



**NORTH  
NORFOLK  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects (EN010109)

## **ADEQUACY OF CONSULTATION REQUEST**

**NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. North Norfolk District Council (**NNDC**) has been notified by way of email dated 05 September 2022 from the National Infrastructure Planning Team that an application has been submitted by Equinor for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects.
- 1.2. NNDC has been invited to comment as to whether the developer has complied with the following duties:
  - Duty to consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – section 42
  - Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47
  - Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48
- 1.3. NNDC has considered the contents of the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Projects Consultation Report (Document Reference: 5.1) dated August 2022 and associated Appendices.

## **2. North Norfolk District Council comments of Adequacy of Consultation**

- 2.1. Equinor have positively engaged with NNDC over the last couple of years and have undertaken briefings with NNDC Officers outlining the potential scope of the Norfolk Boreas project.
- 2.2. Equinor have engaged with NNDC in relation to Section 47 Consultation in early 2020 and, despite the challenges of Covid-19 restrictions, sought to engage with NNDC in relation to Habitats Regulations Assessment between July and September 2020 and then at PEIR stage in June 2021. In addition, there have been many expert topic group meetings, update meetings, and notification of proposed public consultation as the project progressed.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1. NNDC is happy that Equinor has complied with the relevant duties set out at para 1.2 above and concludes that adequate consultation has been undertaken.

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