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<p>1. Introduction</p>	
<p>We are now seeking a common Development Consent Order (DCO) for two new projects: Sheringham Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension Project (DEP), collectively known as the Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects (the ‘Extension Projects’). Although these are two separate offshore wind farm extension projects, at Equinor we have adopted a strategic approach to developing the projects jointly to minimise local impacts. We will apply for a common DCO for the Extension Projects and will consult on both projects together.</p>	<p>The Applicant has prepared and submitted a common DCO application with this Consultation Report forming part of the suite of DCO application documents.</p>
<p>Your views matter to us at Equinor. We develop our projects responsibly by engaging with communities and understanding the local environment as the plans evolve. We welcome your feedback and comments to our plans for the Extension Projects.</p>	<p>The Applicant commenced early consultation with the community on 09 July 2020 with the publication of its SoCC. The Applicant ran a multi-phase and iterative consultation process in order to inform the iterative design of the SEP and DEP in response to feedback held at Phase One and Phase Two Section 47 consultation and in response to Section 42 consultation. A summary of key project changes in response to feedback can be seen in Table 1-1 in Section 1 and Tables 11-1, 11-2 and 12-1 of the Consultation Report, with full responses provided in Appendices 3 and 4 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>3. Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects</p>	
<p>SEP is planned to have a generating capacity of up to 317 megawatts (MW), while DEP is planned to have a capacity of up to 402 MW. The Extension Projects will be located next to each respective existing wind farm, with SEP being</p>	<p>SEP and DEP still broadly reflect these descriptions such that what was consulted on has not materially changed for the application.</p>

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<p>approximately 15.8 kilometres (km) (10 miles) offshore at the nearest point to shore, and DEP being approximately 26.5 km (16 miles) offshore at the nearest point to shore.</p>	
<p>As part of the common DCO application, the Extension Projects have a shared point of connection at the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation. With this approach we seek to minimise potential impacts on the community and environment by adopting a shared onshore footprint for the Extension Projects.</p>	
<p>The Extension Projects will include the following new infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offshore wind turbines and foundations. • Interarray and interlink cables to connect the offshore wind turbines to an offshore substation. • Up to two offshore substations and foundations. • Offshore subsea export cables and scour protection. • Landfall. • Onshore export cables. • Up to two onshore substations. • A grid connection point at the National Grid Norwich Main Substation. • Other associated development such as site access, utilities and potential landscaping/screening. 	

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4. Our onshore proposals	
<p>Electricity generated by the Extension Projects offshore will be brought ashore via subsea cables and will reach the coastline at Weybourne. They will then be installed in a trench heading south towards our new onshore substation area near to the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation.</p>	<p>Not relevant to compliance. SEP and DEP still broadly reflect these descriptions such that what was consulted on has not materially changed for the application.</p>
<p>Landfall Supported by initial environmental assessments, we were previously evaluating two potential locations for where the offshore cables would come ashore, Weybourne and Bacton. After further technical and environmental analysis, Weybourne has been selected as the landfall point.</p>	<p>Not relevant to compliance. SEP and DEP still broadly reflect these descriptions such that what was consulted on has not materially changed for the application.</p>
<p>We published a Scoping Report in October 2019, which presented the project search area. We are currently assessing the best cable corridor and options to locate the onshore substation(s). We will be seeking your feedback to help shape our plans during our consultation process.</p>	<p>The Applicant sought feedback from the community to support the refinement of plans throughout the consultation process, including on the onshore cable corridor and onshore substation shortlist.</p>
<p>Onshore cable corridor search area We will refine the current 1 km (roughly 0.6 miles) wide onshore scoping boundary for the onshore export cables. Since we published our Scoping Report, we have undertaken environmental and technical assessments and are considering options outside of the 1 km wide scoping boundary to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routing the onshore cabling to the south of Weybourne, where the cables come ashore. 	<p>The Applicant sought feedback from the community to support the refinement of plans throughout the consultation process, including on the onshore cable corridor and onshore substation shortlist.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossing the River Bure via trenchless Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) methods. • Crossing existing onshore cabling for other offshore wind developers in the area. • Crossing existing proposed developments, including local road network improvements and housing developments. 	
<p>Onshore substation area We are assessing options for the location of the onshore substation area. Our preferred option is to use one common substation, however if the projects are built in phases, up to two substations may be needed within the same footprint. We are assessing options within a 3 km (roughly 1.9 miles) radius of the existing National Grid Norwich Main Substation.</p>	<p>The Applicant consulted on the shortlist of onshore substation search area options at Phase One consultation, as detailed in Section 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>5. Our public consultation</p>	
<p>Our consultation process The consultation process for the Extension Projects will be an iterative one as the feedback and information we receive will help inform the refinement of project options. Our consultation will consist of at least two phases of consultation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Phase One consultation, lasting 6 weeks, from 09 July to 20 August 2020. • A Phase Two consultation, lasting 6 weeks, indicatively planned for spring 2021. 	<p>The Applicant held two rounds of Section 47 community consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase One Section 47 consultation: 09 July – 20 August 2020. • Phase Two Section 47 consultation: 29 April – 10 June 2021. <p>The multi-phase and iterative consultation process helped to inform the iterative design of SEP and DEP in response to feedback gathered.</p>

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<p>Phase One public consultation During Phase One, we will invite feedback to our proposals to help inform our site selection process for the location of the onshore substation area and refinement of the onshore cable corridor. We will analyse all of the feedback we receive and, together with information from our environmental surveys and as well as discussions with technical stakeholders, we will further refine our proposals.</p> <p>The Phase One consultation will be open to all interested members of the public and will feature digital and non-digital methods for engagement as outlined in Section 8.</p>	<p>During our Phase One public consultation, the Applicant welcomed feedback on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional site selection criteria or other local factors that we should consider helping to refine onshore substation search area options. • Factors for consideration at landfall, the onshore substation location, along the onshore cable corridor, and offshore, including ecological, visual, archaeological, recreational, traffic, tourism, noise and other considerations. <p>During Phase One consultation, feedback was submitted and accepted by a variety of offline and online methods, as detailed in Section 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>Phase Two public consultation This consultation, in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, will allow us to update you on our project plans, including how the feedback we received during the Phase One consultation has been considered as we developed our proposals for the Extension Projects.</p> <p>At our Phase Two consultation, we will consult on our refined plans together with the results from our environmental surveys and studies, which will be published in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). This will include detailed landscape and seascape visualisations of the proposals.</p>	<p>The Applicant commenced Phase Two Section 47 consultation in parallel to Section 42 consultation and the publication of PEIR on 29 April 2021. The consultation ran from 29 April until 10 June 2021 (exceeding the 28 days statutory consultation). During this period, the Applicant held five Community Q&A sessions online and hosted a virtual exhibition, in addition to other consultation activities as detailed in Section 8.</p> <p>Feedback on the PEIR was encouraged via a feedback form (see Appendix 12, document reference 5.2.12), our project website, and the communication channels provided. The Applicant provided detailed landscape and seascape visualisations for Phase Two public consultation, which were made available to view and download on the virtual exhibition and consultation website.</p>

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<p>Ongoing engagement We will be seeking to continue the conversation on our proposals by convening dedicated working groups, which will be established with the advice of the local planning authorities.</p> <p>Local knowledge is important to us, and we will consider the feedback and comments we receive on an ongoing basis and incorporate these within our proposals where possible</p>	<p>The Applicant convened a dedicated working group with parish and town councils, known as the ‘Parish and Town Council Stakeholder Forum’. The stakeholder forum met three times between 20 April 2021 and 22 July 2021, as outlined in Section 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>The Applicant had regard to all feedback received both during and outside of consultation phases. Feedback received from Section 47 consultees is detailed in Appendix 3, document reference 5.2.3.</p>
<p>Interim reporting We will publish a consultation summary report after each phase of consultation to keep the community updated as to how their feedback has been considered in the development of the plans for the Extension Projects.</p>	<p>The Applicant published a Consultation Summary Report following each phase of consultation. The Consultation Summary Reports outline the consultation engagement, key themes in consultation feedback, and highlighted project updates. Please refer to the following appendices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 10. • Appendix 12.
<p>Consultation report As part of the DCO application due to be submitted by the end of 2021, we will publish a Consultation Report that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes the consultation process. • Explains how we have sought to comply with the relevant legal requirements to consult. • Details how we have worked with local planning authorities to ensure our consultation is suitable for the area. 	<p>In accordance with Section 49 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant has prepared and submitted this Consultation Report as part of its DCO application. The following chapters and appendices of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) provide evidence of compliance for the SoCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes the consultation process – Section 1. • Explains how we have sought to comply with the relevant legal requirements to consult – Section 3. and Appendix 2. • Details how we have worked with local planning authorities to ensure our consultation is suitable for the area – Section 7.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a summary of the feedback and consultation responses we have received. • Responds to the feedback we have received, including explaining how your feedback has influenced our proposals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a summary of the feedback and consultation responses we have received – Section 1, Section 11, Section 12, Section 12 and Section 13. • Responds to the feedback we have received, including explaining how your feedback has influenced our proposals – Section 1, Section 10, Section 11, Appendix 3, and Appendix 4.
<p>6. What will we consult on?</p>	
<p>The overriding aim of our public consultation on the Extension Projects is to ensure that both community and technical consultees have a chance to understand, comment and inform the proposals.</p>	<p>The Applicant carried out extensive consultation activities with both technical Section 42 stakeholders, as detailed in Section 12 of this Consultation Report, and Section 47 community stakeholders, as detailed in Section 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>The feedback from our community consultation will help us to mature our plans for the Extension Projects. We are asking for comments from an early stage of development so we can develop a deeper understanding of key issues in the community and can take them into account as the project evolves. This will be part of an ongoing dialogue with communities, during which we will welcome all kinds of feedback.</p>	<p>The Applicant commenced consultation on SEP and DEP started at an early stage. SEP and DEP were developed iteratively in response to feedback provided through the pre-application process. A summary of changes made in response to feedback is available in Section 1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>We encourage local communities to give their views about how the Extension Projects may affect them or their local area. We will be seeking feedback to help develop our proposals regarding, but not limited to:</p>	<p>The Applicant sought feedback on all aspects of SEP and DEP, including those listed within the SoCC. Specific questions asked in Phase One and Phase Two Section 47 consultation are available to view in the relevant feedback forms, included in Appendix 10 and Appendix 12 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1), respectively.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our site selection process for the location of the onshore substation area and refinement of the onshore cable corridor search area. • The offshore environment including consultation with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and commercial fisheries organisations. • Short-term and temporary impacts during construction, such as traffic movements, local amenities and the environment. • Long-term operational considerations, such as on the local environment, landscape and visual amenity. 	
<p>At each phase of consultation, we will give the community the opportunity to discuss details of the Extension Projects with the project team via our consultation methods listed in Section 8</p>	<p>A number of information channels were set up for people to get in touch at any time during the consultation process. The Applicant maintained these communication channels throughout the pre-application process.</p>
<p>7. Who will we consult?</p>	
<p>This consultation is open to anyone who may be interested or in any way feels impacted by our proposals for the Extension Projects. Our communication channels (listed in Section 8) can be used by interested parties to get in touch with us to find out more information and make comments.</p> <p>We have spoken to the local planning authorities (LPAs) about plans for the Extension Projects, to help us develop our understanding of the area and surrounding communities. This mapping of the local area has informed a consultation</p>	<p>The Applicant accepted feedback from all interested parties. Any interested party could sign up to receive updates on SEP and DEP and the consultation via the project website and virtual exhibition.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook consultation on a Draft Statement of Community Consultation, as outlined in Section 7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>

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<p>area to guide our consultation process. This area has been divided into two separate zones:</p>	
<p>A core consultation zone, which extends by a minimum distance of 1,000 metres either side of the onshore project search area (shown in Figure 2). This ensures that all individuals and stakeholders identified within a minimum distance of 1,000 metres from any associated underground or overground infrastructure are consulted. This will guide the refinement of the core consultation zone together with any project search area changes, which may include the refinement of route options and the selection of preferred sites for project infrastructure, such as the onshore substation area. Properties within the core consultation zone will directly receive communications such as leaflets and newsletters from us in the post.</p>	<p>The Applicant consulted with over 12,000 properties and local businesses that were situated within the core consultation zone. Details of the consultation activities, including the direct delivery of consultation materials and newsletters are included in Section 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>As the Applicant’s understanding of the project developed, the Core Consultation Zone was adapted to ensure that properties within 1,000 metres of proposed onshore infrastructure were contacted. For example, as the Applicant explored construction compound options, the Core Consultation Zone was expanded to ensure all properties from even temporary construction infrastructure were engaged with.</p>
<p>A wider consultation area, as we recognise that there may be some interested individuals or parties who are not within the core consultation zone. We are committed to ensuring that these interested parties still have an opportunity to view our proposals and have their say. We will notify communities within the wider consultation area by advertising in local media and using social media. Informative consultation materials will be published online and available to view and collect via our contact details</p>	<p>The Applicant advertised its consultation activities to the wider consultation zone in multiple local media outlets. The details of these and their coverage area are outlined in Section 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Additionally, details of the consultation were shared on social media, and shared with local interest groups to share on social media also.</p>
<p>Throughout the development of our proposals, we will continue to work with local planning authorities to identify any relevant community groups, business organisations and area committees who should be consulted. As well as the community consultation, we will be discussing the Extension</p>	<p>The Applicant consulted each local authority that is within Section 43, as listed in Appendix 6 (document reference 5.2.6). This includes a list of statutory and non-statutory consultees identified under Section 42 of the 2008 Act. Engagement activities with community groups and non-</p>

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<p>Projects with a range of statutory and non-statutory consultees, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owners, tenants and occupiers of the land included within the DCO application. • MPs, local authorities and parish councils. • Statutory stakeholders, such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and Historic England. • Intertidal groups and users such as fisheries and marine organisations. • Local interest and community groups. • Local interest and community groups in the coastal area with a particular interest in seascape visual amenity. 	<p>statutory consultees is reported in Section 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>Hard to reach groups We have developed our consultation to be accessible to all groups in the community. This is particularly important in the current situation where public gatherings are restricted in line with government guidance and health protection measures because of COVID-19. The approach to consultation outlined in this SoCC seeks to offer an inclusive range of communications methods for conducting an open and meaningful consultation across the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the instance of any future recurring or regional lockdown measures.</p> <p>Our consultation methods, described in Section 8 of this SoCC, set out the use of digital engagement methods and also how we will consult with those without digital access.</p>	<p>The Applicant engaged with local authorities from an early stage to establish any hard-to-reach groups to consult (see Appendix 8, document reference 5.2.8)</p> <p>Additional hard-to-reach groups were suggested by the local authorities in response to the draft SoCC consultation. A final list of these groups consulted is provided in Table 5-1 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Numerous community interest groups were also identified to consult with as shown in Table 5-2 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1)</p>

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<p>We recognise that some individuals or groups may have difficulties taking part in the consultation process for a range of reasons. We have identified a number of organisations representing hard to reach groups in the consultation area. These organisations will be contacted at the start of each consultation phase to ensure that our approach best meets the needs of its members. Please see a list of these organisations included in Appendix A (accessible via our consultation website sepanddep.commonplace.is).</p>	
<p>8. How will we consult?</p>	
<p>Our consultation activities include a range of methods to ensure our consultation can be accessed by all members of the community, which is especially important given current restrictions on meeting in person owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>The Applicant committed to undertaking proactive engagement with a range of stakeholder groups and the Applicant reviewed its consultation and engagement strategy to ensure it consistently aligned with Government COVID-19 restrictions.</p>
<p>Open communication A Freephone information line is available for interested parties to call to ask questions and provide feedback: 08081 963673 (open 09:00 – 17:00. A voice message service will operate for out of office hours and all enquiries will be acknowledged within 24 hours).</p> <p>A project email address is open for questions and comments: info@sepanddep.co.uk</p> <p>A freepost address is also open for letters and feedback forms to be sent, free of charge to: FREEPOST DUDGEON AND SHERINGHAM EXT</p>	<p>The Applicant ensured that the communication methods listed were maintained throughout the pre-application process.</p>

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<p>Our dedicated Community Liaison Officer, Nigel Tompkins, is based locally in North Norfolk and can be contacted: nigel@ni4b.co.uk and 01263 822427 / 07860 206565</p>	
<p>Consultation website A dedicated consultation website is live for you to find out more information and provide your feedback: sepanddep.commonplace.is. This includes access to our digital engagement platform (see below for details). Any virtual exhibitions will be accessible via this website.</p>	<p>The Applicant ensured that the consultation website for SEP and DEP was active throughout the pre-application process.</p> <p>Additionally, the virtual exhibition was accessible through the website homepage, as outlined in Section 7 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). The project website remained live throughout the pre-application process.</p>
<p>Digital engagement Our digital engagement platform will present our plans digitally via our consultation website. This will allow you to pin your feedback to an interactive map of the projects areas and see views from other members of the community. The aim of this platform is to provide a wide-reaching and continuous way of engaging with anyone interested in the Extension Projects.</p>	<p>The Applicant created a digital engagement platform that included an interactive map of the project boundary and allowed stakeholders to pin their comments to specific locations. This platform was available to any interested party. More information is available in Section 7 the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>Events Consultation events will be held where possible, offering you the opportunity to discuss our proposals with us and give your feedback. Where there are restrictions on public gatherings, these events will be delivered by virtual exhibitions available through our consultation website.</p> <p>Stakeholder meetings and briefing sessions may be arranged with your local parish councils and with key local stakeholder groups. These meetings will be held via online</p>	<p>During the two consultation phases, restrictions on social distancing prevented the Applicant from holding face-to-face events. Instead, the Applicant held online webinars and Q&A sessions, both for elected members and the community. These are detailed in Section 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p> <p>The Applicant attended face-to-face meetings when possible, for example with individual parish councils and MPs.</p> <p>Following Phase Two consultation and prior to application submission, the Applicant hosted Project Information Days, to update the community</p>

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<p>meetings and webinars in circumstances where there are restrictions on public gatherings.</p>	<p>on proposals for SEP and DEP and answer outstanding questions. More information on these events is detailed in Section 14 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>Literature</p> <p>Stakeholder briefing packs have been provided to elected representatives at the start of the consultation to introduce the scheme and inform them of how we will engage with their constituents during the process.</p> <p>Consultation leaflets will be distributed to all properties in the core consultation zone via post. They will also be made available for the wider consultation area online via the website, upon request and at local distribution points (where possible to access — see Section 13). Leaflets will provide information on the proposals and how people can have their say.</p> <p>Feedback forms will be distributed with our consultation leaflet to all properties in the core consultation zone via post. They will also be made available for the wider consultation area online via the website, upon request and at local distribution points (where possible to access — see Section 13).</p> <p>Newsletters will be available online and distributed regularly via post in the core consultation zone to update residents on the plans and proposals. Copies of all of our consultation materials can be requested in hard copy form where not</p>	<p>Stakeholder briefing packs were provided to elected representatives ahead of Phase One consultation, please view Appendix 9 (document reference 5.2.9). Additionally, stakeholder briefing packs were provided to elected representatives following Phase Two consultation elected members briefing sessions, please view Appendix 9 (document reference 5.2.9).</p> <p>Consultation leaflets and feedback forms were distributed in hard copy to the Core Consultation Zone via post. A freepost letter was also included to allow stakeholders to return feedback forms free of charge. These documents were also shared with Local Information Points (the locations of which are detailed in Section 2 of this Appendix), providing they were willing to accept literature during Covid-19 restrictions. Consultation leaflets and feedback forms were also made available online via the project website documents library. Copies of the Phase One consultation leaflet and feedback form are available to view in Appendix 10 (document reference 5.2.10). Copies of the Phase Two consultation leaflet and feedback form are available to view in Appendix 12 (document reference 5.2.12).</p> <p>Project newsletters were also distributed in hard copy to the Core Consultation Zone and uploaded to the project website. Hard copies were also shared with Local Information Points and made available in the Sheringham Shoal visitor centre. Community newsletters can be viewed in Appendix 13 (document reference 5.2.13).</p>

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<p>already provided. The materials can also be requested in alternative formats such as large print, audio or braille formats.</p>	<p>No requests for large print, audio or braille formats of any documents were received by the Applicant.</p>
<p>Advertising</p> <p>Local media will publish adverts to inform local communities of our consultation. Local information points will host posters containing information on how to get involved.</p> <p>Social media will inform local communities of our consultation and invite feedback.</p>	<p>The Applicant published adverts in multiple local media outlets, as outlined in Section 10 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1). Evidence of these insertions can be found in Appendix 8, Appendix 10, and Appendix 11 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>
<p>9. Environmental Information</p>	
<p>Equinor will be undertaking a robust Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) and the Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations). The methodology and scope of the EIA and how it will be carried out will be agreed with the relevant regulatory and environmental bodies (such as Natural England), the Planning Inspectorate (hereby PINS) and your local planning authority throughout the development of our plans for the Extension Projects.</p>	<p>The Applicant agreed the methodology and scope of the EIA and how it will be carried out with the relevant regulatory and environmental bodies (such as Natural England), the Planning Inspectorate (hereby PINS) and local planning authority throughout the development of our plans for SEP and DEP.</p>
<p>The following reports will be made available electronically and on our consultation website as part of the EIA process and as the DCO application is prepared:</p>	<p>Not relevant to compliance.</p>
<p>Scoping Report – Our Scoping Report was published in October 2019 and described the process we will undertake to assess any potential impacts onshore and to the existing</p>	<p>The Applicant submitted a scoping report on 8 October 2019 to the Planning Inspectorate. The scoping report and subsequently the</p>

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<p>environment. Feedback on this from the local planning authorities and statutory consultees resulted in a Scoping Opinion which was published by PINS in November 2019. Both of these documents are available to view on PINS website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/17heringham-and-dudgeon-extension-projects/.</p> <p>As described in Section 4 of this SoCC, we have since undertaken environmental and technical assessments and are exploring options for the onshore cable corridor search area outside of the initial 1 km wide scoping boundary, also shown in Figure 1.</p> <p>A more detailed plan is included in an EIA Scoping Extension document on the Equinor project website at [REDACTED].</p> <p>We will be consulting on the onshore cable corridor search area as part of our Phase One consultation.</p>	<p>scoping opinion received on 18 November 2019 were available to view on the SEP and DEP page of the Planning Inspectorate’s website.</p>
<p>Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – The PEIR will build upon the findings from the scoping phase and the feedback received through our consultation process. It will incorporate the findings of the surveys and initial assessments that have been carried out and will provide more details about the design of the onshore substation area and onshore cable corridor.</p> <p>Our environmental surveys began in May 2018 and will run until approximately spring 2021. At our Phase Two</p>	<p>The Applicant made available the PEIR and PEIR NTS in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter mailed and/or emailed to all Section 42 consultees detailing where materials can be downloaded from the project website; • Downloadable via the project website; • Available electronically on USB at local information events; • On USB upon request; • The PEIR NTW was available free of charge in hard copy on request;

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<p>community consultation, we will be seeking feedback from local communities and all other stakeholders on the findings of these surveys in our PEIR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A paper copy of the Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR, redline plans was available free of charge on request; and • A paper copy of the full PEIR was available at a (subsidised) charge of £500; and • The main volume plans within the PEIR was available at a charge of £50.
<p>Environmental Statement (ES) – The ES will advance the content of the PEIR and continue to incorporate the responses from the consultation and results of the surveys undertaken. It will also describe any changes made to the projects and any mitigation measures that need to be implemented. The ES will form part of the DCO application</p>	<p>The application includes a full ES.</p>
<p>10. The planning process</p>	
<p>SEP and DEP are classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) as each project has a proposed generating capacity of over 100 MW. As the Extension Projects are NSIPs we must apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO).</p> <p>The DCO application will be dealt with by PINS, the agency responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs. If the application is accepted, it will be examined by an independent Examining Authority, who will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The SoS will then review and comment on this before making a decision on whether to grant a DCO.</p>	<p>The Applicant has prepared and submitted a common DCO application with this Consultation Report forming part of the suite of DCO application documents.</p>

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<p>For more information on this process or advice on how to respond to our pre-application consultation, you can access PINS' advice note (eight) at: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/2</p>	
<p>Pre-application Equinor must consult with the community and statutory consultees (such as the local planning authorities and Natural England) in compliance with the Planning Act 2008. To demonstrate this to the Planning Inspectorate, we will submit a Consultation Report alongside the DCO application, containing details of our method for consulting, the feedback submitted in response to the consultation and how this has influenced our proposals.</p>	<p>In accordance with Section 49 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant has prepared and submitted a Consultation Report (document reference 5.1) as part of its DCO application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Containing details of our method for consulting – Section 1. • The feedback submitted in response to the consultation – Section 1, Section 11, Section 12. • How this has influenced our proposals - Section 1, Section 11, Section 12, Appendix 3, and Appendix 4.
<p>11. Community consultation timeline</p>	<p>The Applicant ensured that the community consultation timeline was kept under review throughout the pre-application process and provided updated consultation timelines in literature throughout consultation.</p>
<p>12. Phase One consultation details</p>	
<p>We welcome you to our Phase One community consultation as detailed below. Due to government restrictions and guidance on social distancing, our consultation events will be provided via a virtual platform hosted on our consultation website at sepandep.commonplace.is. If it becomes possible to hold face to face events in addition to this virtual consultation, and we decide to do so having consulted with</p>	<p>The Applicant held its Phase One consultation between 09 July and 20 August 2020, as detailed in Section 8 of the Consultation Report (document reference 5.1).</p>

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<p>the relevant local planning authorities, this will be publicised in local media and other means.</p>	
<p>Our Phase One consultation period will run between 09 July and 20 August 2020. We welcome all comments to our Phase One consultation during these dates.</p>	<p>The Applicant had regard to all comments received during these dates, as detailed in Appendix 3 (document reference 5.2.3).</p>
<p>During this consultation period, the latest information about the Extension Projects can be viewed at our virtual exhibition space. This can be viewed and accessed via our consultation website.</p>	<p>The virtual exhibition space was made accessible via the consultation website, and included up to date information on the early-stage proposals for SEP and DEP.</p>
<p>If you are unable to view information at our virtual exhibition space, or do not have internet or computer access, you can speak to one of the members of our project team to answer any of your questions and provide your feedback by calling 08081 963673 or writing to us at FREEPOST DUDGEON AND SHERINGHAM EXT.</p>	<p>The freephone information lines and freepost address were kept open throughout the pre-application process.</p>
<p>13. Community access points</p>	
<p>All of our consultation documents will be available to view and download from our consultation website. Alternative methods of receiving documents can also be arranged at no extra cost for those without computer or internet access.</p>	<p>Hard copies of consultation documents, such as consultation leaflets and feedback forms, were posted on request to stakeholders that did not have access to the internet or a computer.</p>
<p>Documents may also be requested in alternative formats such as large print, audio or braille formats. To do this, please contact us at the details listed in Section 14.</p>	<p>The Applicant received no such requests.</p>
<p>As and when government guidance allows for public buildings to open and hosting public documents does not produce a health hazard, we will display hard copies of the consultation documents, or ensure that there is computer</p>	<p>The Applicant hosted project documents and USBs in public buildings when health restrictions allowed and were advertised on the consultation website.</p>

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access to those documents at publicly available locations. These locations will be advertised accordingly at the time.	