



Application by Equinor New Energy Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project

The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (WQ1)

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This document sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA) First Written Questions and requests for information (WQ1), in order to facilitate the conduct of the Examination. Responses are due by **Deadline 1, Monday 20 February 2023**.

Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues in the Rule 6 letter, Annex C [PD-006]. The questions relate to issues as they have arisen from representations and to address the assessment of the application against relevant policies. All the post Hearing Actions from Issue Specific Hearing 1 and 2 [EV-003] [EV-005] have been included in WQ1 and these have been highlighted as such.

Column 1 sets out the unique reference number to each question which starts with 'Q1' (indicating that it is from WQ1), followed by an issue number, a sub-heading number and a question number. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. Please provide a substantive response to the questions directed at you, or indicate why the question is not relevant to you. You may also respond to questions that are not directed at you, should the question be relevant to your interests.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and include 'Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project' in the subject line of your email.

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List of abbreviations

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic
AEoI	Adverse Effect in Integrity
AEZ	Archaeological Exclusion Zone
ALARP	As Low As Reasonably Possible
ALC	Agricultural Land Classification
AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
AP	Affected Persons
ASI	Accompanied Site Inspection
AQMA	Air Quality Management Area
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
BMV	Best and Most Versatile
BNG	Biodiversity Net Gain
BoR	Book of Reference
BDC	Broadland District Council
BYR	Blue, Yellow and Red
CA	Compulsory Acquisition
CA Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010
CA Guidance	Planning Act 2008: guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land



CCA	Climate Change Allowance
CCR2C	Noise Receptor CCR2
CfD	Contract for Difference
CIA	Cumulative Impact Assessment
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
CION	Connections and Infrastructure Options Note
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
CPRE	The Countryside Charity
CNMP	Construction Noise Management Plan
dB	Decibel
dDML	Draft Deemed Marine License
dDCO	Draft Development Consent Order
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
DEP	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project
DEL	Dudgeon Extension Limited
DEP-N	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project North
DEP-S	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project South
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges
DOW	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm
DWPA	Drinking Water Protected Area



EA	Environment Agency
EAG	East Anglia Green
eDNA	Environment Deoxyribonucleic acid
EEAST	East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EM	Explanatory Memorandum
EMF	Electric Magnetic Field
EMP	Environment Management Plan
EPUK	Environmental Protection UK
ES	Environmental Statement
ExA	Examining Authority
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
FLOWW	Fishing Liaison with Offshore Wind and Wet Renewables Group
GCN	Great Crested Newts
GLVIA3	Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment 3
GVA	Gross Value Added
GWTMZ	Greater Wash Transponder Mandatory Zone
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling
HE	Historic England



HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HP3	Hornsea Project 3
IAQM	Institute of Air Quality Management
IFCA	Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities
IP	Interested Parties
ISH	Issue Specific Hearing
ISH	Issue Specific Hearing
km	Kilometre
LA	Local Authority
LHA	Local Highway Authority
LIR	Local Impact Report
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority
LoNI	Letters of No Impediment
LV	Light Vehicle
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
m	Metre
MCA	Maritime Coastguard Agency
MCZ	Marine Conservation Zone
MEEB	Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs



MMMP	Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MoD	Ministry of Defence
NB	Norfolk Boreas
NCAONB	Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
NCC	Norfolk County Council
NE	Natural England
NFU	National Farmers Union
NH	National Highways
NNDC	North Norfolk District Council
NO₂	Nitrogen Dioxide
NO_x	Nitrogen Oxides
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NPS	National Policy Statement
NPS EN	National Policy Statement Energy Suite
NR	Network Rail
NRMM	Non-Road Mobile Machinery
NRIDB	Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board
NSER	No Significant Effects Report
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project



NT	National Trust
NV	Norfolk Vanguard
OFH	Open Floor Hearing
OCoCP	Outline Code of Construction Practice
OCTMP	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan
OFH	Open Floor Hearing
OLMP	Outline Landscape Management Plan
OS	Ordnance Survey
OSP	Offshore Platform
OSEP	Outline Skills and Employment Plan
OTN	Offshore Transmission Network
OWF	Offshore Windfarm
PA2008	The Planning Act 2008
PEMP	Project Environment Management Plan
PPV	Peak Particle Velocity
PRoW	Public Rights of Way
PVA	Population Viability Analysis
R	Requirement
RAF	Royal Air Force
RIAA	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment



RR	Relevant Representation
RRH	Remote Radar Head
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RVAA	Residential Visual Amenity Assessment
RYB	Red, Yellow and Blue
s	Section of Parliamentary Legislation
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SEP	Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project
SEL	Scira Extension Limited
SLVIA	Seascape and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment
SOCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoS	Secretary of State
SOW	Sheringham Offshore Windfarm
SNCB	Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies
SNDC	South Norfolk District Council
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPZ	Source Protection Zone
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SWMP	Site Waste Management Plan
TA	Transport Assessment



TCPA1990	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
TP	Temporary Possession
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
TTSA	Traffic and Transport Study Area
USI	Unaccompanied Site Inspection
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WMS	Written Ministerial Statement
WWI	World War One
WWII	World War Two
ZTV	Zones of Theoretical Visibility

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Q1.1. General and Cross-topic Questions			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.1.1 Planning Policy			
Q1.1.1.1	Local Authorities	<p>Planning Policy</p> <p>Set out whether, in your view:</p> <p>a) There are any areas of where the Proposed Development conflicts with the aims and objectives of the designated NPSs, specifically NPS EN1 and NPS EN3;</p> <p>b) The representation of the Local Plans and policies [APP-088] is accurate or, if not, provide updated information;</p> <p>c) Any other policy documents are considered important and relevant to the Examination.</p> <p>d) Applicant, provide a complete summary in tabular form to demonstrate how it is considered the Proposed Development accords with all relevant paragraphs of the designated energy NPSs.</p>	<p>a) To be set out as part of Local Impact Report and Statement of Common Ground between Applicant and NNDC</p> <p>b) To be set out as part of Local Impact Report and Statement of Common Ground between Applicant and NNDC</p> <p>c) To be set out as part of Local Impact Report and Statement of Common Ground between Applicant and NNDC</p> <p>d) N/A</p>
Q1.1.2 Planning Permissions			
Q1.1.2.1	Applicant Local Authorities	<p>Planning Permissions</p> <p>Please update the Examination as to whether any new permissions have been granted, or new projects pending decision, that require consideration within the cumulative impact assessment.</p>	None

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Q1.1.2.2	Applicant Local Authorities	Planning Applications Have any proposed works, to date, been subject to planning applications under s78 of the TCPA1990 (as amended) and, if so, where are they and what is their status?	None at the time of Deadline 1 submission.

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Q1.1.4 Miscellaneous		North Norfolk District Council Response	
Q1.1.4.1	Applicant Interest Parties	<p>Review of Energy NPSs</p> <p>In light of the ongoing review of the energy NPSs, would any aspect of the Proposed Development be in conflict with, or require revision to align with, the revised energy NPSs? The ExA notes that the Applicant's assessment [APP-285, Section 6] but invites any further comments from the Applicant.</p>	<p>No comment</p>
Q1.1.4.2	Local Authorities	<p>Availability of Resources for NSIP casework</p> <p>Are you confident that you have, or shortly will have, sufficient resources to deal with the NSIP-related workload that will be associated with the Proposed Development during the examination and recommendations phases and that would be associated with the Proposed Development if the SoS made an order granting development consent?</p>	<p>Resource concerns were outlined at the Preliminary Meeting on 17 Jan 2023.</p> <p>Local Authority resources are already considerably stretched. Local Authorities receive no financial recompense for the officer time/cost involved in participating in NSIP examinations and this means that, in order to participate in the NSIP regime, existing resources are taken away from other LPA projects and statutory tasks.</p> <p>The ExA need to be aware that, given other work pressures, there is limited ability for LPA officers to spend significant time reading voluminous documents and supporting information that accompany NSIP projects. It is therefore important that LPA Officer time is managed appropriately given a wide variety of workload demands beyond the NSIP regime. This may mean that responses to written questions from the ExA to Local Authorities may have to be brief and to the point. For other NSIP projects, Local Authorities have worked towards securing a Planning Performance Agreement to recover some of the costs involved in discharging DCO Requirements. This is helpful but does not address the upfront costs associated with NSIP examination and this is often the stage where value can best be added to a DCO but where time and</p>

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Q1.2.4 The Need for this type of Energy Infrastructure, and specifically for the Proposed Development		North Norfolk District Council Response	
Q1.2.4.1	Applicant Interested Parties	<p>Need for Offshore Wind farm</p> <p>a) The assessment of need for the Proposed Development has been set within the context of the ongoing need for electricity generation in the U.K. [APP-285, Section 4]. However, there are other types of infrastructure that are supported by NPS EN-1 that can meet the need for electricity generation. Justify the need for the specific type of infrastructure (offshore windfarm) for electricity generation as opposed to or alongside other types of infrastructure. And explain, how the Proposed Development specifically satisfies the need for offshore windfarms for electricity generation. Explain in the context of NPS EN-1, including Paragraph 3.2.3: <i>"The weight which is attributed to considerations of need in any given case should be proportionate to the anticipated extent of a project's actual contribution to satisfying the need for a particular type of infrastructure"</i>; and Paragraph 3.3.4: <i>"There are benefits of having a diverse mix of all types of power generation. It means we are not dependent on any one type of generation or one source of fuel or power and so helps to ensure security of supply."</i></p>	<p>NNDC is fully supportive of offshore renewable energy as a way to secure clean renewable energy.</p> <p>The Applicant is better placed to justify their proposal but NNDC consider it would be entirely remiss for the ExA to conclude that offshore wind is not needed. It is needed, but the key question for the ExA is how the DCO can positively manage any adverse impacts and maximise the benefits in delivering renewable energy.</p> <p>NNDC consider the public benefits will most certainly outweigh the adverse impacts.</p>

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Q1.3. Benthic ecology, Intertidal, Subtidal and Coastal effects		
Q1.3.1 Effects on Marine Life and Benthic Habitats including through Cable Installation Methods		North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.3.1.1	Local Authorities Environment Agency Natural England Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Marine Management Organisation	<p>Intertidal and Subtidal areas</p> <p>Are you content with the Applicant’s assessment of the adverse effects of the use of long HDD to bring the export cables ashore at landfall [APP-094]? Explain with reasons.</p> <p>NNDC is fully supportive of the use of long HDD to bring cables onshore. This approach is much preferred to the impact of open trenching across Weybourne beach which would likely impact beach stability and also lead to extended footpath closures during construction / installation.</p>

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			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.6.5.4	Applicant Local Authorities	<p>Road Traffic Emissions Assessment Methodology</p> <p>When considering construction road vehicle exhaust emissions, the assessment [APP-132] sets out that <i>"Peak construction flows were not used in the assessment, as peak construction would occur over a 1 or 2 month period (at worst) and using these to derive AADT across a full year would unrealistically inflate the impacts of construction generated traffic. The use of average construction flows was deemed to be robust and more appropriate representation of construction impacts from traffic over an annual period, and aligns with the requirement for use of AADT flows"</i>.</p> <p>a) LAs do you agree with this approach? b) Applicant, provide further justification for this approach.</p> <p>The ES [APP-132, Paragraph 157] notes that the statutory designated Railway Road and Gaywood Clock AQMAs in King's Lynn, declared in 2003 and 2009 respectively for exceedances of the NO2 annual mean, are located as close as 400m from road links likely to be used by project. It is assumed that due to this distance there will be no significant effects. Provide further justification and evidence to support this assertion.</p>	<p>a) No comment b) N/A</p>

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Q1.6.6 Adequacy of the Outline Code of Construction Practice		North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.6.6.1	<p>Applicant Local Authorities National farmers Union</p> <p>Outline Code of Construction Practice The OCoCP [APP-302, Table 1-1] sets out a number of EMPs that will form part of the final CoCP and will be prepared, submit and approved post-consent.</p> <p>a) A pre-construction drainage plan, a scheme to deal with the contamination of any land (including groundwater), a Materials Management Plan, Soil Management Plan, a Site Waste Management Plan, hydro-fraction surveys (for bentonite breakout) and a Construction Surface Water Drainage Plan are all referred to in the main text of the OCoCP but are not included in Table 1-1. Why is this?</p> <p>b) Confirm the status and origin of EMPs listed in Table 1-1.</p> <p>c) The OCoCP refers to Construction Method Statements. What will these include? d) Justify the level of detail and content provided to date within the suite of EMPs.</p> <p>e) Is it possible for the ExA to be sure that such EMPs will be successful in mitigating any impacts without seeing more detail?</p> <p>f) Local Authorities and NFU are there any management plans that you consider are crucial to review during the Examination? Explain with</p>	<p>a) N/A b) N/A c) N/A d) N/A e) N/A f) NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available. Response to be provided by Deadline 2 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p>

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Q1.8.2.4	Applicant North Norfolk District Council Yvonne Odrowaz- Pieniazek	<p>Protected Characteristics</p> <p>a) Applicant, further to the ASI [EV-004], the ExA believes one or more residents of the Old Orchard House may have protected characteristics in line with s4 of the Equality Act 2010 [RR-124]. Explain what special consideration has been given.</p> <p>b) Applicant and NNDC, to confirm (without specifying any personal details) if protected characteristics of s4 of the Equality Act 2010 would trigger the Public Sector Equality Duty.</p> <p>c) Yvonne Odrowaz-Pieniazek, provide any further information or evidence that you may have to demonstrate that the exposure to EMF may be greater than the calculations provided by the Applicant.</p>	<p>a) N/A</p> <p>b) This is a matter for the ExA to consider as determining authority.</p> <p>c) N/A</p>

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Q1.10. Design			
Q1.10.1 Design Principles			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.10.1.1	Applicant Local Authorities Statutory Bodies Interested Parties	<p>Suitability and Adequacy of the Applicant's Approach to Design</p> <p>a) Has the Applicant satisfied the requirements set out in NPS EN-1 Section 4.5 in relation to sensitivity to place and contributing to the quality of the area in which the infrastructure would be located?</p> <p>b) Clarify, with reasons, whether you believe that design outcomes relating to proposed elements of infrastructure, structure and buildings proposed within the order limits, flood risk, landscape and ecology are sufficiently well developed within the application documents.</p> <p>c) Confirm, with reasons, whether you believe that noise mitigation measures and construction structures related to the construction compound should also be considered as part of the Applicant's approach to design. Applicant may respond.</p>	<p>a) N/A</p> <p>b) No comment</p> <p>c) See comments in SoCG on noise mitigation.</p>
Q1.10.2 Design Development Process			
Q1.10.2.1	Applicant Local Authorities Statutory Bodies Interested Parties	<p>Design Development Process</p> <p>a) Provide further detail of the structured framework within which the Applicant has carried out its design process to date, giving detail of the key milestones which have</p>	<p>a) N/A</p> <p>b) N/A</p> <p>c) N/A</p> <p>d) This is a matter for the Applicant to explain.</p>

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		<p>been reached within that process and setting out which elements of the overall design have been fixed at this stage.</p> <p>b) Set out the main stages of the remainder of the design process required to fully develop the Applicant's design of the Proposed Development in the event that its application is granted Development Consent, giving an indication of expected deliverables and timescales wherever possible and indicate how this process will be secured within the draft DCO.</p> <p>c) Provide an outline description of the design professional disciplines that have contributed to the Applicant's design process to date.</p> <p>d) Set in further detail how the Applicant's design principles – established in its Design and Access Statement [APP-287] – are secured within the draft DCO</p>	
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			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.10.2.2	Applicant Local Authorities Statutory Bodies Interested Parties	Design Review Comment, with reasons, if the Applicant should seek independent design review advice in line with the policy recommendation in NPS, Paragraph 4.5.5.	This is a matter for the ExA to determine.

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Q1.11. Draft Development Consent Order			
Q1.11.1 General			North Norfolk District Council Response
<p>The questions here relate to the dDCO Revision B [AS-009] and EM Revision B [AS-012]. All other documents referenced in the following questions have been identified with EL references.</p>			
Q1.11.1.3	Applicant Discharging Authorities	<p>Discharging Requirements and Conditions</p> <p>Applicant, provide a list or table of specifically named authorities and undertakers that are relevant in the dDCO for each and every reference to the following. Please list separately, instances where any of the following, for example 'local authority', refers to different body or bodies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highway authority • lead local flood authority • relevant planning authority • local planning authority • street authority • drainage authority • sewerage undertaker • local authority • acquiring authority • public authority • Crown authority • approving authority 	N/A

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Q1.11.2 Definitions		North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.11.2.2	<p>Applicant Local Authorities Interested Parties</p>	<p>Commence</p> <p>a) How would the activities currently excluded in the definition of commence be controlled, monitored and mitigated, given the CoCP would not be approved and enforceable (in line with R19) when the works excluded from the definition of commence may need to take place?</p> <p>b) Local Authorities, do you have concerns about works being delivered without any controls, in particular activities such as diversion and laying of services, the erection of any temporary means of enclosure, and the erection of welfare facilities?</p> <p>c) Local Authorities, are there other activities excluded from the definition of commence that you consider should be controlled through a management plan? Explain with reasons.</p> <p>d) Applicant and Local Authorities, is there a need for a definition for pre-commencement works and an accompanying management plan?</p> <p>e) Are there any concerns from any party about the scope,</p>

a), b), c), d) and e) NNDC are not able to provide a response to these questions in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)
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		<p>breadth and definition of commencement with the Order or its accompanying dDMLs? If so, explain what they are and the implications that you use the ExA to take account of.</p>	
Q1.11.2.3	Applicant Interested Parties	<p>Maintain Justify if the drafting "<i>to the extent assessed in the environmental statement</i>" is an adequate bar in the definition of maintain to limit maintenance activities authorised under the dDCO and the dDMLs to those that are assessed within the ES.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.11.4 Schedules			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.11.4.2	Discharging Authorities	<p>Further Associated Development Are you satisfied that all instances of further associated development in connection with Work Nos. 1B to 7B, Work Nos. 8B to 22B, Work Nos. 3C, 4C, 5C and 7C and Work Nos. 8C, 9C, 12C, 15C, 16C and 17C are controlled adequately by the provisions in the dDCO?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.11.4.3	Discharging Authorities	<p>Ancillary Works Are you satisfied that all instances of ancillary works are controlled adequately by the provisions in the dDCO?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.11.4.5	Discharging Authorities	<p>Accuracy of all Schedules Check the Schedules in the dDCO for accuracy and provide the ExA with suggested corrections and amendments.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.13. Habitats and Ecology Onshore			
Q1.13.1 Effects on European Designated Sites and Sites of Special Scientific Interest			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.13.1.1	Local Authorities Environment Agency Natural England	Air Quality and Screening of Ecological Sites Can you confirm if the approach to the selection of all the relevant European sites, the scopes of the in-combination assessment, the assessments and the conclusions reached by the Applicant is acceptable [APP-108, paragraph 138 (though not limited to that paragraph only)].	NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2
Q1.13.2 Effects on Protected and Priority Species			
Q1.13.2.4	Applicant Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Weybourne Cliffs It is identified that populations of sand martins nest within the cliffs [APP-106]. Would noise and vibration from the landfill construction operations, with particular regard to vibrations from the HDD, have any effect upon the integrity of the cliffs or the living conditions of the sand martins such that nesting could be abandoned?	NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2

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Q1.16.2 Soils and Soil handling, Ground Conditions, Contamination and Minerals		North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.16.2.5	<p>Applicant Environment Agency Local Authorities</p>	<p>Contaminated Land – Approach</p> <p>The ES [APP-103] notes that potential areas of contamination cannot be avoided. This includes areas such as the disused airfield at Brandiston, railways lines (both historical and active) former pits and historic tanks. The assessment also identifies that targeted ground investigations may be required.</p> <p>a) What options were considered in the optioneering stage to avoid areas of potential contamination (i.e. why did the onshore cable corridor have to go through Brandiston Airfield)? This was not specifically mentioned in ES Chapter 3.</p> <p>b) Are the Order limits and cable corridor widths such that any dense areas of contamination within these areas could be bypassed, by micro-siting the cables away from them (i.e. if there is an aeroplane fuel leak contained in one part of the cable corridor that could be diverted around)?</p> <p>c) Are the EA and LAs content that targeted ground investigations have not yet been undertaken and would be subject to post-consent processes?</p>
		<p>a), b), c) NNDC are not able to provide a response to these questions in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

Q1.17. Landscape and Visual Effects			
Q1.17.1 Effect on Landscape Character and Views			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.17.1.1	Local Authorities	<p>LVIA Methodology</p> <p>The ES states that the LVIA was undertaken both in accordance with GLVIA3 and with direct input from local authorities as to the location and frequency of viewpoint analysis [APP-112].</p> <p>a) In this context, can you confirm that the selection of receptors (and their sensitivity) is reasonable and that there are no outstanding concerns regarding the process that the Applicant undertook (notwithstanding you may disagree with its results and conclusions).</p> <p>b) Are you satisfied with the study areas adopted by the Applicant for the onshore substation and the landfall site?</p> <p>c) If not, please set out the reasons for this position and indicate what additional areas should be included and the reasons why these areas should be included.</p>	<p>a), b), c) - NNDC are not able to provide a response to these questions in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.17.1.9	Local Authorities The Applicant	<p>Residential Receptors</p> <p>The Applicant notes that a RVAA has not been undertaken because the nearest receptors would fall below the relevant threshold [APP-112, paragraphs 117-120].</p> <p>a) LAs, is this a reasonable approach?</p> <p>d) LAs, what weight should be given to private views from residential properties in the Examination, in the ExA's considerations and in the SoS's decision? Applicant may respond.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.17.1.13	Interested Parties	<p>The Applicant's Assessment of Effects within its LVIA Documents</p> <p>Please set out, or provide signposting to where you have set out, any areas of disagreement with the Applicant's baselines, methodologies and assessment of effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures within its Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment [APP-112]. If no areas of disagreement exist, please indicate this with reasons explaining why you believe the application documents provide satisfactory information on this topic.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.17.3 Effectiveness of mitigation proposals			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.17.3.4	Local Authorities	<p>Extent of Mitigation</p> <p>Would the mitigation planting illustrated by the Applicant be effective in reducing the magnitude and significance of the visual effect of the Proposed Development? If not, why not? What other steps should be considered in order to provide the necessary change in magnitude and significance of the visual effect of the onshore substation buildings and/ or structures?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.17.3.6	Local Authorities Interested Parties	<p>Outline Landscape Management Plan</p> <p>Are you satisfied that the details of location, number, species, size and density of proposed planting around the onshore substation need not be considered during the Examination [APP-303]?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.18. Seascape and Visual Effects			
Q1.18.1 Effect on Seascape Character and Views			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.18.1.1	Local Authorities	<p>SLVIA Methodology The ES states that the SLVIA was undertaken both in accordance with direct input from local authorities as to the location and frequency of viewpoint analysis [APP-111]. In this context, can you confirm that the receptors (and their sensitivity) are reasonable and that there are no outstanding concerns regarding the process that the Applicant undertook (notwithstanding you may disagree with its results and conclusions).</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.18.3 Effects on Designated and Historic Landscapes			
Q1.18.3.1	The Applicant Local Authorities, Interested Parties	<p>The Existing Baseline and its Effect on the Statutory Purpose of the NCAONB NE states that the existing OWF installations have a compromising effect on the statutory purpose of the NCAONB [RR-063]. Respond, with reasoning.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.18.3.2	Local Authorities,	<p>The Extent of Additional Harm to the NCAONB What is your assessment of the effects of the Proposed Development on the NCAONB in EIA terms?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.18.3.3	The Applicant Local Authorities, Interested Parties	<p>Cumulative Impact Assessment Should a CIA be undertaken in order to inform the EIA to ensure that the impact</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p>

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		of SEP and DEP on the statutory purpose of the NCAONB, in the context of the existing OWF, can be made?	Response to be provided by Deadline 2
Q1.18.3.5	Local Authorities	Tourism and Coastal Footpaths Is there any evidence to suggest that the construction of offshore wind turbines, and their cumulative seascape impact, has impaired, prejudiced or resulted in the loss of tourism activities/ enjoyment along the North Norfolk coast?	NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2
Q1.18.3.6	Historic England Norfolk County Council North Norfolk District Council	North Norfolk Heritage Coast Explain your respective positions on the qualities and significance of the Heritage Coast, particularly the stretch within which the Proposed Development would be theoretically and actually visible. Set out where you consider harms would occur and what, if anything, could be done to minimise the harm or improve the visitor experience.	NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2
Q1.18.3.7	Historic England Norfolk County Council North Norfolk District Council	Aviation Lighting Would you wish to see revisions to the quantum aviation lighting across both the Proposed Development together with the existing extent of the SOW and DOW, to minimise it where possible, so as to minimise night-time effects on the historic seascape?	NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2) Response to be provided by Deadline 2

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Q1.18.4 Cumulative Effects			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.18.4.1	Local Authorities Interested Parties	<p>Cumulative Effects</p> <p>Are you satisfied with the list of projects included in the assessment of potential cumulative landscape and visual effects? If not, identify those projects that you believe should be included and indicate why you believe that they should be included.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.20. Noise and Vibration			
Q1.20.1 Adequacy of the Assessments for Construction			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.20.1.1	Applicant Local Authorities	<p>Methodology – Baseline Noise Survey</p> <p>The ES [APP-109, Paragraph 51] states that the baseline survey methodology was agreed with BDC. Large parts of the cable corridor, landfall and the substation are located in other local authority areas (NNDC and SNDC). Do NCC, NNDC and SNDC agree with the scope and extent of the baseline survey?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>These are matters currently being resolved through the SoCG.</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.20.1.2	Applicant Local Authorities	<p>Methodology - Baseline Noise Assumptions</p> <p>a) What is the justification for not undertaking baseline noise surveys at sensitive receptors along the onshore cable route and assuming a Category A threshold value [APP-109]?</p> <p>b) Further, explain why no surveys were undertaken in proximity to the main construction compound at Attlebridge.</p> <p>c) Is it possible that actual baseline levels at the sensitive receptors could be lower than assumed?</p> <p>d) If so, what impact would this have on the assessment?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>These are matters currently being resolved through the SoCG.</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.20.1.4	Local Authorities	<p>Methodologies – Noise and Vibration</p> <p>Do NCC, NNDC, SNDC and BDC agree with the Construction Phase Noise, Road Traffic Noise Assessment and Construction Phase Vibration Assessment Methodologies adopted in the ES [APP-109], including the predicted construction noise and vibration</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>These are matters currently being resolved through the SoCG.</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.20.4 Adequacy and Design of Proposed Mitigation			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.20.4.3	Applicant Local Authorities	<p>Potential Impacts – Monitoring Operational Noise</p> <p>To be effective should dDCO R21 be explicit about where monitoring should be done, such as the onshore substation? Provide revised wording if so.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>These are matters currently being resolved through the SoCG. Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.22. Socio-economics effects			
Q1.22.1 Effects on recreation, tourism and business			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.22.1.4	Norfolk County Council Norfolk District Council	<p>Tourist Income</p> <p>In respect of the tourism assets on offer:</p> <p>a) Explain the main forms of tourism within Norfolk and, if possible, specifically in the areas where the Proposed Development would be located.</p> <p>b) Explain the revenue that is derived from tourists visiting Weybourne Beach.</p> <p>c) Explain how construction works, particularly road closures and traffic management measures, deter or otherwise impinge on a tourist's desire to visit and explore Norfolk.</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>
Q1.22.2.8	Applicant Local Authorities	<p>Outline Skills and Employment Plan</p> <p>The OSEP [APP-310] sets out that the Applicant intends to work with the relevant sector and local authority bodies to help secure economic benefits of the OWF to the local area and identifies a number of general outline commitment examples. Is the OSEP currently sufficient to ensure local socio-economic benefits are secured and maximised, and are firmer commitments and targets for local employment and skills/training needed, particularly to realise the potential benefits set out in the ES [APP-113]?</p>	<p>NNDC are not able to provide a response to this question in the time available for Deadline 1 (see response to Q1.1.4.2)</p> <p>Response to be provided by Deadline 2</p>

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Q1.22.3 Effects on Individuals and Communities			North Norfolk District Council Response
Q1.22.3.2	Local Authorities	<p>Development Consent Obligations</p> <p>NNDC [RR-069] reference potential community benefits being secured through an obligation. Describe to the Examination the nature and extent of any benefits you consider are necessary relative to the impacts of the Proposed Development, setting out how these comply with the CIL Regulations and the justification for them.</p>	
Q1.24.2.17	Applicant Interested Parties	<p>Private Water Supplies</p> <p>Is it justified to address impacts on private water supplies post-consent? If so and further, how is this secured in the dDCO?</p>	No Comment