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East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm

Appendix F10 to the Natural England Deadline 8 Submission

Natural England's Update on All Other Matters

For:

The construction and operation of East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm, a 900MW wind farm which could consist of up to 75 turbines, generators and associated infrastructure, located 37km from Lowestoft and 32km from Southwold.

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Natural England's Update on All Other Matters

This document is applicable to both the East Anglia ONE North (EA1N) and East Anglia TWO (EA2) 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 23rd December 2019. Whilst for completeness of the record this document has been submitted to both Examinations, if it is read for one project submission there is no need to read it again for the other project.

Introduction

This document provides Natural England's comments following review of the following documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 7:

- Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan [REP7-027 and REP7-028]
- Mitigation Measures Tracking List [REP7-040]

1) Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan (OOMP) [REP7-027 and REP7-028]

As also stated in our covering letter and comments to the DCO in Appendix G5 at Deadline 8, Natural England does not support the use of new cable protection, or scour protection during the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) phase and therefore cannot agree to the OOMP until this issue is resolved.



2) Mitigation Measures Tracking List [REP7-040]

Detailed Comments to the Mitigation Measures Tracking List [REP7-040] are provided in the table below.

Document Reference	Natural England's Comment
1.5	The mitigation measures should be agreed in consultation with the relevant statutory Nature Conservation Body (SNCB) as well as with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO).
1.10	This should be amended to reflect the commitments at 1.13 and 1.14.
Page 8	Please note that monitoring is not mitigation unless it informs adaptive management.
3.10	The mitigation measures should be agreed in consultation with relevant SNCB.
5.10	The measures at 5.1-5.6 may provide some limited mitigation in relation to prey species. However, Natural England considers that the herring spawning restriction should have been referenced here as it provides better mitigation since it mitigates an impact during the spawning period of this prey species.
5.11	This section states that during Operations and Maintenance mitigation at 5.1-5.6 will reduce impacts to prey resource. However, the mitigation referenced is piling and UXO limitation to 1 per day during the winter period. As UXO and piling only occurs <u>during construction</u> Natural England cannot support this as <u>during operations</u> mitigation. Natural England is not requesting mitigation for prey during this period; however, the document is misleading as drafted.
Section 6, Offshore Ornithology	Natural England notes there is no mention of the mitigation to reduce the displacement impacts from EA1N by moving 2km further away from the OTE SPA.
16.36	The reference to avoiding known badger setts is at odds with the updated OLEMS [REP6-007, REP6-008]. Please see Natural England response at Deadline 8 Appendix C9.
16.39	Habitats should be fully reinstated (not just where practicable) and improved upon.
Section 17, Onshore Ornithology	Please see Natural England comments on the SPA crossing document Appendix C9 at Deadline 8.