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Dear Sir/Madam,

Hornsea Three: Responses to Examining Authority's Written Questions – Onshore Archaeology

Please find below our responses to the ExA's questions relating to Onshore Archaeology which are relevant to Norfolk County Council (Examination ID number 20020350).

Q1.13.8 This question rightly identifies a potential conflict between the categorisation of the archaeological investigations as part of the site preparation works and the implementation of those archaeological investigations. We recognise that there is potential that some onshore site preparation works could adversely impact the historic environment (specifically, in response to this question, heritage assets with archaeological interest) and appropriate safeguards need to be in place to minimise this risk.

It is suggested that this can be addressed through the rewording of the proposed Requirement 16 as follows;

In para. 1.51 of the NCC RR the phrase, "*(A) No development shall take place until an archaeological written scheme of investigation has been submitted to and approved by Norfolk County Council in writing*" could be replaced with, "*(A) No onshore site preparation works or development shall take place until an archaeological written scheme of investigation has been submitted to and approved by Norfolk County Council in writing*"

and

para. 1.52 of the NCC RR, "*(B) No development shall take place other than in accordance with the archaeological written scheme of investigation approved under (A)*" could be replaced with "*(B) No onshore site preparation works or development shall take place other than in accordance with the archaeological written scheme of investigation approved under (A)*".

This amendment would ensure that any onshore site preparation works, such as site clearance, would be subject to the requirements of the approved onshore archaeological written scheme of investigation. This would then

secure the implementation of the archaeological surveys and investigations required at both the pre-commencement and post-commencement stages. The archaeological investigations should therefore comprise part of the pre-commencement works so that they can be carried out ahead of or in tandem with the other onshore site preparation works as set out in the written scheme of investigation where required.

Q1.13.46 Norfolk County Council Environment Service provides historic environment planning advice to all of the relevant planning authorities (Broadland District Council, North Norfolk District Council, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council). In this capacity we have an overview of the archaeological requirements of the whole scheme and consider that Norfolk County Council is best placed to approve the onshore archaeological written scheme of investigation on behalf of all of the planning authorities concerned.

Yours faithfully

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