

**The National Trust (Ref 20012611)**

**Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm Order DCO EN010084**

**Statement of Position on Compulsory Acquisition**

This note is in response to the following request from the ExA:

“National Trust to set out any matters that it considers remain in dispute and wishes to put before the ExA for adjudication in respect of compulsory acquisition in writing by D6 at the latest.

If the National Trust wishes to put forward the position that there has been settlement of the matters, this should also be submitted by D6.”

Heads of terms are under discussion in relation to an option agreement for a deed of easement.

There are some outstanding points on the heads of terms. Discussions continue on those points, but these should be capable of resolution.

However, the National Trust has not yet been provided with a draft of a detailed option agreement, so it is unable to make any comment on that and may therefore have further points at deadline 7. It will not wish to withdraw its objection until the option agreement has been completed, and the Trust is assured that the powers of compulsory acquisition under the draft DCO will not be exercised in respect of its inalienable land.

The Applicant is also in negotiation with the Kent Wildlife Trust, the National Trust’s tenant of part of the National Trust’s land, and it is probable that any agreement on terms with the National Trust will need to mirror those agreed with the Kent Wildlife Trust.

**Matter on which the National Trust seeks adjudication in respect of compulsory acquisition:**

In the event (however unlikely) that agreement is not reached between the Applicant and the National Trust, the National Trust requests that its interests should be excluded from the powers of compulsory acquisition under the draft DCO.