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Q1.10.5	Applicant, North Norfolk District Council (NNDC)	<p>NNDC [RR-133] refers to potential community benefits being put forward by the applicant.</p> <p>What community benefits are envisaged?</p> <p>How would they be secured?</p>	<p>North Norfolk District Council considers that, in addition to a full suite of mitigation measures to be secured through the drafting of the Development Consent Order to ensure impacts from the development are or can be made acceptable in planning terms, there are likely to be opportunities to secure additional community benefits outside of the formal Development Consent Order process. These are likely to be secured through agreements between the applicant and the County Council District Council(s), Town and Parish Council(s) are other interested parties.</p> <p>North Norfolk District Council understands that the Race Bank scheme at 570MW is operating a Community Benefits scheme of £425,000 per annum for organisations in Grimsby, Lincolnshire and parts of Norfolk round the Wash as far as Wells. Hornsea Project three at more than three times the size should be delivering as a minimum a proportionate rate of community benefits.</p> <p>Other offshore wind energy schemes have secured funding streams which have enabled improvements to town and village hall infrastructure and contributions to community projects through creation of Community Funds such as:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheringham Shoal Community Fund (administered by Norfolk Community Foundation); • Dudgeon Community Fund; <p>Other programmes include Dudgeon STEM Programme designed to inspire the next generation of scientists, innovators and inventors for pupils in school years 8-11 within the local Norfolk area.</p> <p>Under Hornsea Project Three it is expected that funding opportunities could help deliver wider benefits including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities to identify and upgrade electricity grid connections and infrastructure which are currently serving to diminish opportunities for economic growth; • Enable delivery of a network of publically accessible rapid/fast electric vehicle charging points across North Norfolk and Norfolk in order to improve the take-up of electric and hybrid vehicles which in turn may improve business opportunities for UK plc to play a role in shaping the future of EV technology.
Q1.11.1	Norfolk County Council (NCC), Broadland District Council	Do you agree with the methodology, baseline data and predicted traffic movements used to assess	North Norfolk District Council do not wish to comment and would defer such matters of consideration to Norfolk County Council, who are the Highway Authority covering North Norfolk and

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	(BDC), North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), South Norfolk Council (SNC), Highways England	<p>traffic and transport impacts in the ES [APP-079]?</p> <p>Please identify any outstanding issues.</p>	<p>who are the technical experts who would normally give highway advice to the District Council.</p>
Q1.11.25	NCC, BDC, NNDC, SNC	<p>Please comment on the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [APP-176] and set out any amendments or additions you consider are required.</p>	<p>Core working hours are generally acceptable. The Council would expect mobilisation hours to only include non-HGV traffic and to be closely controlled to minimise any noise impacts. In respect of continuous working hours, they should only be undertaken when there is a clear construction need and should be subject to stringent mitigation measures.</p> <p>There will be a need for a clear/robust complaints procedure and local authority and community liaison prior to and during construction. This is particularly important for the continuous working hours but may equally apply to other activities. It may be considered appropriate to include a community liaison article within the DCO that prevents certain work until a community liaison scheme has been submitted to and approved by the local authority.</p> <p>Measures to prevent noise from reversing warnings are requested either by designing deliveries to prevent reversing and providing low noise reversing warnings.</p>

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			<p>NNDC welcome measures on dust suppression e.g. sheeting of loads and wheel washing facilities.</p>
Q1.12.2	Broadland District Council (BDC), North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), South Norfolk Council (SNC)	<p>Do you agree with the Applicant’s noise assessment methodology, including the baseline monitoring [APP-080]?</p>	<p>NNDC have no adverse comments in respect of the Applicant’s noise assessment methodology, including the baseline monitoring.</p>
Q1.12.6	Applicant, BDC, NNDC, SNC	<p>Paragraph 4.1.1.1 of the Outline Code of Construction Practice [APP-179] sets out proposed core working hours for construction.</p> <p>These appear to extend beyond standard construction working hours, including starting at 07:00 on Mondays to Saturdays.</p> <p>Bearing in mind the proximity of some work sites to residential properties (and the period of construction of the HVDC convertor/HVAC substation), what is the</p>	<p>North Norfolk is an area which has a high level of dependence on tourism. There is an expectation for visitors and residents that working during non-standard construction hours (particularly bank holidays and sensitive night time hours) will be avoided (or, if unavoidable because there is a clear proven need, will be minimised and mitigated). Periods of extended continuous working over a prolonged duration affecting the same noise sensitive receptor is of serious concern and should be avoided.</p> <p>NNDC recommends reduced hours and no working on Bank Holidays, particularly in close proximity to noise sensitive receptors.</p>

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		<p>justification for these working hours?</p> <p>Should provision be made for reduced hours or no working on Bank Holidays?</p>	
Q1.12.7	Applicant, BDC, NNDC, SNC	<p>The Outline Code of Construction Practice [APP-179] allows for continuous working hours in certain circumstances.</p> <p>Under a maximum design scenario for continuous working hours, what would be the effects on the living conditions of local residents?</p> <p>Are further mitigation measures required in the Outline Code of Construction Practice to manage and mitigate the effects of continuous working hours?</p>	<p>Some possible effects of continuous working include sleep disturbance and adverse business impacts.</p> <p>NNDC recognise and welcome the mitigation measures put forward including liaison with local stakeholders such as NNDC Environmental Health and Local Parish/Town Councils and residents and a Community Liaison Committee.</p> <p>It is recommended that quiet generators/equipment are selected so as not to cause disturbance.</p> <p>In respect of additional mitigation suggest consideration of additional noise monitoring to assess the impact of works and provide additional control measures as required.</p>
Q1.12.11	BDC, NNDC, SNC	The applicant has provided an Electro-Magnetic Fields Compliance Statement [APP-087].	NNDC have no comments to make on this aspect, which is a public health issue for which Public Health (England) may be better placed to advise.

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Q1.13.8	Applicant, Broadland District Council (BDC), North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), South Norfolk Council (SNC)	<p>The definition of 'onshore site preparation works' in Article 2 includes site clearance, demolition and archaeological investigations.</p> <p>It is noted that similar drafting has been adopted in some other projects.</p> <p>Nevertheless, these may well be substantial works in their own right, particularly in relation to the clearance of vegetation along the cable corridor. Vegetation clearance could take place in areas which have yet to be subject to ecological surveys.</p> <p>What is the justification for excluding site clearance and demolition from the definition of 'commence' in the particular circumstances of this application?</p>	<p>NNDC have concerns that 'onshore site preparation works' include a broad sphere of activities, many of which could have adverse impacts on the local community (including from noise, dust, light and landscape impacts). NNDC would have a preference for such works to be included within the definition of development.</p> <p>There is also concern that preparation works could result in harmful ecological impacts ahead of surveys.</p> <p>NNDC consider there are two possible options, One would be to remove some of the more troublesome aspects of "site preparation works" from the definition (eg "site clearance"), so that would be a "material operation" under s155 of the 2008 Act and would be included within commencement of the work. Or specific works now defined as "site preparation" could be carved out by being included in the description of the Authorised development in Schedule 1, perhaps in Work No 6.</p>

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		<p>How would pre-construction surveys be secured through the DCO if site clearance would not amount to commencement?</p> <p>How would Requirement 16, relating to archaeological investigations, operate if those investigations were themselves excluded from the definition of commencement?</p>	
Q1.13.9	Applicant, BDC, NNDC, SNC	<p>The definition of 'onshore site preparation works' in Article 2 appears to be broader than the equivalent wording within the definition of 'commence' in the Hornsea Two Offshore Wind Farm Order 2016. Specifically, it includes diversion and laying of services and the creation of site accesses.</p> <p>What is the justification for adopting a broader definition in this case?</p> <p>How would relevant mitigation measures be secured, such as</p>	Construction works or activities can have adverse impacts and should be subject to appropriate mitigation.

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		those in the Outline Code of Construction Practice [APP-179], given that the detailed versions of mitigation documents may not be approved until after the 'onshore site preparation works' have taken place?	
Q1.13.21	NCC, BDC, NNDC, SNC	<p>Article 10(2) would enable the undertaker to use streets that have been temporarily stopped up as temporary working areas.</p> <p>Would the drafting of Article 10 provide satisfactory mitigation for any potential impacts on the living conditions of local residents?</p>	If sites are to be used then they should be subject to a noise assessment and mitigation measures as required, particularly, if located near to noise sensitive receptors.
Q1.13.23	NCC, BDC, NNDC, SNC	<p>Article 12 would enable the undertaker to seek approval for accesses to the highway, other than those listed in Schedule 5. Approval would be deemed to have been given if no decision was notified within 28 days.</p> <p>Would the drafting of Article 12 provide a reasonable</p>	<p>It is suggested that Article 12 (2) should refer to requiring a decision within 25 working days starting from the next working day after receiving an application for approval under paragraph 1(b).</p> <p>It might be sensible to specify how the application should be made</p>

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		timescale for such requests to be properly considered?	
Q1.13.46	Applicant, NCC, BDC, NNDC, SNC	<p>Requirement 16 provides for a scheme of archaeological investigation to be approved by the relevant planning authority (defined as district planning authority in Article 2). NCC [RR-035] has proposed alternative, more detailed drafting in which NCC would be the determining authority.</p> <p>Please can the applicant comment on the drafting suggested by NCC.</p> <p>Which authority (or authorities) should be responsible for approving the scheme?</p>	Matters of archaeology are usually considered by the County Council and therefore NNDC would have no objection to NCC determining matters of archaeology so long as such investigation findings/reports are shared with the relevant District Council.
Q1.15.8	Natural England (NE), Environment Agency (EA), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB),	Please comment on the Outline Code of Construction Practice [APP-179] and comment on any potential amendments that may, in your view, be required in order the secure appropriate environmental	This issue is ongoing with Ørsted as part of the Statement of Common Ground.

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	Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT), Broadland District Council (BDC), North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), South Norfolk Council (SNC)	outcomes and regulatory compliance.	
Q1.15.12	NE, BDC, NNDC, SNC	Please comment on the Outline Landscape Management Plan [APP-181] and comment on any potential amendments that may, in your view, be required in order the secure appropriate mitigation of landscape and visual impacts.	<p>NNDC welcome the commitment from Ørsted to produce both a Landscape Management Plan (LMP) (Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 8 of the draft DCO) in conjunction with an Ecological Management Plan (EMP) (Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 10 of the draft DCO), and a Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) (Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 17 of the draft DCO), that must be approved by any relevant planning authority (including North Norfolk District Council) prior to the commencement of works. These are considered appropriate control measures for managing the potential effects on landscape and visual resources.</p> <p>The requirement to agree details including the layout, scale, finished ground levels, external appearance, materials, access and circulation areas, and timetables for the landscaping works at the onshore HVAC booster station will be submitted to and approved by the North Norfolk District Council prior to commencement of</p>

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