



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 13 – 5 July 2021

**Comments of Suffolk County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority**

## **1. Comments on Applicants Final preferred dDCO**

- 1.1 SCC maintains its position that it (and not ESC) should be the discharging authority for the Operational Drainage Management Plan under Requirement 41 for the reasons set out in its previous submissions. Without prejudice to that position, SCC acknowledges the express reference in Requirement 41(1) of the Final preferred dDCO to consultation with SCC if ESC is to be the discharging authority. SCC also welcomes its inclusion as a consultee in relation to Requirement 12.

## 2. Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D12

### 2.1 Outline Code of Construction Practice (REP12-021)

No changes of note have been made to Chapter 11 (Surface Water and Drainage Management) of this document, therefore SCC have no further comments in addition to those made at Deadline 12 (REP12-098).

### 2.2 Operational Drainage Management Plan (REP12-057)

Para	SPR Statement	SCC Comment
140	Regarding the upper section of the Friston main river, the Applicants have submitted an updated signed Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency (ExA.SoCG-3.D12.V4) at Deadline 12 which confirms that a framework to ensure any additional inspection or maintenance works are appropriately undertaken will be agreed between the Applicants and the Environment Agency prior to commencement of Work Nos. 30 and 41.	SCC note the change of paragraph 140. Whilst SCC do not object to this proposal, we would highlight that requirement 41 is also prior to the commencement of Works Nos 30 & 41 (amongst others). SCC would expect to see an agreement between the Environment Agency and the Applicant, prior to the discharge of requirement 41 to ensure that an effective outfall from the SuDS serving the substations can be made and maintained. SCC would also expect to see some form of provision for either the Applicant or National Grid to continue ongoing maintenance of the Friston Main River in the event that the Applicant substations were to be removed but the National Grid substation were to remain.

### 2.3 Applicants' Comments Suffolk County Council's Deadline 11 Submissions (REP12-033)

The Applicants' comments do not present any new information and covers topics which have been discussed in previous submissions and Issue Specific Hearings. Therefore, alongside other comments made in this submission, SCC maintain their comments made at Deadline 12 (REP12-098) and would make particular reference to Section 3.3 of that document which covers the Outline Code of Construction Practice.

**3. Responses to any further information requested by the ExAs for this deadline**

3.1 Not applicable.