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NORFOLK BOREAS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

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**Natural England's comments in response to Offshore Issue Specific  
Hearing Action Points**

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## 1 Introduction

Please find below Natural England's comments in response to actions arising from the Offshore Effects including the draft Development Consent Order hearing held at Blackfriars Hall, St Andrew's Plain, Norwich, NR3 1AU on Wednesday 22 January 2020 (EV7-005). Please find below Natural England's responses to actions identified to us:

## 2 Detailed Comments

	Action	NE Comment
5	Further discussions with MMO and NE on taking a strategic approach to monitoring marine mammals and exploring methods of collaboration and contribution on relevant projects.	<p>NE, MMO and Applicant continue to have ongoing discussions.</p> <p>NE suggests the following wording to be included in the Generation DMLs Schedules 9 and 10, which will link with the monitoring requirements within the IPMP.</p> <p><b>Within Pre construction monitoring condition 18 (2)</b> (d) appropriate surveys of existing marine mammal activity required to test predictions in the environmental statement concerning key marine mammal interests of relevance to the authorised scheme.</p> <p><b>Within Post construction monitoring condition 20 (2)</b> (e) appropriate marine mammal surveys required to test predictions in the environmental statement concerning key marine mammal interests of relevance to the authorised scheme</p>
6.	Provide update on Regulators' Forum meetings about ongoing management and monitoring of SIP.	MMO to provide update Following Regulators Forum.

10.	Natural England to agree with MMO revised wording of the Condition regarding disposal of sediments in the HHW SAC with respect to particle size.	<p>This discussion is ongoing.</p> <p>The Secretary of State letter to Norfolk Vanguard (dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019) requested further discussions regarding the 95% sediment disposal condition. Natural England continues to work with both Ørsted and Vattenfall to address this for the three offshore windfarm projects (Norfolk Vanguard, Norfolk Boreas and Hornsea Project Three) which this is most relevant too.</p> <p>NE to Provide an update for D7</p>
11.	Submit review of Applicant's Offshore Ornithology Assessment Update.	NE provided a response for D4.(Ref:REP4-039)
13.	NE to provide final advice on in-combination adverse effects of Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA, and the black-backed gull of the Alde-Ore Estuary SPA.	NE provided a response for D4.(Ref:REP4-039)