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PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 32 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN ANOTHER EEA STATE

PROPOSED DUDGEON AND SHERINGHAM SHOAL OFFSHORE WIND FARM EXTENSIONS (THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT)

Equinor New Energy Limited (the Applicant) has formally notified the Secretary of State, of its intention to submit an Environmental Statement.

The Proposed Development is for extensions to the existing Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm (OWF) and the existing Sheringham Shoal OWF which are located off the North Norfolk Coast. The Dudgeon Extension Project (DEP) component covers 92.6km² and would comprise up to 34 turbines. The Sheringham Extension Project (SEP) component covers 103.5km² and would comprise up to 27 turbines. Each turbine would have a maximum rotor diameter of up to 300m and a maximum tip height of 326m.

There are three potential development options:

- (i) DEP and SEP together;
- (ii) DEP only; or
- (iii) SEP only.

The offshore elements of the Proposed Development would comprise turbines, array cables, one or two offshore substation(s) and potentially interlink cables, cable protection and scour protection. Offshore export cables would connect an offshore substation to the landfall on the North Norfolk coast, of which there are currently two alternative options (Weybourne and Bacton).

From the landfall, onshore export cables would connect to a new onshore substation which would be located as close as practical to the existing National Grid substation at Norwich Main located south of Norwich. The new onshore substation would be connected to the Norwich Main substation via a grid connection. Energy balancing infrastructure may also be incorporated in the form of a battery storage solution.

Information about the Proposed Development and about its likely significant effects is available in the scoping report and the Secretary of State's scoping opinion which are available electronically on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sheringham-and-dudgeon-extension-projects/>

Based on the current information provided by the Applicant to the Secretary of State, and applying a precautionary approach, the Secretary of State is of the view that the Proposed Development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Belgium and the Netherlands. In accordance with Regulation 32 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) the Secretary of State has provided information to the above mentioned EEA States about the Proposed Development and its likely significant effects, and these States have been asked to indicate by 11 March 2020 whether or not they wish to participate in the procedure for examining and determining the application under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations. This Regulation transposes Article 7 of EU Directive 85/337/EC as amended into the legislation of England, Wales and Scotland.

The Proposed Development is currently at the pre-application stage of the process. The Applicant has not yet submitted an application to the Secretary of State. If the application is accepted for examination, the application will be examined in public and, subject to the provisions of the PA 2008, the examination must be completed within a period of six months. Further information about how to participate in the examination procedure under the PA 2008 and the way in

which the Secretary of State will notify and consult EEA States in accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website: www.planningportal.gov.uk/infrastructure.

Following examination of the application and having taken the environmental information into consideration, the decision maker may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or offset the major adverse effects of the Proposed Development.

Date: 30 January 2020

Signed by the Planning Inspectorate for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

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