

**Representation in respect of an Application by Orsted Hornsea
Project Three (UK) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent
for the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm.**

Response by Mr Robin Buxton (Trustees of the J G Steward Trust)

Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010080

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For and on behalf of Brown & Co. as duly appointed agents for The Trustees of the J G Steward Trust

Date: November 2018.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This statement is our response, submitted on behalf of our client to the underground cable route proposed as part of the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm. The Trustees hold land to the south of Norwich as part of a long-held property portfolio.
- 1.2 It is our belief that the proposed route for the underground cable, and the associated protective zone, will frustrate future minerals extraction potential on our client's property. The following gives background information on intended proposals for this part of our client's land.

2.0 Background

Planning Context

- 2.1 Within the existing Norfolk Minerals and Waste Development Plan, which is under review, part of our client's land is allocated as site MIN 79 – land North of Hickling Lane, Swardeston.
- 2.2 The site is 38.6 hectares and has an estimated sand and gravel resource of 1,750,000 tonnes. It is close to an active mineral extraction site, has good access to transport networks and is not the highest value agricultural land. It is therefore a sustainable site.
- 2.3 The site is a proposed extension of the existing Mangreen Quarry and the presence of an operational facility in the vicinity significantly increases the viability of working the site.

Impact of the Proposed Cable Route for MIN 79

- 2.4 The current Orsted cable route as submitted would result in sterilisation of the minerals resource.
- 2.5 The resource can only be protected by avoiding the site altogether and selecting an alternative connection to the Grid.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 It is our client's belief that the Orsted proposals fail to consider the minerals extraction potential on our client's property. We believe that the cable route will the resource.
 - 3.2 Our client respectfully requests that the points contained in this statement are fully considered within the examination process. Our intention is to submit a full written representation in due course and, if required, request that we can make oral representations if necessary.
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