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Planning Act 2008, Scottish Power Renewables, Proposed East Anglia One North (EA1N)
and Two (EA2) Offshore Windfarms

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination
Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17: Deadline 12

Historic England response to question R17QF.7 and R17QF.10

Dear Mr Smith

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (HBMCE), known as Historic England, are the government's advisor on the historic environment and we provide independent advice on heritage matters. We have a duty to conserve, as well as promote public understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment.

Question R17QF.7

Landscape and Visual Impact The Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS) version 6 dated 11 June 2021 [AS-127] contains an updated design for the proposed SuDS basins. The revised designs remove previous areas of wet woodland within the basins and appears to reorientate the basin for the proposed southern substations. In addition, text within the OLEMS has been amended to state that SuDS basins “may” be encompassed by bunds (as opposed to “will”)



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To the Applicants:

a) How likely is it that bunding will be required for the SuDS basins?

b) Para 138 of the OLEMS states that bunding for landscaping purposes is subject to detailed design and the availability of suitable material on site during construction. If suitable material is on site during construction, provide examples of what bunds may be constructed and to what purpose.

To SCC, ESC, Historic England and other Interested Parties:

c) Provide any further submissions you may wish to make on the landscape and visual impact of the latest iteration of the proposed SuDS basins.

d) Does the removal of the previously proposed wet woodland have an adverse effect on the ecological aims of the proposed developments?

e) Does the removal of the previously proposed wet woodland have an adverse effect on the role of the OLEMS proposals as landscape or historic environment mitigation?

Historic England Response

Historic England confirms we have noted the revised 'Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS) version 6 (dated 11 June 2021 [AS-127]). We do not have any specific comments in this regard. The Examining Authority need to be assured that this area will be subject to archaeological mitigation prior to construction as per the terms of the Onshore WSI. In relation to the setting of the designated heritage assets we can also confirm that the changes indicated here do not change our position with regard to the impact of the development as a whole upon the significance of the grade II* church at Friston.

R17QF.10

Landscape and Visual Impact: Construction Drainage Management

The Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP11-015] provides an example construction surface water drainage scheme at the Substations Location (Appendix 2, Figure 3). This is described in the text as a worst-case indicative general arrangement (para 176).



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- *Provide any submissions you may wish to make on any impacts of this proposed construction surface water drainage scheme on matters of landscape, visual impact and the setting of heritage assets.*

Historic England Response

As above Historic England confirms we have noted the proposed surface water drainage scheme at the Substations. Again the Examining Authority need to be assured that this area will be subject to archaeological mitigation prior to construction as per the terms of the Onshore WSI. We can however also confirm that the changes indicated here do not change our position with regard to the impact of the development as a whole upon the significance of the grade II* church at Friston.

Conclusion

We continue to welcome the additional information and the focus on heritage assets, if there are any further material changes to the proposals, or you would like further clarification in relation to our advice, please contact us.

Yours sincerely

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