



East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms

Applicants' Comments Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council Deadline 11 Submissions

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Glossary of Acronyms

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
DCO	Development Consent Order
ExA	Examination Authority
PD	Procedural Decision
PRoW	Public Rights of Way



Glossary of Terminology

Applicant	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited	
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.	



1 Introduction

- 1. This document presents the Applicants' comments on Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council's Deadline 11 submission (REP11-135).
- 2. This document is applicable to both the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Development Consent Order (DCO) 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's) procedural decisions on document management of 23rd 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.





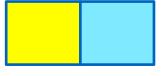
2 Comments on Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council's Deadline 11 Submissions

2.1 Applicants' Comments of Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council's Deadline 11 Submission (REP11-135)

ID	ExA Question	Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council's Comment	Applicants' Comments			
Th	he Examining Authority's Written Questions and requests for information (ExQ1)					
1	LI.1.1.	LI.1.1.	The Applicants disagree with the Parish Council's position.			
	Design Approach It is imperative that the proposal represents a good quality sustainable design which can be effectively integrated into the landscape. As such, please comment on whether the following measures would ensure this would be achieved in the detailed design, construction and operation phases: i) A 'design champion'. Such a role would advise on the quality of sustainable design and the spatia integration of the both the Main Development Site and Associated Development Sites ii) A 'design review panel' to provide a 'critical friend' role. Such a role would provide comment on the		The National Infrastructure Commission's publication 'Design Principles for National Infrastructure' (National Infrastructure Commission, February 2020) identified a need for championing of good design at board level on projects. The appointment of Mr Jonathan Cole fulfils this recommendation whereas a 'fully independent personnel' would not. The design principles and community consultation measures set out in the <i>Substations Design Principles Statement</i> (AS-133) are considered to be the most effective means to influence 'good design. And are integrated into the Applicants' detailed design process. The Applicants have from the outset proposed a strategic landscape framework as opposed to just planting round the outside of the boundary fence. The			



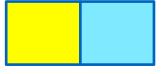




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	development of sustainable design proposals iii) The production of an approved 'design code' or 'design approach document' which would establish the approach to delivering the detailed design specifications to ensure good quality sustainable design (as approved in the Hinkley Point C Connector Project (EN020001)). Please advise on how such measures could be secured. In addition, please comment as to whether any other measures or approaches are considered necessary?		landscape framework includes opportunities for enhancing the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network, improving local biodiversity and creating quality spaces. The focus has been on retaining and enhancing local features as well as delivering strategic screening. Through Section 111 Agreements, the Applicants have provided the Councils and local communities with opportunities to develop the integrations beyond the Order limits. Whilst recognising the role of specific design professions the Applicants consider that local organisations and individuals will have insights which have the potential to improve and enhance the final design. In addition, the Applicants consider that local authorities also have important local knowledge and through the consultation process outlined within the <i>Substations Design Principles Statement</i> (AS-133), will have the ability to input into this process. The Applicants note the error in the Parish Council's representation in the reference to EDF as opposed to the Applicants.	
2	LI1.2 AONB – Adverse Effects Has sufficient weight has been given to the statutory purpose and need for protection of the landscape, character and special qualities of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB both	AONB – Adverse Effects Although a lot of work has been done to mitigate for the site intrusion into the AONB, SSSI and to protect the landscape, the Parish Council are not sure that there are any metrics, other than areas of land included, to	It is the Applicants' view that sufficient weight has been given to the statutory purpose and need for protection of the landscape, character and special qualities of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).	

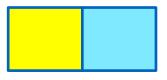






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	within and outside its boundary, in accordance with paragraphs 5.9.9 and 5.9.12 of NPS EN-1? Please qualify your answer. If not, please identify what additional measures are required?	show that there is a real benefit to the area or if an improvement has been achieved. A formal agreement to a set of targeted metrics with an ongoing commitment to monitor and respond to future changes appears to be the only way that everyone can be assured that sufficient protection to the landscape is being achieved	The Applicants maintain the position in their response to this question in <i>Applicants' Responses to Examining Authority's Written Questions Volume 2 – 1.0 Overarching, general and cross-topic questions</i> (REP1-105).
			The Applicants note that in the Statement of Common Ground with Natural England (onshore) - Version 02 (REP8-108) Natural England agree that:
			"NE-910 The East Anglia ONE North, East Anglia TWO and National Grid substations have no significant effects on the natural beauty/special qualities of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)."
			And
			"NE-911 Significant effect on the 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."
			And
			"NE-912 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."





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			These statements are mirrored in the Statement of Common Ground with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council (ExA.SoCG-2.D12.V6) (rows LA13.12 – LA13.14). The Applicants note that through Section 111 Agreements, funds have been committed to support the AONB. These funds are targeted as supporting the management plan. This offers an opportunity to deliver positive benefits.