

Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd

Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Annex A to Appendix 2 to Deadline 8 Submission:
Final position on the Environmental Statement
topics and other matters

Relevant Examination Deadline: 8

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Chapter	Issues Arising	Issue Resolved (Yes/No)
Category 5: Reports/Statements		
Consultation Report	No	N/A
Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment	Yes – Disagreement between the Applicant and Natural England on the potential for AEoI in-combination with other plans and projects for the Outer Thames Estuary SPA, Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA and the Southern North Sea SAC.	No
Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment - Matrices	No	N/A
Environmental Statement		
Volume 2, Chapter 1: Project Description (Offshore)	Confirmation and clarifications of the requested design envelope were requested by Natural England and the MMO.	Yes
Volume 2, Chapter 2: Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes	Yes – issues were raised with regards to the assessment of the disposal of material arising from the project alone and in-combination.	Yes
Volume 2, Chapter 3: Marine Water and Sediment Quality	Yes – The Environment Agency raised concerns regarding the potential release of contaminants.	Yes

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Volume 2, Chapter 4: Offshore Ornithology	Yes – Natural England (and RSPB) raised concerned with regard to the methodology employed in the ES assessment, the Collision Risk Modelling parameters in particular.	Yes
Volume 2, Chapter 5: Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology	Yes – Various IPs raised concerns regarding the potential permanent loss of saltmarsh, the SMRMP (see below), the core reef approach(see below) and the disposal of material.	Yes
Volume 2, Chapter 6: Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Yes – Concerns were raised by the MMO with regards to the mitigation requirements for herring.	No (for herring mitigation)
Volume 2, Chapter 7: Marine Mammals	Yes – concerns were raised by Natural England with regard to the potential effects on the seal haul out.	Yes
Volume 2, Chapter 8: Offshore Designated Sites	Yes, insofar as the Marine Conservation Assessment (see below).	Yes ¹
Volume 2, Chapter 9: Commercial Fisheries	The Thanet Fishermen’s Association considered that the outcomes of the impact assessment for the project on the local fleet were not considered appropriate; specifically noting that they did not agree with the conclusions on magnitude/sensitivity for potters and netters.	No
Volume 2, Chapter 10: Shipping and Navigation	Various IPs raised concerns regarding the required searoom (for pilotage and transit), the future baseline, commercial impacts and safety concerns.	No

¹ The Applicant can confirm that it’s Deadline 8 submission, regarding the MCZ assessment, has been reviewed by Natural England previously and is considered to meet the requests made.

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Volume 2, Chapter 11: Infrastructure and Other Users	No	N/A
Volume 2, Chapter 12: Seascape, Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)	Whilst it was noted and agreed with local authorities that there would be a significant effect (in EIA terms) no specific concerns were raised.	N/A
Volume 2, Chapter 13: Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Matters were raised with regards to the offshore WSI (see below).	Yes
Volume 3, Chapter 1: Project Description (Onshore)	No	N/A
Volume 3, Chapter 2: Landscape Visual Impact Assessment	Comments with regards to the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan were made by KCC, KWT and Natural England as part of their Relevant Representations (see below). All issues regarding the berm were resolved following the removal of Option 2.	Yes
Volume 3, Chapter 3: Socioeconomics	No	N/A
Volume 3, Chapter 4: Tourism and Recreation	KCC raised potential impacts of access for visitors in the Pegwell Bay Country Park during construction.	Yes
Volume 3, Chapter 5: Onshore Biodiversity	KWT raised concerns with regards to the baseline surveys however the baseline surveys were agreed with Natural England, noting that pre-construction surveys would be undertaken (if consent is granted).	Yes

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Volume 3, Chapter 6: Ground Conditions, Flood Risk and Land Use	TDC and KCC initially raised concerns regarding the potential contents of the historic landfill and the proposed mitigation and management measures.	Yes
Volume 3, Chapter 7: Historic Environment	Matters raised by KCC and Historic England related primarily to the onshore WSI.	Yes
Volume 3, Chapter 8: Traffic and Access	No	N/A
Volume 3, Chapter 9: Air Quality	No	N/A
Volume 3, Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration	No	N/A
Volume 3, Chapter 11: Aviation and Radar	No	N/A
Volume 3, Chapter 12 Public Health	No	N/A
Volume 4, Annex 3-1: Water Framework Directive Assessment	The Environment Agency raised concerns regarding the potential release of contaminant from sediment within their Relevant Representations.	Yes
Volume 4, Annex 5-3: MCZ Assessment	Submissions regarding the MCZ assessment, both alone and cumulatively were made by Natural England, KWT and the Kent and Essex IFCA.	Yes
Volume 4, Annex 10-1: Navigation Risk Assessment	Submissions regarding the methodology and conclusions of the NRA (and addendum) have been made by various IPs with shipping and navigational interests.	No

Chapter	Issues Arising	Issue Resolved (Yes/No)
Volume 4, Annex 10-2: Pilotage Simulation Exercise	Submissions were made, primarily by PLA and ESL, regarding the previously undertaken exercise. Subsequent submissions have been made, by various IPs, regarding the requirement for an additional exercise to be undertaken to inform the NRA Addendum.	No
Category 8: Other Documents		
Code of Construction Practice	No	N/A
Planning Statement	No	N/A
Schedule of Mitigation	This document was updated throughout the examination, including the removal of references relating to the Option 2 landfall design and inclusion of the SIP and MCZ commitments.	Yes
Outline Access Management Strategy	KCC raised some concerns regarding access for visitors in the Pegwell Bay Country Park.	Yes
Environmental Impact Assessment Evidence Plan	No	N/A
Offshore Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation	Various clarifications and amendments were requested by the ExA, Historic England and KCC.	Yes
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan	Comments were made regarding the plan by KCC, KWT and Natural England as part of their Relevant Representations and subsequently addressed.	Yes
Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan	Amendments and refinements to the plan have been undertaken, in consultation with TFA, throughout the examination.	Yes

Chapter	Issues Arising	Issue Resolved (Yes/No)
Shadow European Protected Species License (Marine Mammals)	No	N/A
Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan	The MMO requested additional clarifications and updates to be made to the outline plan.	Yes
Draft Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol for Piling Activities	No	N/A
Saltmarsh Mitigation, Reinstatement and Monitoring Plan	Natural England, the Environment Agency and KWT provided commentary on the plan which was subsequently addressed in the examination.	Yes
Sand Wave Clearance, Dredging and Drill Arising: Disposal Site Characterisation	This report was updated to provide additional technical clarifications and further refinement of the disposal sites, through consultation with the MMO and Natural England.	Yes
Biogenic Reef Mitigation Plan	Natural England, the MMO and KWT provided commentary on the plan which was subsequently addressed.	Yes
Design and Access Statement	A revised version of the plan was issued following the request by the ExA.	Yes
Onshore Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation	This plan was produced as part of the examination and has been consulted on with Historic England and KCC.	Yes