



## **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 8 – 25 March 2021**

**East Suffolk Council's Summary of Oral Case - Issue Specific Hearing 10**

**Issue Specific Hearing 10 (9 March 2021) – Health and Social Wellbeing**

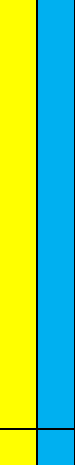
Examining Authority's Question		East Suffolk Council's Summary of Oral Case	References
<b>Agenda Item 1 – Welcome, introductions and arrangements for these Issue Specific Hearings 10</b>			
<b>Agenda Item 2 – Policy discussion</b>			
<p>Questions relating to the policy background relating to health and social wellbeing matters.</p>		<p>ESC considers the relevant national policy in relation to health and wellbeing is set out in Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1). The relevant sections of the EN-1 have been outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section 4.10 Pollution control and other environmental regulatory regimes</li> <li>• Section 4.13 Health</li> <li>• Section 5.2 Air quality and emissions</li> <li>• Section 5.10 Land use including open space, green infrastructure and Green Belt</li> <li>• Section 5.11 Noise and vibration</li> <li>• Section 5.14 Waste management</li> <li>• Section 5.15 Water quality and resources</li> </ul> <p>National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5) provides policy guidance in relation to electric and magnetic fields (EMFs) in Section 2.10.</p> <p>In relation to local planning policy, the East Suffolk Council Local Plan contains the following policies which are of relevance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy SCLP10.3 – Environmental Quality</li> <li>• Policy SCLP11.2 – Residential Amenity</li> </ul>	

<b>Agenda Item 3 – Health and Social Wellbeing - Applicants</b>		
<p>The Applicants are invited to present any aspects they wish to raise on the above subjects, including a summary of Chapter 27 of the ES and any updates to this subject area they wish to raise. Given subject overlaps with other areas and ISHs, the ExAs are particularly interested to hear in this event considerations on matters of mental health, including anxiety and stress.</p>		
<b>Agenda Item 4 – Health and Social Wellbeing – Interested Parties</b>		
<p>Interested parties will be invited to present their submissions on the above subjects. Given subject overlaps with other areas and ISHs, the ExAs are particularly interested to hear in this event considerations on matters of mental health, including anxiety and stress. Local knowledge of demographics would also be useful. However, IPs are welcome to raise any matters relating to health and social well-being considered relevant.</p> <p>The Applicants will be provided with a right of reply.</p>	<p>ESC has not made any specific representations in relation to mental health during these examinations and defers to Public Health England and other public health bodies on this matter.</p> <p>ESC has however made representations to these examination in relation to the impacts of the projects on air quality and noise during the construction and operational phases. These matters have been discussed within separate issue specific hearings (ISH2, ISH4 and ISH12). It is recognised however that the Examining Authority are particularly interested in matters of mental health and therefore ESC has only sought to provide a summary of the Council’s current position on these matters.</p> <p>Air quality – The Applicants demonstrated that the proposed developments would not have a significant adverse effect on health and wellbeing through the Environmental Statements</p>	

	<p>(ESs). ESC has reviewed the ESs, and secured clarifications on a number of aspects.</p> <p>The Applicants have committed to ensuring that 70% of HGVs for the projects will comply with Euro VI standards in the event that the construction of the projects overlaps with Sizewell C construction. This commitment is secured within the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (paragraph 64, REP6-009) and Outline Code of Construction Practice (OCoCP) (paragraph 112, REP7-025). ESC’s evaluation indicates that this will be sufficient to ensure that there is no significant risk of adverse effects on health due to emissions to air from HGV traffic as a result of the proposed developments in combination with the proposed Sizewell C development, even at the most vulnerable locations close to the A12. Compliance with this requirement will be monitored as the construction programmes progress.</p> <p>ESC continues to seek confirmation of the Applicants’ approach in relation to Non Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM). It is ESC’s understanding that the Applicants will commit to using NRMM with Stage IV emission controls or better. Based on the information in the ESs, this will ensure that there is no significant risk of adverse effects on health due to emissions to air from NRMM. However, this commitment does not yet seem to be clearly identified in any documentation.</p> <p>Dust – The management of dust is secured through the CoCP and Requirement 22. The OCoCP (REP7-025) has been updated and now provides a specific commitment to identify areas within the CoCP which are sensitive to dust impacts and provide</p>	
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	<p>comprehensive measures to address this. ESC considers that these measures will be sufficient to avoid adverse impacts on health and wellbeing due to dust from construction activities.</p> <p>ESC also welcomes the commitment by the Applicants within the OCoCP to provide additional measures in areas of the Order Limits within a set distance of a residential property.</p> <p>Noise – The noise Issue Specific Hearing (ISH12) was held on 11 March 2021 where matters in relation to both operational and construction noise were discussed. ESC refers to its Oral Summary of Case for ISH12 submitted at Deadline 8 for a detailed account of the Council’s current position on these matters.</p> <p>Land contamination – ESC considers that the OCoCP contains sufficient control measures in relation to the discovery of unexpected contaminants. The OCoCP is also supported by Requirement 18 which secures a written scheme in relation to the potential release of contaminants. These measures are considered sufficient to avoid adverse impacts on health.</p> <p>The OCoCP and final CoCP also secure a stakeholder communications plan which will provide further details regarding engagement during the construction phase. This includes the appointment of a community liaison officer providing a single point of contact for residents. ESC fully supports this commitment and considers that effective engagement with the local community has an important role in helping to keep local communities informed in relation to the construction of the projects.</p>	
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<p><b>Agenda Item 5 – Any other business relevant to the Agenda</b></p>			
<p>The ExAs may raise any other topics bearing on health and social well-being matters 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>			
<p><b>Agenda Item 6 - Procedural decisions, review of actions and next steps</b></p>			
<p>The ExAs will review whether there is any need for procedural decisions about additional</p>			

<p>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 7 – Closure of hearings</b>			