



Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Case Ref: EN010080

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspections on 4, 5 and 13 March 2019

Background

In addition to the Panel's accompanied site inspections on 28 January and 5 March 2019, the Panel has made further unaccompanied site inspections to support its examination of an application for development consent for the proposed Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm.

As these unaccompanied inspections were undertaken from publicly accessible land, advance permission to enter land was not required and these inspections could consequently be undertaken without any other parties being present. The inspections were carried out by car and foot.

Separate details of the accompanied site inspections on 28 January and 5 March 2019 can be viewed via the National Infrastructure Planning Hornsea Project Three web page.

Particulars of the site inspections

4th March 2019

This inspection was undertaken by Examining Inspectors David Prentis, Roger Catchpole, David Cliff and Guy Rigby. Weather conditions were generally cloudy with good visibility. The inspection commenced at 2.30pm and finished at 5.45pm.

The following locations were visited:

- Road junctions: A140/B1113, A47/A140, A47/A1074 & A47/Taversham Road
- B1172 (Alternative cable corridor access locations from Norwich Road east of Hethersett)
- Cable route and storage compound at Morton on the Hill (adjacent A1067 and Marl Hill Road)
- A1067 passing through Great Witchingham (observing construction vehicle route)

5th March 2019

This inspection was undertaken by Examining Inspectors David Prentis, Roger Catchpole, David Cliff and Guy Rigby. Also in attendance from the Planning Inspectorate case team were Karl-Jonas Johansson and Lily Robbins. Weather conditions were generally sunny with good visibility. The inspection commenced at 4.15pm (following the completion of the accompanied site inspection on the same day) and finished at 5.45pm.

The following locations were visited:

- Alternative cable routes at Moor Farm, Reepham
- Applicant's previously considered main construction compound sites at Weston Longville (site 1) and Cawston Road (sites 2 & 3)

- Corpusty and Saxthorpe (observing construction vehicle route)

13th March 2019

This inspection was undertaken by Examining Inspectors David Prentis and David Cliff. Weather conditions were generally cloudy with sunny intervals. Visibility was good. The inspection commenced at 8.30am and finished at 6.00pm.

The following locations were visited:

- Conservation Area viewpoints for onshore HVDC convertor/HVAC substation [APP-155 – Historic Environment Visualisations]
- Viewpoint from Roman Town of Venta Icenorum [APP-155 – Historic Environment Visualisations]
- Other onshore HVDC convertor/HVAC substation viewpoints [APP-146 - Photograph Panels, Wirelines and Photomontages]
- Suggested alternative construction access route at Cawston (Heydon Road)
- Blickling Hall
- Edgefield (observing construction vehicle route)
- Onshore HVAC Booster Station viewpoints [APP-146 – Photograph Panels, Wirelines and Photomontages]
- Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including viewpoint of onshore cable corridor from Muckleburgh Hill, Weybourne
- A149 through Weybourne
- Cable crossing at Church Road (east of Reepham) adjacent to church of St Michael the Archangel