

Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

Consultation Report

Appendix 27.10 Offshore Order Limits change report consultation responses

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Issue Topic	Consultee	Date	Stakeholder Comment	Regard had by the Applicant and where addressed in the ES (doc 6.1)
Aviation and radar	Bristow Helicopter	11 th February 2019	Bristow helicopters responded to the offshore order limits change report with the following comment, ‘we have received the Consultation Document for the Amendment to Offshore Order Limits dated 30 Jan 2019 and can confirm we have no objections or comments to add from an offshore aviation point of view’.	No response required, further detail on the Offshore Order Limits change consultation are provided in Chapter 27 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1)
Offshore Archaeology	Historic England	14 th March 2019	It is our advice that any Environmental Statement (ES) prepared for this proposed project should include archaeological interpretation of geophysical data for the entire extent of the seabed “gap” to be included within the Order Limits. We therefore concur with the statements made in Section 3.6 (offshore archaeology) regarding amendment of the Outline (archaeological) Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) as should be included within any Development Consent Order (DCO) submission. We also support your commitment that the DCO will include measures for preconstruction surveys to update the WSI should consent be obtained for this proposed project	Analysis of the geophysical data covering the gap has been undertaken and the results are reported in Appendix 17.3 which is an addendum to the main geophysical analysis report Appendix 17.2.
Aviation and radar	Defence Infrastructure Organisation	21 st February 2019	This information was passed to our Advisors for their assessment and I have just been informed that they have No Concerns relating to this activity in the location specified. I hope this information is sufficient for your purposes and thanks again for your help in regard to this matter.	No response required, further detail on the Offshore Order Limits change consultation are provided in Chapter 27 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1)
Commercial Fisheries	Sea Palling Fisherman	1 st March 2019	As a fulltime fishermen working from Sea Palling, the stakeholders, is concerned of the potential impact of the Norfolk Boreas export cable on his fishing grounds. The potential impact of the construction/decommissioning and operational phase of the project on local vessels, including those operating from Sea Palling has been taken account of in Chapter 14 of the ES.	Consultation has been undertaken with the stakeholder and other local fishermen. Consultation is on-going and will continue post-consent (Table 14.2 and Table 14.3). The potential impacts of the project on fish and shellfish species, including species of commercial

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				importance are assessed in Chapter 11 of the ES, Fish and Shellfish Ecology.
Infrastructure and Other users	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) and National Grid Gas plc (NGG)	26 th February 2019	<p>This is a joint response on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET) and National Grid Gas Plc (NGG). I refer to your letter dated 30th January 2019 in relation to the above proposed application for a Development Consent Order for the proposed Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm and the Amendment to the offshore Order Limits.</p> <p>National Grid has no comments on this targeted consultation to add to the Section 42 Consultation Response dated 6th December 2018.</p>	No response required, further detail on the Offshore Order Limits change consultation are provided in Chapter 27 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).
Infrastructure and Other users	Swift Energy	28 th February 2019	Swift confirmed in Feb 2019 that they had relinquished the explorations blocks (49/30b and 50/26a) relevant to Boreas but retain an aspiration of developing their project at a future date.	Noted.
Offshore Archaeology	Historic England	14 th March 2019	It is our advice that any Environmental Statement (ES) prepared for this proposed project should include archaeological interpretation of geophysical data for the entire extent of the seabed “gap” to be included within the Order Limits. We therefore concur with the statements made in Section 3.6 (offshore archaeology) regarding amendment of the Outline (archaeological) Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) as should be included within any Development Consent Order (DCO) submission. We also support your commitment that the DCO will include measures for preconstruction surveys to update the WSI should consent be obtained for this proposed project.	Analysis of the geophysical data covering the gap has been undertaken and the results are reported in Appendix 17.3, which is an addendum to the main geophysical analysis report Appendix 17.2.
Commercial Fisheries	Eastern IFCA	1 st February 2019	We have reviewed the documents and do not wish to provide additional specific feedback on the amendment to the offshore order limits as the new area is outside of the Eastern IFCA district.	See Appendix 11.2 and 14.2 of the ES for how these concerns have been addressed.

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			<p>We would just like to reiterate that many of the comments made in our response to the PEIR will now apply to the new area within the order limits. Comments that may apply to the new area include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern IFCA's concern about the scale of offshore activities in the Southern North Sea and the cumulative impacts on seabed habitats that these activities could have; • Our concerns about the cumulative impact assessment approach that has been taken; • Concerns about the proliferation of marine electricity cables off the East Anglian coast; and, • Comments on the importance of maintaining appropriate and timely communication with fishers that may be impacted by works and relevant fisheries managers (Eastern IFCA out to six nautical miles and the MMO and Defra beyond the six). 	
Shipping and Navigation	Cruising association	23 rd February 2019	The Cruising Association has no further comment to make on Norfolk Boreas beyond that made previously on the original PEIR and wish you well with the project.	No response required, further detail on the Offshore Order Limits change consultation are provided in Chapter 27 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).
Shipping and Navigation	Trinity House	4 th March 2019	I can confirm that Trinity House have no objections to the revised order limits and have no further comments to make at this stage	No response required, further detail on the Offshore Order Limits change consultation are provided in Chapter 27 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).
Shipping and Navigation	MCA	4 th March 2019	We note from the non-statutory consultation report that the seabed within the gap was not assessed as part of the preliminary environmental information as presented in the PEIR, and that the 'assessment' will be updated to include the gap. Although it has not been subject to any site specific surveys, the area is covered by existing data sets including the shipping and navigation data sets. Section 3.5 further	No response required, further detail on the Offshore Order Limits change consultation are provided in Chapter 27 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).

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			<p>states that the EIA will use data collected from within the buffer to update the assessment.</p> <p>On the understanding that new additional area has been assessed in line with all the requirements of MGN 543 and its annexes, including the relevant traffic surveys, and that the NRA and EIA Shipping and Navigation Chapter are updated to reflect the additional area, then the MCA does not have any concern with regards to proposed change. The MCA would therefore like reassurance that the application NRA and Shipping and Navigation chapter are a true reflection of the worst case scenario</p>	
	BBL Technical Limited	5 th April 2019	<p>We note that the offshore order limit change report includes for additional cables which may cross the BBL Pipeline. The observations given on the PEIR above would also apply to any such cable crossings of the BBL Pipeline.</p> <p>BBL Company looks forward to engagement with Vattenfall, more detailed discussions on the above issues and progression of the crossing agreement.</p>	No response required, further detail on the Offshore Order Limits change consultation are provided in Chapter 27 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).