

Date: 05 July 2021
Our ref: Case: 10572 Consultation: 358430
Your ref: EN010078



National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol
BS1 6PN

Hornbeam House
Crewe Business
Park Electra Way
Crewe
Cheshire CW1
6GJ

T 0300 060 3900

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir/Madam

East Anglia TWO (EA2) Offshore Wind Farm

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 13.

1. Natural England Deadline 13 Submissions

Natural England has reviewed the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 12. Please find a summary of Natural England's position regarding these documents in Table 1 below. Natural England is also submitting further detailed responses, within the following thematic appendices:

- EN010078 358430 EA2 Appendix A24 NE Summary Position and Final Advice to the Applicant's D12 Submissions in Relation to Offshore Ornithology Deadline 13
- EN010078 358430 EA2 Appendix A25 - P00002714 LAL Year 3 Post Construction Final Reporting_v4.0_Clean Deadline 13
- EN010078 358430 EA2 Appendix C12 NE Further Comments in Relation to the Hundred River Crossing and the Applicant's Draft LONI Deadline 13
- EN010078 358430 EA2 Appendix I1j – NE Risk and Issues Log Deadline 13

Table 1 Natural England's Response/Summary Position to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 12.

PINS Document Reference	Applicant's Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP12-013 REP12-014	Draft Development Consent Order (Clean and Tracked)	Schedule 18. With exception of the change noted below, Natural England's issues with the security of the compensatory measures remains unchanged.
REP12-015	Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 1 Part 3, requirement 22 (4). Natural England welcomes and accepts the proposed changes to this requirement and considers this matter closed. • Schedule 18, Parts 1 to 6 Paragraph (3)(a). Natural England notes and accepts the changes proposed here. This resolves our concern with this particular section of the compensation schedule.
REP12-021 REP12-022	Outline Code of Construction Practice (tracked & clean)	No further comment.
REP12-025 REP12-026	Outline Landfall Construction Method Statement (Clean & Tracked)	No further comment
REP12-027 REP12-028	Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (Clean & Tracked)	No further comment.
REP12-030	Applicant's Comments on Natural England's Deadline 11 Submissions	Please see Appendix A24 at Deadline 13.
REP12-056	Applicants Responses to Rule 17 Questions of 18 June 2021	Please see Appendix A24 at Deadline 13.
REP12-059	HRA Derogation Case	Please see Appendix A24 at Deadline 13
REP12-060 REP12-061	Offshore Ornithology Without Prejudice Compensation Measures (clean & tracked)	Please see Appendix A24 at Deadline 13.
REP12-066	Offshore Ornithology Cumulative and In Combination Collision Risk and Displacement D12 Update	Please see Appendix A24 at Deadline 13.
REP12-068	Applicants' Comments on the Updated Report on Implications for European Sites	Please see Appendix A24 at Deadline 13.
REP12-076	Changes to Mitigation Measures Tracking List	<p>Natural England draws the ExA attention to the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no mitigation included for the woodland adjacent to the Hundred River and/or hairy dragonfly

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Best Practice RTD protocol should also apply to O&M activities. • Please can the Applicant confirm if the 50m <i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> buffer is being removed from the <i>Sabellaria</i> Reef Management plan and is now just secured through the PEMP. Please note that we would wish it to be included in both.
--	--	--

2. Overlap of Deadline 12 Submissions

Natural England wish to highlight to the Examining Authority that several of the Applicant's submissions at Deadline 12 will not have taken into account our position/ advice at Deadline 12. In particular, this applies to REP12-089: Appendix A15d - NE Comments on HRA Derogation [REP11-069] and Offshore Ornithology Compensation Measures [REP11-070] and REP12-090: Appendix A16c - NE Comments on Cumulative and In-Combination Collision Risk [REP11-027].

3. Natural England's Final Position for Offshore Ornithology Cumulative / In Combination Impacts with other Plans and Projects and Designated Site Features

Natural England would like to reiterate our final position for cumulative and in-combination impacts with other plans and projects and designated site features as presented for red throated diver in Appendix A14c [REP9-067] and for the other species in Appendix A16c [REP12-090]. Please see Appendix A24 for Natural England's summary position and final advice to the Applicant's D12 submissions in relation to offshore ornithology.

4. Non-Material Change (Ornithology Headroom)

Please refer to Appendix A24 for Natural England's response to the Applicant's R17QF.2 response to Natural England in REP12-056.

5. Hundred River Crossing and Hairy Dragonfly

Please refer to Appendix C12 at Deadline 13 for Natural England's summary position and advice for the outstanding issues in relation to the Hundred River crossing and hairy dragonfly.

6. Draft Letters of No Impediment (LONI)

Further to the Applicant's draft LONI application for badger and comments at Deadline 12 [REP12-030], please see Natural England's summary position in relation to the draft LONI application for badger and greater crested newt in Appendix C12.

7. Risks and Issues Log

Appendix 11j provides a summary of the Risks and Issues Natural England consider to be outstanding at Deadline 13, the close of examination. Please note that the log has been updated to include those outlined in Appendix A24 in relation to the offshore ornithology compensation measures and for terrestrial ecology in Appendix C12 for the Hundred River Crossing and hairy dragonfly.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

Helen Mann
Norfolk and Suffolk Area Team
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Telephone: [REDACTED]