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# Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

## **EXQ4: NNDC RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ISSUED ON 28 APRIL 2020**

**NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
(INTERESTED PARTY REF: 20022969)

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ExQ3 Question No.	Question to	Question	North Norfolk District Council Response
<b>5. Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licences</b>			
<b>5.3 SCHEDULE 1 PART 3: Requirements</b>			
Q4.5.3.1	Breckland Council Broadland District Council North Norfolk District Council	<p><b>Requirement 15: Scenarios, stages and phases of authorised development onshore:</b></p> <p>The Applicant provided responses at Deadlines 7 and 8 to ExQ3.5.3.1 to ExQ3.5.3.5 [REP8-015], with additional wording for Requirement 15(4).</p> <p>Provide any further comment.</p>	<p>NNDC have reviewed the submissions from the Applicant at D7 and D8 and understands the reason why some degree of flexibility has been incorporated in to Requirement 15 (4) to allow subsequent minor variations to the written scheme.</p> <p>It is important for all parties involved in Requirement discharge to have an understanding of the bigger picture of stages of construction. NNDC accept that tweaks and minor changes to stages may occur with a project of this scale but would not wish to see frequent amendments to the written scheme which would potentially fragment the process and could lead to confusion for all parties if not carefully managed.</p>

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Q4.5.3.2	North Norfolk District Council	<p><b>Requirement 19: Implementation and maintenance of landscaping:</b> Response to this question negates the need for a response to ExQ3.5.3.9 from NNDC.</p> <p>a) Are you content with the Applicant's response to ExQ3.5.3.10 [REP7-017], and the changes to the dDCO at Article 27 and Requirement 19 [REP7-004] and the OLEMS [REP8-006]?</p> <p>b) If not, set out concerns and suggested way forward.</p>	<p>Please see NNDC's response to ExQ3.5.3.9 dated 01 May 2020 [REP7-072] (set out again below for ease of reference)</p> <p>On 11 March 2020, NNDC wrote to the applicant on the subject of Article 27 and Requirement 19 with some suggested amendments to the wording of these parts of the DCO. This was followed up with a teleconference on 19 March (following the cancellation of the ISH planned for 17 March). The applicant was to consider further the wording proposed by NNDC.</p>

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			<p>NNDC notes the updated draft DCO (version 6) submitted by the applicant at Deadline 7 (REP7-003 &amp; 004) and that revisions have been made, inter alia, to Article 27 and Requirement 19. This includes the insertion of a new definition of the maintenance period for North Norfolk in relation to the maintenance of landscaping in Article 27 and Requirement 19 has been amended along the lines suggested by NNDC so as to secure a ten-year replacement planting period.</p> <p>NNDC wishes to thank the applicant for these changes and, subject to these provisions being included within the final DCO, this matter is now agreed between the parties.</p>
<b>5.7 SCHEDULE 16: PROCEDURE FOR DISCHARGE OF REQUIREMENTS</b>			
Q4.5.7.3	The Applicant Breckland Council Broadland District Council, Norfolk County Council, North Norfolk District Council	<b>Schedule 16:</b> Parties to submit any additional information to assist the ExA in reaching its recommendation to the SoS.	NNDC has nothing further to add to its previous submissions on this matter.

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Q4.5.7.4	The Applicant Breckland Council Broadland District Council, Norfolk County Council, North Norfolk District Council	<b>Planning Performance Agreements:</b> Provide final views from all parties since the response to responses to further written questions provided by the Applicant [REP6-014, responses to ExQ2.5.7.1].	Please see NNDC's response to ExQ3.5.7.5 dated 01 May 2020 [REP7-072].  In addition, further comments were provided within Section 5 of NNDC's combined Deadline 8 & 9 submissions dated 04 May 2020 [REP9-059].  NNDC has nothing further to add to its previous submissions on this matter.
<b>12. Onshore construction effects</b>			
<b>12.0 Cable corridor and ducting</b>			
Q3.12.0.3	North Norfolk District Council	<b>Church Road, Colby (open cut trench/ trenchless crossing):</b> The Applicant provided a Position Statement containing a review of the potential environmental constraints and opportunities and information about the extent of tree removal at Deadline 7 [REP7-035] and set out its final position in response to ExQ3.12.05 [REP7-017]. The Applicant also indicated that a constrained HDD compound within the Order limits could be implemented if the Secretary of State was minded to require a trenchless crossing at this	Please see NNDC's response to ExQ3.5.3.8 dated 01 May 2020 [REP7-072].  This set out, inter alia, that on balance, NNDC is prepared to withdraw its request for trenchless crossing under Church Road Colby on the proviso that the applicant makes every effort to protect as much of the identified Important Hedgerows and as many of the trees in the areas as possible and make a positive contribution to replanting to ensure no net loss of trees.

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		<p>location [REP7-017, response to ExQ3.3.0.19].</p> <p>In light of this information submitted at Deadline 7, has your position changed, or do you still consider that a trenchless crossing is required at Church Road, Colby?</p>	
<b>12.1 Mobilisation areas</b>			
Q4.12.1.1	North Norfolk District Council	<p><b>Mobilisation Areas:</b></p> <p>This question supersedes ExQ3.12.1.1</p> <p>The Applicant has responded to ExQ3.12.1.2 with further details about the mechanism that would be contained in the CoCP [REP7-017] and added wording to the OCoCP [REP5-011].</p> <p>Are you content with the additional wording which the Applicant has added to the OCoCP [REP5-011, Section 3.2.1] and the explanation given in the response to ExQ3.12.1.2?</p>	<p>Please see NNDC’s response to ExQ3.12.1.1 dated 01 May 2020 [REP7-072].</p> <p>In addition, further comments were provided within Section 2 of NNDC’s combined Deadline 8 &amp; 9 submissions dated 04 May 2020 [REP9-059].</p> <p>NNDC are reasonably confident that the above matters can be satisfactorily addressed by the applicant prior to the examination closing.</p>

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<b>13. Socio-economic effects</b>			
<b>13.2 Tourism</b>			
Q4.13.2.1	North Norfolk District Council	<p><b>Tourism Mitigation Strategy:</b> The ExA notes that there is agreement between the Applicant and North Norfolk DC that the long-term effect on the long-term effects of the cable route on the tourism economy will be not significant. The ExA further notes that the disagreement between the parties is on the impact of cable corridor construction phase on local tourism businesses, the need for a tourism and associated business impact mitigation strategy, and securing this through a requirement in the dDCO.</p> <p>a) Taking account of the Applicant's response [REP7-017, ExQ3.13.2.1] submit any additional information to assist the ExA in reaching its recommendation to the SoS.</p>	<p>Please see NNDC's response to ExQ3.13.2.1 dated 01 May 2020 [REP7-072].</p> <p>In addition, further comments were provided within Section 3 and Appendix A of NNDC's combined Deadline 8 &amp; 9 submissions dated 04 May 2020 [REP9-059].</p> <p>NNDC consider that the ExA now have considerable evidence to support and justify the Requirement wording suggested by NNDC at Deadline 2 [REP2-087] (Pages 32/33 – para 14.21) to be able to make a positive recommendation to the SoS for its inclusion within the DCO consent.</p>

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<b>16. General and cross-topic questions</b>			
<b>16.0 General</b>			
Q4.16.0.3	All Interested Parties with whom the Applicant has engaged via a Statement of Common Ground	<p><b>Statements of Common Ground:</b> The ExA requires confirmation that all Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) which are submitted as final by the Applicant do represent the final position from the other party. If submitted final SoCGs are not signed by the party other than the Applicant, confirmation should be sent in responses to these ExQ4 or by email to confirm the final status of the submitted SoCG at the latest by Deadline 11.</p>	As set out within Section 4 of NNDC's combined Deadline 8 & 9 submissions dated 04 May 2020 [REP9-059], work has progressed on the Final version of the Statement of Common Ground which is expected to be submitted by the Applicant for Deadline 10. NNDC will be happy to confirm by email the final status of the submitted SoCG by Deadline 11 at the latest.

END of Questions for NNDC