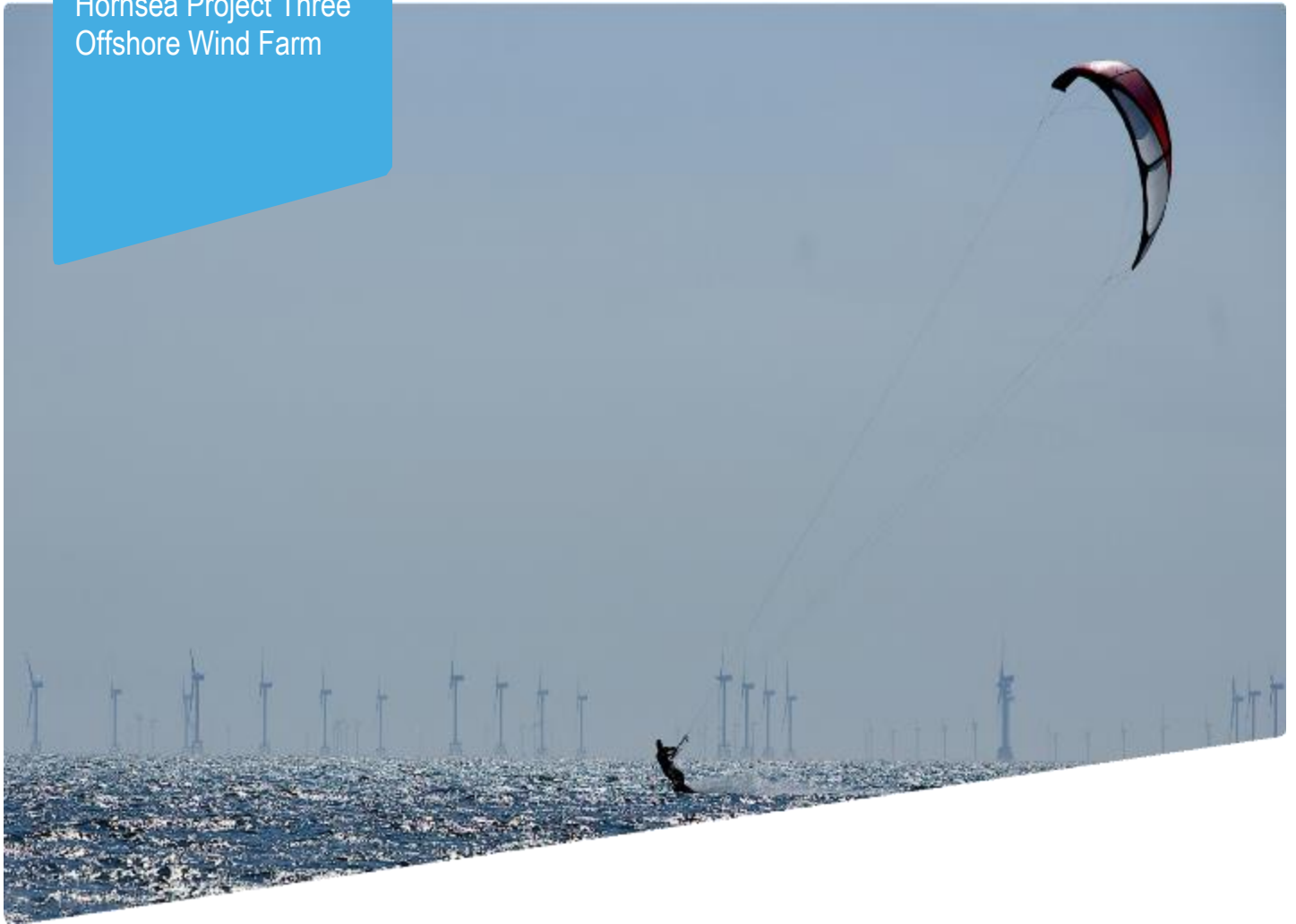


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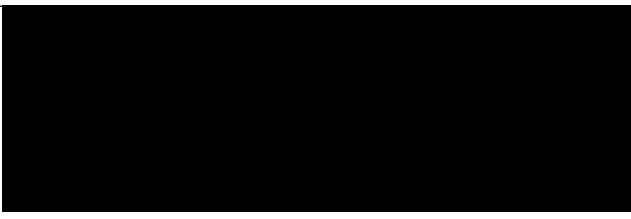
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Acronyms

Acronym	Description
DCO	Development Consent Order
CEA	Cumulative Effect Assessment
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
CWS	County Wildlife Site
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
Ex.A	Examining Authority
EMP	Ecological Management Plan
HVAC	High Voltage Alternating Current
HVDC	High Voltage Directional Current
LMP	Landscape Management Plan
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PRoW	Public Right of Way
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground

1. Introduction

Overview

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by Ørsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd. ('the Applicant') and Broadland District Council (together 'the parties') as a means of clearly stating the areas of agreement, and any areas of disagreement, between the two parties in relation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Hornsea Project Three offshore wind farm (hereafter referred to as 'Hornsea Three'). This SoCG does not deal with or extend to any development other than Hornsea Three.

Approach to SoCG

- 1.2 This SoCG has been developed during the pre-examination phase of Hornsea Three. In accordance with discussions between the parties, the SoCG is focused on issues raised by Broadland District Council within its response to Scoping, Section 42 consultation and pre-application consultation.
- 1.3 The structure of this SoCG is as follows:
- Section 1: Introduction;
 - Section 2: Consultation;
 - Section 3: Agreements Log; and
 - Section 4: Summary.
- 1.4 It is the intention that this document will help facilitate post application discussions between the parties and also give the Examining Authority (Ex.A) an early sight of the level of common ground between both parties from the outset of the examination process.

Hornsea Three

- 1.5 Hornsea Three is a proposed offshore wind farm located in the southern North Sea and will include all associated offshore (including up to 300 turbines) and onshore infrastructure.
- 1.6 The key components of Hornsea Three include:
- Turbines and associated foundations;
 - Turbine foundations;
 - Array cables;
 - Offshore substation(s), and platform(s) and associated foundations;
 - Offshore accommodation platform/s and associated foundations;
 - Offshore export cable/s;
 - Offshore and/or onshore HVAC booster station/s (AC transmission option only);
 - Onshore cables (including the Hornsea Three landfall area); and
 - Onshore HVDC converter/HVAC substation.
- 1.7 The Hornsea Three array area (i.e. the area in which the turbines are located) is approximately 696 km² and is located approximately 121 km northeast off the Norfolk coast and 160 km east of the Yorkshire coast.

- 1.8 The Hornsea Three offshore cable corridor extends from the North Norfolk coast, offshore in a north-easterly direction to the western and southern boundary of the Hornsea Three array area. The Hornsea Three offshore cable corridor is approximately 163 km in length.
- 1.9 From the North Norfolk coast, underground cables will connect the offshore wind farm to an onshore HVDC converter/HVAC substation, which will in turn, connect to the existing National Grid substation near Swardeston. Hornsea Three will connect to the existing Norwich Main substation, located to the south of Norwich. The Hornsea Three onshore cable corridor is approximately 55 km in length at its fullest extent.

2. Consultation

Application elements within Broadland District Council’s administrative area

- 2.1 Work Nos. 8 and 13 to 15 detailed in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the draft DCO (APP-027) describe the elements of Hornsea Three which may affect the interests of Broadland District Council (BDC).
- 2.2 Based on a review of the relevant representation submitted by Broadland District Council, those technical topics of the DCO application of relevance to Broadland District Council (and therefore considered within this SoCG) comprise:
- Landscape and Visual Resources;
 - Historic Environment (Onshore above ground; below ground is deferred to Norfolk County Council);
 - Noise and Vibration;
 - Air Quality;
 - Socio-economics.
- 2.3 BDC confirmed that matters related to ecology and nature conservation, and traffic and transport would be deferred to Norfolk County Council, with the exception of the following points raised in BDC’s relevant representation:
- Traffic and Transport matters related directly to the Main Construction Compound at Oulton; and
 - Ecology matters related to Important Hedgerows and areas of woodland.
- 2.4 In addition to the technical topics above, a general section is included below where those issue which general to the project are discussed.

Consultation summary

- 2.5 This section briefly summarises the consultation that the Applicant has undertaken with Broadland District Council.

Pre-application

- 2.6 The Applicant has engaged with Broadland District Council on Hornsea Three during the pre-application process, both in terms of informal non-statutory engagement and formal consultation carried out pursuant to section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.
- 2.7 Table 2.1 summarises the consultation undertaken between the parties during the pre-application phase, including consultation through scoping, consultation on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), further section 42 consultation undertaken in November 2017 and the focused section 42 consultation in February 2018.

Post-application

- 2.8 Table 2.2 summarises the consultation undertaken between the parties during the post-application phase.

Table 2.1: Pre-application consultation with Broadland District Council.

Date	Detail
24 March 2016	Introduction to Hornsea Project Three
21 July 2016	Project Update
01 February 2017	Project Update and meeting with technical leads
07 June 2017	Project Update including planning process and scope of the PEIR
08 November 2017	Project Update including programme, review of S42 responses and onshore route refinements.

Table 2.2: Post application consultation with Broadland District Council.

Date	Detail
October 2018	Various emails regarding traffic and transport matters, including issue of the Main Construction Compound Access Strategy.
31 October 2018	Project Update, including examination programme and Statement of Common Ground

3. Agreements Log

3.1 The following section of this SoCG identifies the level of agreement between the parties for each relevant component of the application (as identified in paragraph 2.1). In order to easily identify whether a matter is “agreed”, “under discussion” or “not agreed”, a colour coding system of green, yellow and orange, respectively, is used in the “final position” column to represent the respective status of discussions. All matters agreed under this SOCG will remain agreed through the examination process.

General

3.2 Table 3.1 below identifies the status of discussions between the parties relating to issues which are project wide.

Table 3.1: General Issues.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Need for renewable energy	There is a specific need to provide renewable energy, which is in line with government policy.	BDC notes that the proposed development will deliver a significant national benefit in the supply of substantial renewable energy in the UK.	Agreed
Adequacy of consultation	Proper pre-submission consultation activities were undertaken by the Applicant, including engagement with Broadland District Council and the local community.	BDC have been consulted through the process and have no specific points to raise.	Agreed
Site Selection and Route Refinement	The site selection and route refinement outlined in Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives of the Environmental Statement (APP-059) has properly considered the alternatives for the relevant elements of Hornsea Three (paragraph 2.1).	BDC are satisfied that a route refinement process has been undertaken to identify an appropriate onshore cable corridor route. BDC have no other specific comments in respect to site selection or alternatives.	Agreed
Transmission System	Inclusion of both HVAC and HVDC transmission systems within the envelope is appropriate to ensure that anticipated changes in available technology and project economics can be accommodated within the Hornsea Three design, and a decision on which transmission type to use will be made during the detailed design phase (post consent).	BDC note that a HVDC transmission system results in a reduced width cable corridor which is preferable to reduce visual and environmental impacts.	Not agreed - Both parties positions are final on this matter.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Community benefit	<p>The Applicant has established voluntary Community Benefit Funds (CBFs) for a number of previous projects, which are currently under construction. These funds can make a valuable contribution to the local area, by supporting projects such as community building improvements and recreation facilities, conservation and wildlife projects etc. The Applicant will review the interactions of Hornsea Three, as the proposal is refined, and consider an appropriate way to feed benefits back into the local community. However, any decision to establish a community benefit fund for Hornsea Three, and the mechanism and triggers for contributions to it, would be made post financial investment decision (FID).</p>	<p>BDC is supportive of Community Benefit Funds which have the potential to support local projects.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

Ecology and Nature Conservation

- 3.3 As noted in paragraph 2.3, all ecology matters are deferred to Norfolk County Council with the exception of Important Hedgerows and matters related to areas of woodland as it is considered these have an influence on other related matters e.g. Landscape and Visual.
- 3.4 Hornsea Three has the potential to impact upon hedgerows and areas of woodland, and these impacts are considered within Volume 3, Chapter 3: Ecology and Nature Conservation of the Environmental Statement (APP-075). An Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP, APP-179) and Outline Ecological Management Plan (EMP, APP-180) has been prepared that captures all relevant management and mitigation measures associated with this topic.
- 3.5 Table 3.2 identifies the status of discussions relating to this topic between the parties.

Table 3.2: Ecology and Nature Conservation.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Volume 3, Chapter 3: Ecology and Nature Conservation of the Environmental Statement (APP-075)			
Assessment Methodology and Assessment Conclusions	<p>The applicants use of designed in mitigations, notably the use of horizontal drilling, to avoid designated sites and the sensitive habitats is appropriate.</p> <p>No further mitigation, in addition to those embedded measures identified in Volume 3, Chapter 3: Ecology and Nature Conservation of the Environmental Statement, the Outline CoCP (APP-179) and the Outline EMP (APP-180) are necessary as a result of the assessment conclusions.</p>	<p>BDC are satisfied that a robust route refinement process has been undertaken to optimise the route in respect of avoiding hedgerows, designated sites and areas of woodland.</p> <p>Furthermore, BDC note the use of HDD to avoid many hedgerows and areas of woodland, including Important Hedgerows.</p>	Agreed
	<p>The assessment methodology in respect to impacts on hedgerows and trees currently assumes a maximum design scenario of removal in all areas where HDD is not proposed, or specific protective measures are not identified within the Outline EMP (APP-180) (i.e. as done for retained habitats of ecology and nature conservation concern, paragraph 4.2.2). This approach is appropriate and provides BDC with sufficient comfort that impacts on hedgerows and trees identified under the maximum design scenario have been considered and where appropriate, suitable mitigation is captured within the Outline CoCP (APP-179), Outline EMP (APP-180) and Outline LMP (APP-181). Buffer zones around retained hedgerows will be established where practicable to minimise impacts to hedgerow roots (paragraph 4.2.2.1 of the Outline CoCP).</p> <p>The Applicant's has provided BDC with a plan clarifying the classification of Important Hedgerows relevant to the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 (issued on 26.10.2018). Hornsea Three has minimised the removal of these Important Hedgerows through the use of HDD or HDD with a haul road over. Where a haul road is proposed, the exact location of the haul road within the Order Limits would optimised through agreement with a suitably qualified ecologist. The Applicant has amended paragraph 6.5.1.13 of the Outline CoCP as</p>	<p>BDC welcomes the use of HDD to avoid or minimise impacts on hedgerows, including Important Hedgerows, as well as the replanting following the completion of construction.</p> <p>Subject to the amendments noted, BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within the Outline CoCP to protect hedgerows during the construction phase, including the provision of buffer zones where practicable</p>	Agreed

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	<p>follows to capture this commitment (new text shown in underline):</p> <p>6.5.1.14 – <u>“The length of individual hedgerow sections to be removed will be reduced as far as reasonably practicable. In this regard, where an HDD with a haul road, or HDD with ducting laydown is proposed, the exact location of the haul road/ducting laydown within the Order Limits would optimised through agreement with a suitably qualified ecologist to further minimise hedgerow and tree removal.”</u></p> <p>All sections of hedgerow removed to enable construction of the onshore cable corridor will be replanted as soon as practicable after each phase of cable installation. Replacement planting will comprise a species-rich mix of native shallow-rooting hedgerow species typical of the area. This commitment is captured in the Outline EMP (paragraph 5.3.3.2, APP-180). This approach is appropriate.</p>		
	<p>The Applicant notes that the Access Strategy to the main construction compound has sought to avoid impacts on hedgerows and trees along The Street. However, the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (provided as part of Appendix 20 to the Applicant's response to Deadline 1) has indicated that hedgerows on the bend along The Street currently restricts levels of forward visibility (particularly northbound). As such, there may be additional impact to these hedgerows to satisfy road safety. Should there be impacts to the hedgerows and trees along The Street, these would be minimised and managed through the principles set out in the Outline EMP (APP-180) and Outline CoCP (APP-179). Any site-specific measures to be adopted would be agreed in the EMP (Requirement 10) which must be approved by relevant planning authority (including Broadland District Council) prior to the commencement of works.</p>	<p>BDC welcome continued involvement and consultation to consider the implications on hedgerows and trees as the Access Strategy progresses.</p>	<p>Under discussion</p>
Draft Development Consent Order			
<p>Commitments / restrictions</p>	<p>The commitment to produce both an Ecological Management Plan (EMP) (Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 10 of the draft DCO) and a Code of</p>	<p>BDC welcome the opportunity to input and agree the detailed Ecological Management</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

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	Construction Practice (CoCP) (Requirement 17 of the draft DCO) that must be approved by relevant planning authority (including Broadland District Council) prior to the commencement of works are appropriate control measures for managing the potential effects on ecology and nature conservation landward of MHWS. The EMP and CoCP will include all relevant embedded measures cited within Volume 3, Chapter 3: Ecology and Nature Conservation of the Environmental Statement, as well as the Outline EMP (APP-180) and Outline CoCP (APP-179).	Plan and Code of Construction Practice post-consent.	
Outline Management Plans			
Ecological management	The management measures described to minimise impacts on ecology receptors in Outline CoCP (APP-179) and Outline EMP (APP-180) are appropriate, including the appointment of an Ecological Clerk of Works. The Applicant will consult with North Norfolk, Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils, as well as Norfolk County Council, on any development of the Ecological Management Plan.	BDC are satisfied that the measures contained within the Outline CoCP and Outline EMP are appropriate.	Agreed
Woodland buffer	The commitment within the Outline EMP to provide productive buffer zone surrounding retained areas of woodland (15 m in width or the width of the tree root protection zone, whichever is the greater, as advised by an appropriately qualified surveyor) is appropriate and provides sufficient protection to the areas of woodland (including Jennis Wood and Harman's Grove as identified in BDC's relevant representation RR-057) located directly adjacent to the onshore cable corridor.	BDC welcome the inclusion of a buffer distance to the areas of woodland identified.	Agreed

Landscape and Visual Resources

- 3.2 Hornsea Three has the potential to impact upon landscape and visual resources, and these impacts are considered within Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement (APP-076). Table 3.3 identifies the status of discussions relating to this topic between the parties.

Table 3.3: Landscape and Visual Resources.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement (APP-076)			
Planning and Policy	Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement has identified all appropriate plans and policies relevant to landscape and visual resources in the application area and has given due regard to them within the assessments.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to planning and policy.	Agreed
Baseline Environment and Assessment Methodology	The baseline information utilised to inform the assessment and the methodology used to assess impacts on landscape and visual resources in Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement is appropriate.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to the baseline and assessment methodology, they are considered appropriate to inform the assessment.	Agreed
Assessment conclusions	<p>The assessment of potential effects on landscape and visual resources during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of Hornsea Three in Section 4.11 of Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate given the implementation of the measures adopted as part of Hornsea Three (outlined in Section 4.10 of Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement).</p> <p>Specific consideration is given to visual effects of the main construction compound in paragraph 4.7.6.5 and confirms that, given the nature of temporary buildings, equipment and materials stored at the main construction compound (which would not be fundamentally different from existing uses on the airfield site) as well as the extent of screening from existing vegetation, effects on</p>	<p>BDC note that all infrastructure within their jurisdiction, with the exception of the main construction compound is associated with the onshore cable corridor and as such impacts on landscape and visual receptors are temporary and during the construction period only. BDC have no specific concerns to raise in respect to the onshore cable corridor assessment.</p> <p>BDC note that further detail on the use and layout of the main construction compound, including fencing and lighting, would be provided at the detailed design stage and would be agreed with BDC through the final CoCP.</p>	Agreed

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
	<p>visual receptors resulting from the Hornsea Three main construction compound would not be significant. Furthermore, the implementation of a good housekeeping policy, and appropriate layout of features at the main construction compound is appropriate to contain and limit visual intrusion of the main construction compounds (paragraph 4.1.2 of the Outline CoCP).</p> <p>The principles of the use and set-up of the main construction compound, including fencing and lighting is set out in the Outline CoCP (paragraph 4.1.7.5). This identifies fencing to likely be "<i>bolted and anchored herras fencing or its equivalent</i>". To reflect the sensitivity of the main construction compound site to light impacts (due to the proximity to the designated Dark Sky Discovery Sites), the Applicant has made the following amendments to the Outline CoCP to strengthen the mitigation at this location (new text shown in underline):</p> <p>Paragraph 4.1.7.6: "<i>In establishing <u>and operating</u> the compound, the principal contractor will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ensure any crossing points over existing local services will be installed in a manner agreed with the asset owner;</i> • <i>Ensure surface runoff is managed appropriately;</i> • <i>Ensure any temporary services necessary to support the main construction compound will be installed in a manner agreed with the landowner and service provider; and</i> • <i>Co-ordinate activities with other users and tenants of the airfield to minimise wider disruption;</i> • <i><u>Use lighting only during periods of poor visibility due to weather conditions or low light levels;</u></i> • <i><u>Use low levels of security lighting where required, i.e. at the</u></i> 		

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	<p><u>perimeter of the site, at the entrance to the site and office facilities; and</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Use lighting fixtures which are no greater than 4 m in height to minimise light spill."</u> <p>The detailed lighting strategy, as well as the layout and fencing to be implemented at the main construction compound, will be agreed through the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) for the approval of the local planning authority under DCO Requirement 17 Code of Construction Practice.</p>		
	<p>The Applicant's use of designed in mitigation, notably the use of HDD and landscape planting, to minimise impacts on landscape and visual resources is appropriate.</p> <p>No further mitigation to those embedded measures identified in Section 4.10 of Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement, the Outline CoCP (APP-179) and the Outline LMP (APP-181) are necessary as a result of the assessment conclusions.</p>	<p>BDC welcomes the use of HDD to avoid or minimise impacts on hedgerows, including Important Hedgerows, as well as the replanting following the completion of construction.</p> <p>As noted above, BDC note that further detail on the use and layout of the main construction compound, including fencing and lighting, would be provided at the detailed design stage and would be agreed with BDC through the final CoCP.</p>	Agreed
	<p>The assessment of potential cumulative effects in Section 4.13 of Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate. Specific consideration has been given to the potential for cumulative effects between Hornsea Three and Norfolk Vanguard at the proposed crossing point, north of Reephams, in paragraphs 4.13.2.3 – 4.13.2.4 of Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources. This concludes that the combined effects would be no greater than any of the projects on their own and therefore effects</p>	<p>BDC are satisfied that cumulative effects have been assessed and that there will be sufficient opportunity for site specific measures to be identified at the proposed crossing point (should the construction phase of the projects overlap) through the development of a final CoCP to be submitted and agreed with BDC. BDC are satisfied with the conclusions of the cumulative assessment.</p>	Agreed

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	<p>were not assessed to be significant.</p> <p>Hornsea Three, Norfolk Vanguard, Norfolk Boreas have entered into a co-operation Agreement. Whilst the terms of that agreement are confidential – matters pertinent to minimising cumulative impacts of construction at the crossing location have been included. Where appropriate these will be incorporated into the final CoCP to be agreed with BDC post-consent (Requirement 17 of the dDCO)</p>		
Draft Development Consent Order (APP-027)			
Commitments / restrictions	<p>The commitment to produce a LMP (Requirement 8 of the draft DCO) in conjunction with an EMP (Requirement 10 of the draft DCO), and a CoCP (Requirement 17 of the draft DCO), that must be approved by relevant planning authority (including Broadland District Council) prior to the commencement of works are appropriate control measures for managing the potential effects landscape and visual resources. The LMP, EMP and CoCP will include all relevant embedded measures cited within Volume 3, Chapter 4: Landscape and Visual Resources of the Environmental Statement, as well as the Outline LMP (APP-181), Outline EMP (APP-180) and Outline CoCP (APP-179).</p>	<p>BDC will review and provide input into the preparation of the final LMP, EMP and CoCP as appropriate.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
Outline Management Plans			
Landscaping management	<p>The management measures described to minimise impacts on landscape and visual resources in the Outline LMP (APP-181), Outline EMP (APP-180) and Outline CoCP (APP-179) are appropriate.</p>	<p>BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within these outline documents and that these will be incorporated into the final documents post-consent.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

Historic Environment

- 3.3 Hornsea Three has the potential to impact upon the historic environment, and these impacts are considered within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement (APP-077). An Outline Code of Construction Practice (Outline CoCP, APP-179) has been prepared that captures all relevant management and mitigation measures associated with this topic.
- 3.4 Table 3.4 identifies the status of discussions relating to this topic in respect of the above ground historic environment between the parties.

Table 3.4: Historic Environment.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement (APP-077)			
Planning and Policy	Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement has identified all appropriate plans and policies relevant to the historic environment in the application area and has given due regard to them within the assessments.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to planning and policy.	Agreed
Baseline Environment	The baseline information utilised to inform the assessment and the methodology used to assess impacts on the above ground historic environment, in Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement is appropriate.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to the baseline and assessment methodology, they are considered appropriate to inform the assessment.	Agreed
Assessment conclusions	<p>The assessment of potential effects on the historic environment in Section 5.11 of Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate given the implementation of the measures adopted as part of Hornsea Three (outlined in Section 5.10 of Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement).</p> <p>Paragraph 1.6.2.52 of Volume 6, Annex 5.1: Desk Based Assessment of the Environmental Statement (APP-149) briefly describes the baseline in terms of Oulton former airfield and notes that some of the buildings remain, including the control tower and that a large portion of the runways were removed in 1979. In addition, this annex notes that the airfield is an undesignated heritage asset by including its Historic Environment Record (HER) number (this is HER number 7364). The Works Plan - Onshore (APP-013) show Works Numbers 13 and 14 (the main construction</p>	<p>BDC's concern focuses on the main construction compound, on the former airfield which is itself an undesignated heritage asset which is also close to Blickling Conservation Area as well as listed buildings.</p> <p>BDC note that detail on the use and layout of the main construction compound, including fencing and lighting, which have the greatest potential to impact the setting of the Conservation Area and nearby listed buildings, would be provided at the detailed design stage and would be agreed with BDC through the final CoCP. BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within these outline documents and that these will be incorporated into the final documents post-consent.</p>	Agreed

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
	<p>compound and associated access), which are secured through DCO, as being located on the existing hardstanding at the former airfield. It is the Applicant's view that Oulton Airfield has arguably lost much of its heritage value due to removal of features as noted above.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, it is noted that the proposed use as a Main Construction Compound (set out throughout the application. Paragraphs 3.7.3.31 to 3.7.3.32 of Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project Description and paragraphs 4.1.7.3 to 4.1.7.6 inclusive of the Outline CoCP (APP_179)) means that no intrusive works would occur and it would be in temporary use only. The airfield already comprises hard standing suitable for the temporary placement of site facilities (such as offices, briefing rooms, catering facilities, storage etc. typically housed in port-a-cabins) and to allow plant and materials to be stored safely and securely. Therefore, no significant effects to Oulton Airfield are anticipated.</p> <p>Finally, paragraph 5.11.1.158 et seq. of Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment (APP-077) of the Environmental Statement outlines the assessment of the setting of the Blickling Conservation Area, located some 600 m east of the main construction compound at its nearest point. It concludes that no significant effects will occur as a result of Hornsea Three.</p>		

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	<p>Designed in measures, as set out in Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement are considered sufficient to mitigate potential impacts on heritage assets.</p> <p>No further mitigation to those embedded measures identified in Section 5.10 of Volume 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement and the Outline CoCP (APP-179) are necessary as a result of the assessment conclusions.</p>	<p>BDC are satisfied that a robust route refinement process has been undertaken to optimise the route in respect of avoiding designated and undesignated heritage assets where possible.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
	<p>The Cawston Conservation Area was screened out of the assessment in respect to impacts from the onshore HVAC booster station as it was located outside of the ZTV (see Annex 5.4: Screening Assessment – Onshore HVAC Booster Station [APP-153] of the Environmental Statement). Furthermore, no significant effects were identified in Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport, Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration or Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement resulting from Hornsea Project Three. On this basis, there was no indication that other environmental factors would affect the settings of heritage assets, and a full assessment of the Cawston Conservation Area was not assessed within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, work is ongoing to develop traffic management measures to be included within the CTMP in respect to the road link through Cawston Village. Should a need for mitigation be identified (in respect to associated impacts on the setting of heritage assets), Hornsea Three will engage with BDC to inform the measures to be included in the final CTMP.</p>	<p>BDC welcomes the opportunity to consider the implications of the ongoing traffic management measures to be included within the CTMP in respect of the route through Cawston including the implications on the historic environment.</p>	<p>Under discussion</p>
	<p>The assessment of potential cumulative effects on the historic environment in Section 5.13 of Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic</p>	<p>BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to</p>	<p>Agreed</p>

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	Environment of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate.	cumulative effects.	
<i>Draft Development Consent Order (APP-027)</i>			
Commitments / restrictions	The commitment to produce a CoCP (Requirement 17 of the draft DCO), that must be approved by relevant planning authority (including Broadland District Council) prior to the commencement of works are appropriate control measures for managing the potential effects the historic environment. The CoCP will include all relevant embedded measures cited within Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic Environment of the Environmental Statement, as well as the Outline CoCP (APP-179).	BDC will review and provide input into the preparation of the final CoCP as appropriate. BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within the outline COCP in respect to heritage impacts and that these will be incorporated into the final documents post-consent.	Agreed

Traffic and Transport:

- 3.5 As noted in paragraph 2.3, all traffic and transport matters are deferred to Norfolk County Council with the exception of those impacts and proposals at the main construction compound (along The Street). BDC also have an interest in the ongoing development of the Outline CTMP, particularly as it relates to Cawston village, although their interest relates to the interests in residential amenity and heritage as the village is a Conservation Area with many listed buildings, as opposed to traffic and transport.
- 3.6 Hornsea Three has the potential to impact upon these locations, and these impacts are considered within Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport of the Environmental Statement (APP-079). An Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Outline CTMP, APP-176) has been prepared that captures the principles of management and mitigation measures associated with this topic.
- 3.7 Table 3.5 identifies the status of discussions relating to this topic between the parties.

Table 3.5: Traffic and Transport.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Volume 3, Chapter 7: Traffic and Transport of the Environmental Statement (APP-079)			
Assessment Conclusions and Mitigation	<p>The effect of Hornsea Three traffic flows, as well as the cumulative effects of Hornsea Three in combination with Norfolk Vanguard/Norfolk Boreas have been considered and suitable options to manage the flows are set out in the Main Construction Compound Access Strategy provided to BDC on 01 October 2018. This Strategy sets out four access strategy options for vehicles to and from the main construction compound and demonstrates how vehicles could access the compound from the B1149 via The Street in a safe and efficient manner. The strategy addresses matters relating to driver delay; pedestrian amenity and accidents and road safety. It also demonstrates how the access overcomes concerns raised in respect to other projects (e.g. AD facility (planning application reference 20130860)).</p> <p>The Access Strategy is a 'live' document and continues to be developed as part of ongoing discussions with the Norfolk County Council, OPC Working Group, Broadland District Council and Norfolk Vanguard/Norfolk Boreas. The Applicant is committed to continuing this engagement and is confident that a reasonable solution which is acceptable to Norfolk County Council, as the local highways authority, will be reached, in consultation with OPC, Broadland District Council and Norfolk Vanguard/Norfolk Boreas.</p> <p>The Main Construction Compound Access Strategy, once agreed with Norfolk County Council in consultation with OPC, Broadland District Council and Norfolk Vanguard/Norfolk Boreas, will form an appendix to the Outline CTMP (APP-176). Further site-specific</p>	<p>BDC notes that the Applicant has and will continue to liaise with NCC to reach an appropriate solution to achieve an acceptable vehicular access route to and from the main construction compound and would welcome continued involvement and consultation as the Access Strategy progresses (as noted in other sections of this SoCG).</p> <p>BDC would welcome the works to The Street to be temporary.</p>	Under Discussion

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	<p>details would then be developed during detailed design to be captured in the detailed CTMP (Requirement 18 of the draft DCO), based on the ongoing discussions with Norfolk County Council (as Local Highway Authority), BDC (as Local Planning Authority), OPC and Norfolk Vanguard/Norfolk Boreas.</p> <p>At this stage, based on consultation with NCC, it is anticipated that any works to The Street would be temporary (removed and reinstated to condition commensurate with baseline condition following the completion of each construction phase, unless otherwise agreed with the local highway authority). Works at the B1149??/?/The Street junction are anticipated to be permanent as the works would provide an improvement in visibility at the junction, improving safety.</p>		
	<p>The Applicant would note that work is ongoing to confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thresholds on streets through Cawston Village where no or limited (“soft”) traffic management measures would be required; • Thresholds on streets through Cawston Village which would trigger further “soft” traffic management measures such as signage and temporary speed restrictions; and • Thresholds on streets through Cawston Village which would trigger further “harder” traffic management measures -such as flow control, parking restrictions and other traffic management measures, in some instances physical interventions. <p>Hornsea Three and Norfolk Vanguard will be looking to reach an agreement on these matters and engage with Norfolk County Council as the highways authority to reach a shared common point of agreement. As agreed with BDC, matters relating to traffic and transport have been deferred to NCC, however are considered</p>	<p>BDC notes that the Applicant has and will continue to liaise with NCC to reach an appropriate solution at Cawston in respect to traffic and transport but would welcome continued involvement and consultation in respect to residential amenity and impacts on the historic environment (as noted in other sections of this SoCG).</p>	<p>Under Discussion</p>

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	relevant in respect to associated impacts on heritage assets and noise and vibration.		
Outline Management Plans			
Traffic and transport management	The management measures described to minimise impacts on traffic and transport in the Outline CTMP (APP-176) and Outline CoCP (APP-179) are appropriate.	BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within the outline CTMP with the exception of the points above and that further details will be incorporated into the final documents post-consent.	Agreed

Noise and Vibration

- 3.8 Hornsea Three has the potential to impact upon noise and vibration, and these impacts are considered within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement (APP-080). An Outline Code of Construction Practice (Outline CoCP, APP-179) has been prepared that captures all relevant management and mitigation measures associated with this topic.
- 3.9 Table 3.6 identifies the status of discussions relating to this topic between the parties.

Table 3.6: Noise and vibration.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement (APP-080)			
Planning and Policy	Section 8.4 of Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement has identified all appropriate plans and policies relevant to noise and vibration in the application area and has given due regard to them within the assessments.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to planning and policy.	Agreed
Baseline and Assessment methodology	The baseline information utilised to inform the assessment and the methodology used to assess impacts on noise and vibration in Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement is appropriate. Baseline information on noise and vibration within the Hornsea Three noise and vibration study area was collected through a detailed desktop review (see paragraph 8.6.1.1 of Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration). Where existing noise levels are generally low (as is the case along the onshore cable corridor within BDC), construction criteria are independent of the precise noise levels. Consequently, no site specific noise baseline surveys were undertaken for locations where only construction noise was predicted to be generated. This approach is considered to be appropriate.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to the baseline and assessment methodology, they are considered appropriate to inform the assessment.	Agreed
Assessment conclusions	The assessment of potential effects on noise and vibration along the onshore cable corridor during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of Hornsea Three in Section 8.12 of Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate given the implementation of the measures adopted as part of Hornsea Three	BDC are satisfied that effects relating to noise and vibration are unlikely to be significant along the onshore cable corridor. However, BDC would be grateful for further evidence of the noise levels which would be expected at the HDD location to confirm this.	Agreed

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	<p>(outlined in Section 8.11 of Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement).</p> <p>In respect to the HDD locations, a large HDD rig would include a large diesel power-pack for the drill rig; pumps and auxiliary plant for the processing of bentonite, slurry and cuttings with associated power generation plant; and generators for site lighting and welfare facilities. Source terms for this typical plant have been based on available sources of information including BS 5228-1 (BSI 2014b). These source terms have fed into the construction noise model, see Volume 6, Annex 8.2: Construction Noise Model Output which has then informed the assessment conclusions reported in paragraphs 8.12.1.9 – 8.12.1.11. This concludes that no significant effects would occur as a result of the HDD works along the onshore cable corridor.</p> <p>The location of major HDD compounds will be determined for each individual major HDD location once a contractor is appointed and the detailed design of the onshore cable corridor, including length of cables and cable trench location are known. Notwithstanding this, Hornsea Three will seek to site major HDD compounds in areas which reduce interference with farming operations and minimise impacts to landowners' use of their land and ecological sensitive receptors. The Applicant has amended paragraph 4.1.7.14 of the Outline CoCP (APP-179) to secure this (see below).</p> <p><i>"4.1.7.14 It is envisaged that only the major HDDs (i.e. typically greater than 200 m in length) will require a compound, which will be used to contain the drilling rig, equipment and the drill entry and exit pit. <u>Any structures at the compounds will be no greater than one storey in height, whilst any portable task lighting or security lighting fixtures (used in times of low natural light) would be no</u></i></p>		

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	<p><i>greater than 4 m in height and directional to avoid light spill. These compounds have all been provided for within the onshore cable corridor (i.e. within the Order Limits) and will where possible, be located in areas which reduce interference with farming operations and minimise impacts to residential properties, ecologically sensitive receptors and landowners use of their land. The size of the HDD compounds is dependent on the amount of equipment that is required to construct the crossing, which in turn is primarily governed by the length of the HDD or its complexity."</i></p>		
	<p>The measures identified in the Outline CoCP are appropriate and sufficient to reduce the potential for emissions and noise impacts on sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the Main Construction Compound as a result of the operation of the main construction compound itself (access is addressed separately below). For example, construction works will be undertaken in accordance with the best practicable means (as defined in Section 72 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974), to minimise noise and vibration effects. Measures specific to the Main Construction Compound, in particular the use of generators on site, vehicle movements on site amongst others and the use of reversing alarms from vehicles, will be developed as part of the detailed CoCPs (Schedule 1, Part 3, DCO Requirement 17) which will be agreed with the local planning authorities prior to commencement.</p>	<p>BDC note that detail on the use of the main construction compound, including use of generators vehicle movements and reversing alarms have the greatest potential to have a noise impact, would be provided at the detailed design stage and would be agreed with BDC through the final CoCP. BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within these outline documents and that these will be incorporated into the final documents post-consent.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
	<p>The Applicant continues to consider potential noise and vibration impacts at the Old Railway Gatehouse, located on The Street, as this will be affected by the developing Main Construction Compound Access Strategy (see above). Mitigation measures will be determined based on the agreed access strategy and will be</p>	<p>BDC note the ongoing work regarding the access strategy to the main construction compound and will continue to engage with the Applicant in regard to amenity impacts on the Old Railway Gatehouse.</p>	<p>Under discussion</p>

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	<p>subject to approval by BDC's EHO and the property owner/resident, secured by means of the detailed CTMPs to be submitted and agreed with the local planning authority and Highways Authority prior to commencement (Requirement 18 of the draft DCO).</p> <p>The Applicant is committed to continuing this engagement and is confident that a reasonable solution will be reached.</p>		
	<p>The Applicant continues to consider potential noise and vibration impacts within Cawston Village, as this will be affected by the developing access strategy (see above). Mitigation measures, if deemed necessary, will be determined based on the agreed access strategy and will be subject to approval by BDC's EHO, secured by means of the detailed CTMPs to be submitted and agreed with the local planning authority and Highways Authority prior to commencement (Requirement 18 of the draft DCO).</p> <p>The Applicant is committed to continuing this engagement and is confident that a reasonable solution will be reached.</p>	<p>BDC note the ongoing work regarding the access strategy within Cawston village and will continue to engage with the Applicant in regard to amenity impacts on residential properties.</p>	Under discussion
	<p>No further mitigation to those embedded measures identified in Section 8.11 of Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement the Outline CoCP (APP-179) are necessary.</p>	<p>BDC are satisfied with the mitigation proposed.</p>	Agreed
	<p>The assessment of potential cumulative impacts on noise and vibration in Section 8.14 of Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate.</p>	<p>BDC are satisfied with the cumulative effects assessment undertaken.</p>	Agreed

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<i>Draft Development Consent Order (APP-027)</i>			
Commitments / restrictions	The commitment to produce a CoCP (Requirement 17 of the dDCO), that must be approved by relevant planning authority (including Broadland District Council) prior to the commencement of works are appropriate control measures for managing the potential effects of noise and vibration. The CoCP will include all relevant embedded measures cited within Volume 3, Chapter 8: Noise and Vibration of the Environmental Statement, as well as the and Outline CoCP (APP-179).	BDC will review and provide input into the preparation of the final CoCP as appropriate.	Agreed
<i>Outline Management Plans</i>			
Noise and Vibration management	The management measures described to minimise impacts on noise and vibration in the Outline CoCP (APP-179) are appropriate.	BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within the outline CoCP and that further details will be incorporated into the final documents post-consent.	Agreed

Air Quality

- 3.10 Hornsea Three has the potential to impact upon air quality, and these impacts are considered within Volume 3, Chapter 9: Land Use and Recreation of the Environmental Statement (APP-081). An Outline Code of Construction Practice (Outline CoCP, APP-179) has been prepared that captures all relevant management and mitigation measures associated with this topic.
- 3.11 Table 3.6 identifies the status of discussions relating to this topic between the parties.

Table 3.7: Air Quality.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality (APP-081)			
Planning and Policy	Section 9.4 of Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement has identified all appropriate plans and policies relevant to air quality in the application area and has given due regard to them within the assessments.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to planning and policy.	Agreed
Baseline and Assessment methodology	The baseline information utilised to inform the assessment and the methodology used to assess impacts on air quality in Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement is appropriate.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to the baseline and assessment methodology, they are considered appropriate to inform the assessment.	Agreed
Assessment conclusions	The assessment of potential effects on air quality during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of Hornsea Three in Section 8.11 of Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate given the implementation of the measures adopted as part of Hornsea Three (outlined in Section 9.10 of Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement).	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to air quality effects.	Agreed
	No further mitigation to those embedded measures identified in Section 9.10 of Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement the Outline CoCP (APP-179) are necessary as a result of the assessment conclusions.	BDC is satisfied that suitable measures to minimise air quality impacts, including dust impacts along the onshore cable corridor and at the main construction compound, are incorporated into the Chapter or Outline CoCP.	Agreed
	The assessment of potential cumulative effects on air quality in Section 9.13 of Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to the cumulative effects assessment.	Agreed

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<i>Draft Development Consent Order (APP-027)</i>			
Commitments / restrictions	The commitment to produce a CoCP (Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 17 of the draft DCO), that must be approved by relevant planning authority (including Broadland District Council) prior to the commencement of works are appropriate control measures for managing the potential effects on air quality. The CoCP will include all relevant embedded measures cited within Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality of the Environmental Statement, as well as the Outline CoCP (APP-179).	BDC will review and provide input into the preparation of the final CoCP as appropriate.	Agreed
<i>Outline Code of Construction Practice (APP-179)</i>			
Air Quality management	The management measures described to minimise impacts on air quality in the Outline CoCP (APP-179) are appropriate.	BDC are satisfied that sufficient principles are included within the outline CoCP and that further details will be incorporated into the final documents post-consent.	Agreed

Socio-economics

- 3.12 Hornsea Three has the potential to impact upon socio-economics, and these impacts are considered within Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement (APP-082). Table 3.6 identifies the status of discussions relating to this topic between the parties.

Table 3.8: Socio-economics.

Discussion Point	The Applicant's Position	Broadland District Council's Position	Final Position
Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics (APP-082)			
Planning and Policy	Section 10.4 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement has identified all appropriate plans and policies relevant to socio-economics in the application area and has given due regard to them within the assessments.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to planning and policy.	Agreed
Baseline and Assessment methodology	The baseline information utilised to inform the assessment and the methodology used to assess socio-economic impacts in Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement is appropriate.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to the baseline and assessment methodology, they are considered appropriate to inform the assessment.	Agreed
Assessment conclusions	<p>The assessment of potential effects on socio-economics during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of Hornsea Three in Section 10.11 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate given the implementation of the measures adopted as part of Hornsea Three (outlined in Section 10.10 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement).</p> <p>The socio-economic effects on tourism and recreation are addressed under the assessment of effects on receptors relating to offshore tourism/recreation activities, coastal tourism and onshore tourism/recreational resources. The effects during the construction phase are assessed in paragraphs 10.11.1.125 to 10.11.1.132 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-Economics (APP-082). Effects during O&M are assessed in paragraphs 10.11.2.102 to 10.11.2.117 and effects associated with decommissioning activity are assessed in paragraph 10.11.3.43 to 10.11.3.52.</p>	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to socio-economic effects and is satisfied that sufficient consideration has been given to the potential for impacts on tourism.	Agreed

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	No further mitigation to those embedded measures identified in Section 10.10 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement are necessary as a result of the assessment conclusions.	BDC is satisfied with the mitigation measures relevant to socio-economics.	Agreed
	The assessment of potential cumulative effects on socio-economics in Section 10.13 of Volume 3, Chapter 10: Socio-economics of the Environmental Statement is appropriate and accurate.	BDC has no specific concerns to raise in respect to the cumulative effects assessment.	Agreed
<i>Draft Development Consent Order</i>			
Commitments / restrictions	The commitment to produce a skills and employment plan (Requirement 22 of the draft DCO) in consultation with New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and approved by the relevant planning authority is appropriate.	BDC is satisfied with this commitment	Agreed

4. Summary

- 4.1 This SoCG has been developed with Broadland District Council to capture those matters agreed, under discussion and not agreed in relation to ecology and nature conservation, landscape and visual resources, traffic and transport, noise and vibration, air quality and socio-economics.
- 4.2 All matters relating to the following have been agreed between parties:
- Landscape and Visual Amenity;
 - Air Quality; and
 - Socio-Economics.
- 4.3 In respect to traffic and transport, ecology and nature conservation, historic environment as well as noise and vibration, points under discussion focus primarily on the impacts associated with the vehicular access to the main construction compound including any impacts on the occupiers of Old Railway Gatehouse and the movement of vehicles through Cawston Village in terms of the impacts on the historic environment, and amenities including noise and vibration. Both parties are committed to continuing engagement on these matters.