comments of the comments of key stakeholders.</p>
<b>East Anglia ONE North Offshore</b>					
201	All Aspects	n/a	Agreed	No Comment	AONB Partnership has no comment on EA1N Offshore elements



### 3 Signatures

25. The above Statement of Common Ground is agreed between East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership on the day specified below.

Signed: 
Print Name: 
Job Title: Chairman, Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Partnership
Date: 25 March 2021
Duly authorised for and on behalf of the <b>Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership</b>
Signed: 
Print Name: 
Job Title: Senior Project Manager
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