

# Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Projects

Notification to Section 42 Consultees of Section 42 Consultation (29 April 2021 - 10 June 2021)

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## 1 Advanced Notification of S42 Consultation (22/04/2021)



22 April 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Advance Notice of Consultation in Respect of Proposed Development – Sheringham Shoal Extension Project and Dudgeon Extension Project

You have been identified as a consultee on Sheringham Shoal Extension Project ("SEP") and Dudgeon Extension Project ("DEP") for the purposes of section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and/or Regulation 13 of Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This is an advance notice of the statutory consultation which will commence on 29 April 2021 and close on 10 June 2021.

In accordance with the statutory consultation, we will be sending you the following documentation on 29 April for your information and response:

- A covering letter explaining how you can access our consultation materials and respond to our consultation.
- A notice publicised in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008. This notice includes
  details of public consultation and how the consultation material can be viewed free of charge.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding the information provided or process, please don't hesitate to contact the team at the details provided below.

Yours faithfully,



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# 2 Notification of S42 Consultation (29/04/2021)



29 April 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Sheringham Shoal Extension Project and Dudgeon Extension Project

**Statutory Consultation** 

Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act") and Regulations 11 and 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Regulations")

On behalf of the partnership companies, Scira Extension Limited and Dudgeon Extension Limited, Equinor New Energy Limited ("ENEL") ("the Applicant") intends to develop two offshore wind farms known as the Sheringham Shoal Extension Project ("SEP") and the Dudgeon Extension Project ("DEP").

The offshore wind turbines will be located in the Greater Wash region of the southern North Sea. The closest point to the coast is 13.6 kilometres from SEP and 24.8 kilometres from DEP. Plans showing the location of SEP and DEP are available at SEP and DEP will be connected to shore by offshore export cables installed to a landfall at Weybourne, on the North Norfolk coast. From there, the onshore export cables will travel approximately 60 kilometres inland to an onshore substation near to the existing Norwich Main Substation.

The Applicant intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for SEP and DEP. The proposed generating capacity of each wind farm will exceed 100 megawatts (MW) and therefore each is a nationally significant infrastructure project individually, although a single application for development consent will be made to include both wind farms and the associated transmission infrastructure.

The DCO application will contain full details of SEP and DEP and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the 2017 Regulations.

### Consultation on SEP and DEP

SEP and DEP are currently in the pre-application phase of the DCO application process. As part of that process, the Applicant is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before it is submitted. Your feedback as part of this consultation will be considered before the Applicant finalises its DCO application and will also be reported to the Planning Inspectorate when the application is submitted. Any representations you have already made will also be reported.

We are writing to you as you have been identified as a consultee for the purpose of section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and/or Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact

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Assessment) Regulations 2017 or it has been decided it would be appropriate to consult in any event.

This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities and any persons with an interest in the land affected by SEP and DEP (under section 42 of the 2008 Act);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of SEP and DEP (under section 47 of the 2008 Act); and
- General public consultation on SEP and DEP (under section 48 of the 2008 Act).

This consultation will run from 29 April 2021 to 10 June 2021.

In addition, section 48 of the 2008 Act and Regulation 13 of the 2017 Regulations require the Applicant to publicise its proposed DCO application. A formal notice publicising the proposed application is therefore enclosed with this letter.

### **Consultation materials**

The Applicant has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), which has been informed by the Scoping Opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate and which reports the results of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") that has been carried out to date. The PEIR forms the basis of this consultation and also includes a non-technical summary. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of SEP and DEP and to help inform consultation responses. It should be noted that the EIA is an ongoing process and the design of SEP and DEP will continue to evolve during the pre-application stage.

A USB device containing the following documents can be provided free of charge upon request:

- 1. The PEIR;
- 2. A non-technical summary of the PEIR;
- 3. Draft information for Habitats Regulations Assessment;
- 4. Draft information for Marine Conservation Zone Assessment;
- 5. Plans showing the location of SEP and DEP; and
- Additional documents including the Community Consultation Leaflet, Feedback Form, Statement of Community Consultation and the Phase 1 Consultation Summary Report (which are included for information purposes).

Copies of these documents are also available free of charge online at and hard copies are available on request (some of which are subject to subsidised payment). Details of how to request these documents and any related charges are set out in the enclosed section 48 notice.

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### How to respond to this consultation

**Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on 10 June 2021.** Responses received after this time may not be considered.

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in the proposed scheme. Completed feedback forms and responses must be submitted:

(a) By emailing: info@sepanddep.co.uk

(b) In writing to: FREEPOST DUDGEON AND SHERINGHAM EXT

### **Further information**

If you would like further information about this letter, the consultation or SEP and DEP, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

Email: info@sepanddep.co.uk

Post: FREEPOST DUDGEON AND SHERINGHAM EXT

Phone: 08081 963 673

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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