



Online submission: Planning Inspectorate

Your Ref: EN010109 Our Ref: 20033322

Dear Sir/Madam

Application by Equinor for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project (EN010109)

Procedural Deadline 1 Submission: Responses to First Written Questions (WQ1)

Please find below responses from the National Trust to the Examiners First Written Questions, along with a plan and accompanying key.

Yours faithfully

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WQ1	Question to:	Question:							
Q1.8.3 S	Q1.8.3 Special Land								
Q1.8.3.2	Applicant	National Trust Land							
	National Trust	The ExA notes that while negotiations are ongoing, NT has pending concerns in relation to the CA of its inalienable land at Weybourne wood.							
		<ul> <li>a) Applicant and NT, outline in your SoCG the milestones and associated timescales (in relation to this Examination) of how these negotiations are likely to progress and conclude.</li> <li>b) NT, do you see any major impediment to reaching a voluntary agreement with the applicant?</li> </ul>							
	Response from National Trust	a) The National Trust and applicant are in discussions regarding a signed Option Agreement and Deed of Easement for the cables and access over and under inalienable land at Weybourne Wood. The timescales for this are outlined in the draft Statement of Common Ground. Repeated here for ease of reference:  Draft Heads of Terms Agreed: Spring 2023 Draft Option Agreement: June 2023 Signed Option Agreement: Summer 2023							
		b) As the Inspector acknowledged during Issue Specific Hearing 2, these issues can take the length of the examination to resolve, and we are working with the applicant to adhere to the timescales set out in the draft Statement of Common Ground. The National Trust received the first Draft Statement of Common Ground on 31st January 2022 and are in discussions with the applicant. We hope to be able to reach agreement with the applicant, however, we need to fully review the Statement of Common Ground. To clarify, that there is no "voluntary" agreement if compulsory acquisition is in prospect. The Trust either objects or doesn't object to a compulsory acquisition and complete the agreement under compulsion or threat of compulsion. We will continue to work							

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		with the applicant and provide an update at Deadline 2.
Q1.15.3	Effects on Designa	ated and Non-designated Heritage Assets
Q1.15.3.1	1Applicant National Trust	Archaeological Features at Sheringham Park and Weybourne Woods
	rtational Tract	With the aid of a plan/ diagram, please set out the broad locations of known medieval, post-medieval, WWI, WWII and barrow features that are referenced in your Relevant Representation [RR-061]. State whether you consider impacts upon these features from the Proposed Development would be direct or indirect.
	Response from National Trust	Please see plan below.  The proposed route does not have a direct impact on the known archaeology, however the area of the route has not been the subject of any archaeological field work so unknown archaeology may well be present and any such archaeological remains would therefore be directly impacted on by any ground works, tree clearance, vehicle movement and access creation associated with the proposed cable route. The possible barrow (MNA 1999285) may indicate the presence of a more extensive prehistoric barrow cemetery and/or related archaeological remains which could stretch into the route. The close proximity of World War Two defences (MNA 199287) should also be noted as additional related features may also exist within the proposed route and these would also be directly impacted by any works associated with ground preparation or installation. The possible barrow and WWII features highlight the potential for similar aboveground archaeological remains within the route which are more at risk of direct negative impacts associated with any ground preparation works.



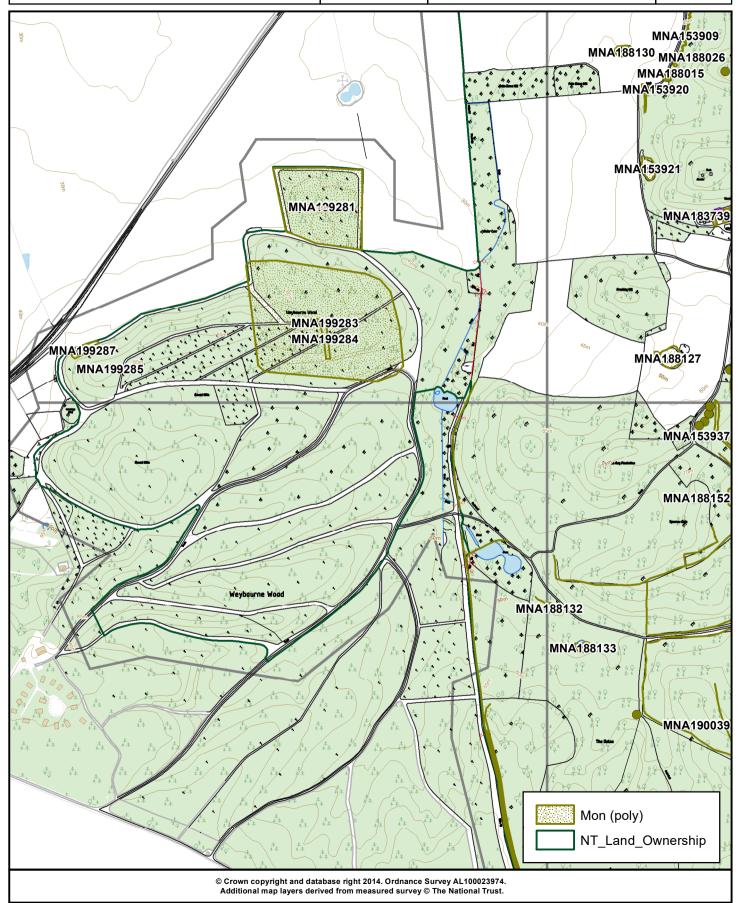
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HISTORIC BUILDINGS, SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

ARCHAEOLOGY SECTION CONSERVATION DIRECTORATE

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PROPERTY	Sheringham
SCALE	1:6,830
COMPILED BY	Giles Carey
DATE	10/02/2023





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