

Natural England's answers to the Examining Authority's second written questions

Deadline 4 – 20 May 2020

ExQ2	Question to:	Question	Natural England's answers
Q2A.1.1.	All Interested Parties	How would you want the remainder of the Examination to be undertaken?	
Q2A.1.2	All Interested Parties	How much do you anticipate participating in the rest of the Examination?	
Q2A.1.3.	All Interested Parties	Which topics at an Issue Specific Hearing, if held, are you likely to want to observe?	
Q2A.1.4	All Interested Parties	Which topics at an Issue Specific Hearing, if held, would you or your nominated speaker(s) like to participate in as a speaker and if so why?	
Q2A.2.1.	All Interested Parties	Do you have access to a computer or tablet connected to the internet, or to a smart phone?	
Q2A.2.2	All Interested Parties	If you have a computer running an operating system that is not Microsoft Windows 10 or Macintosh OSX Catalina (version 10.15), please tell us the manufacturer, type and version of the operating system,	
Q2A.2.3	All Interested Parties	How confident are you that you could use your computer, tablet or smart phone to participate in a Hearing where you could see and be seen, speak and be spoken to, by participants in real time?	
Q2A.2.4	All Interested Parties	Do you have access to a telephone that you could use?	

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Q2A.2.5	All Interested Parties	How confident are you that you could use your telephone or mobile phone to participate in a Hearing where you could speak and be spoken to by participants in real time?	
Q2.8.2.	Applicant SDC EA NE	<p>The WKN CEMP states that the listed measures will be implemented, not that they are examples, and is light on detail in Section 5.3. The measures listed in HRAR 6.6 are described as expected to be included in the CEMP, however only one of those (Water Env, para 5.6.1 - wheel washing) is included.</p> <p>Are you content that there is sufficient detail in the HRA/CEMP to ensure that the necessary mitigation would be secured through the DCO and if not please explain what further detail might in your view be provided?</p>	<p>Natural England's view is that best practice measures should be put in place to avoid and/or minimise dust. This is necessary to avoid impacts on the nearby designated habitats. As the WKN CEMP [APP-012] and the HRAR [REP2-034] contain slightly different lists of best practice measures that could be employed, our advice would be to add the HRAR measures to the CEMP to ensure one comprehensive list.</p>
Q2.8.6.	NE Applicant	<p>The MMO in its submission [REP3-017] notes that saltmarsh habitats and locations were not identified in the HRAR, despite being discussed in the ML application.</p> <p>What comments if any do you have on this matter, including the scope and proliferation of habitats and individual species information?</p>	<p>Natural England's view is that whilst saltmarsh habitats and locations are not explicitly identified in the HRAR [REP2-034], saltmarsh is considered as a supporting habitat of the SPAs in the vicinity. The Swale Ramsar site is also included and the saltmarsh plants that form part of the designated interest are noted.</p> <p>The Habitats Regulations Assessment of the Marine Licence for the outfall considered the implications for intertidal habitats, including any mitigation measures necessary, and those conclusions are referred to in the HRAR.</p>