



Hornsea Project Four: Environmental Statement

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1. Glossary and Acronyms

Glossary

Term	Definition
Annex 1 habitats	A type of habitat listed in Annex I of Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.
Connection works	Work Nos. 6 to 10 of the draft DCO and any related further associated development in connection with those works.
Enhancement Commitment	Commitments made by the project to provide broader environmental enhancement that Hornsea Four seeks to deliver across a range of environmental aspects. Enhancement commitments are not required to mitigate environmental impacts of the project.
Joint bays	An excavation located at regular intervals along the cable route consisting of a concrete flat base slab constructed beneath the ground to facilitate the jointing together of the cables.
Link boxes	These are smaller pits, compared to JB's, which house connections between the cable shielding, joints for fibre optic cables and other auxiliary equipment.
Logistics compounds	A construction site associated with the connection works including central offices, welfare facilities, and storage for construction of the works.
Maintenance period	To inspect, upkeep, repair, adjust, and alter and further includes remove, reconstruct and replace, to the extent assessed in the environmental statement.
Mobilisation period	Arrival and departure of the workforce, site inspections, safety checks, site meetings, low-key maintenance and safety checking. A full description is provided in the outline CoCP.
Primary Commitment	Measures that form an intrinsic part of the design that are described in the design evolution narrative and included within the project description e.g. reducing development heights to reduce visual impact.
Relevant Planning Authority	East Riding of Yorkshire Council, or any successor to it as planning authority for the land in question.
Regular Operator	Commercial operator whose vessel(s) are observed to transit through a particular region on a regular basis.
Secondary Commitment	Measures that require further activity in order to achieve the anticipated outcome, e.g. development of the optimal reinstatement measures for restoring a disturbed sensitive natural habitat.
Tertiary Commitment	Measures which will be required regardless of the EIA process as they are imposed e.g. as a result of legislative requirements and/or standard industry practices e.g. via a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) or similar.
offshore	Offshore covers seaward of MHWS and includes the intertidal zone which is between MHWS and MLWS.
onshore	Onshore covers landward of MHWS.

Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
AEZs	Archaeological exclusion zones
AfL	Agreement for Lease
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CPEMMP	Construction Project Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
DML	Deemed Marine License
EA	Environment Agency
ECoW	Ecological Clark of Works
ERCoP	Emergency Response and Cooperation Plan
ERYC	Lead Local Flood Authority
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drill
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
IAQM	Institute of Air Quality Management
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
LAT	Lowest Astronomical Tide
LIE	Local Information Event
LLFA	Lead local flood authority
MCA	Marine Conservation Zone
MCZ	Marine Conservation Zone
MHCC	Marine Helicopter Coordination Centre
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MSL	Mean Sea Level
NSR	Nearest Sensitive Receptor
OEMP	Outline Ecological Management Plan
OnSS	Onshore Substation
OREIs	Offshore Renewable Energy Installations
PAD	Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PPG	Pollution Prevention Guidance (PPG)
PPP	Pollution Prevention Plan
PRA	Preliminary Risk Assessment
ProW	Public Rights of Way
RPSS	Route Planning and Site Selection
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage System
VMP	Vessel Management Plan
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation
WTG	Wind Turbine Generator

3. Overview

Hornsea Four has adopted a number of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Commitments (see glossary for definitions) as part of the EIA process in order to avoid or reduce impacts where possible. This annex details all Commitments that are taken forward as part of the EIA and provides details as to how the Commitments are secured, for example by providing cross referencing to the DCO and relevant outline management plans. A full list of documents which are relevant to and should be read in conjunction with the Commitments Register is set out in Section 2. Commitments have been proposed by the Environmental Consultants responsible for the the EIA and agreed by the Applicant. Commitments can be changed and modified through consultation on the Compensation Measures with a range of key consultees and feedback from members of the public. The Commitments Register will be updated to include new or amended Commitments in response to feedback where possible.

The following tables provides an overview of the information contained within the Commitment Register.

Table 1: Compensation Commitment Register (Section 4) Explained

Compensaiton Commitment Reference	Each Compensation Commitment has a unique ID assigned to it to enable consultees to easily track the evolution of commitments throughout the development of the project.
Commitment Stage	Relates to the stage of the project when the Commitment was made.
Type	Details whether the Commitment is Primary, Secondary, Tertiary or Enhancement (see Glossary).
Hornsea Four Commitment	Details the Commitment made by Hornsea Four.
Compensation Project	Details of the compensation measure the commitment relates to. These include Bycatch, Predator Eradication, Onshore Nesting, Offshore Platform Refurbishment, Offshore Platform New, and Seagrass.
Compensation Target Species	Details of the target species that the compensation measure is targetting. These include Razorbills, Guillemots, Kittiwakes and Gannets.
Compensation Project Phase	Details the project phase the commitment is relevant to (e.g. construction).
Onshore Topic relevance	Details the onshore topics which the Commitment is relevant to. The user can filter by topic to allow all Compensation Commitments relevant to a specific topic to be seen.
Offshore Topic relevance	Details the offshore topics which the Commitment is relevant to. The user can filter by topic to allow all Commitments relevant to a specific topic to be seen.
How is the Commitment secured?	Details the mechanism for how the Commitment is to be legally secured (for example through inclusion of a Requirement of the DCO).
When (e.g. pre-construction)	Where Commitments are secured though a management Strategy or Plan (for example the Code of Construction Practice) this column provides details in relation to the timing for final approval of the Strategy or Plan.
Who (decision maker)	Where Commitments are secured through a management Strategy or Plan (for example the Code of Construction Practice) this column provides details in relation to the decision maker for final approval of the Strategy or Plan.
Relevant Application Documents	Where Commitments are secured through a management Strategy or Plan, Hornsea Four will seek to provide further outline plans and updated drafts in the future.

Table 2: Change Log (Section 5) Explained

Compensation Commitment Reference	Each Commitment has a unique ID assigned to it to enable consultees to easily track the evolution of commitments throughout the development of the project.
Commitment Stage	Relates to the stage of the project when the Commitment was made.
Hornsea Four Commitment	Details the Commitments made by Hornsea Four at pre-application stage of the project which have since been revised or removed. Text which is strike through has been removed from the Commitment and is no longer included within the Commitment Register. Text in red is new text which has now been added to the Commitments within the Commitment Register.
Explanation of the change	Provides an explanation for the changes made topre-application Compensation Commitments. For example commitments may have been updated to provide clarity or where possible remove ambiguous statements. Commitments may also have been merged to streamline the commitments which are proposed by the project.

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5. Change Log



Compensation Commitment Reference	Commitment Stage	Hornsea Four Compensation Commitment	Explanation of the change
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