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## Glossary of Acronyms

CoS	Chamber of Shipping
DCO	Development Consent Order
DEL	Dudgeon Extension Limited
DEP	Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project
EEAST	East of England Ambulance Service Trust NHS Trust
EIFCA	Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
ESC	East Suffolk Council
ExA	Examining Authority
IOG	Independent Oil and Gas
NATS	National Air Traffic Services
NFU	National Farmers Union
NNDC	North Norfolk District Council
NWT	Norfolk Wildlife Trust
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SEL	Scira Extension Limited
SEP	Sheringham Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project
SoCG	Statement of Common Aground
UK	United Kingdom

## Glossary of Terms

<p>Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (DEP)</p>	<p>The Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.</p>
<p>Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (SEP)</p>	<p>The Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension onshore and offshore sites including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.</p>
<p>The Applicant</p>	<p>Equinor New Energy Limited. As the owners of SEP and DEP, Scira Extension Limited and Dudgeon Extension Limited are the named undertakers that have the benefit of the DCO. References in this document to obligations on, or commitments by, 'the Applicant' are given on behalf of SEL and DEL as the undertakers of SEP and DEP.</p>

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of Statement of Commonality

1. This document provides the Examining Authority (ExA) with an overview of each Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant (Equinor New Energy Limited) and interested parties (see ExA's **Rule 6 Letter** [PD-006]) in relation to SEP and DEP at Deadline 1. This document will be updated and submitted at the requested deadlines outlined in the Examination timetable.

## 2 List of Statement of Commonality

2. **Table 1-1** provides the list of SoCGs that have been prepared by the Applicant in accordance with the list as requested by the Planning Inspectorate in Annex F of the **Rule 6 letter** [PD-006] issued on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

### 2.1 Summary of Current Position of SoCGs

3. The SoCGs submitted alongside this document at Deadline 1 reflect the current position of the Applicant and stakeholders.
4. **Table 1-1** provides an overview of the status of each SoCG throughout the examination.

### 2.2 SoCGs not being submitted at Deadline 1

#### 2.2.1 Anglian Water Services

5. Anglian Water is aware of the forthcoming change to remove the drainage option to discharge surface water into an Anglian Water foul sewer at the Onshore Substation. The intention is to make this change at Deadline 2. Anglian Water agree that if a Statement of Ground is required after this change is made it will be progressed after the change application is made.

#### 2.2.2 Chamber of Shipping

6. An initial draft SoCG has been prepared and is being considered by the Chamber of Shipping (CoS). It is anticipated that the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG with the CoS at Deadline 2 or 3.

#### 2.2.3 East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

7. The Applicant and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) have engaged in the process of drafting a SoCG and have agreed to submit a SoCG at Deadline 3.

#### 2.2.4 East Suffolk Council

8. The Applicant and East Suffolk Council (ESC) have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination at Deadline 1. This decision has been taken recognising that the Applicant is not actively pursuing its project-led proposal for kittiwake nest site improvements at Lowestoft at this time due to the following:
- Concerns raised by ESC in their Relevant Representation [RR-030], specifically, the Council's objection to the proposal and preference to see compensation for offshore wind development being delivered more strategically or collaboratively;
  - Concerns raised by Natural England in their Relevant Representation [RR-063]; and
  - Given that delivery of the Applicant's alternative project-led proposal for kittiwake nest site improvements at Gateshead is progressing positively and alone is considered sufficient to fully meet SEP and DEP's compensation requirements for kittiwake.

9. The Applicant and ESC may consider submitting a SoCG into Examination at a later stage should it be appropriate to do so.

**2.2.5 Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority**

10. Discussions are ongoing between the Applicant and Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (EIFCA) with the intention to submit a SoCG at Deadline 2.

**2.2.6 Historic England (Offshore)**

11. The Applicant and Historic England has been in discussions surrounding the preparation of an offshore SoCG and an initial draft has been prepared. Discussions are ongoing and it is anticipated that the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG with Historic England at Deadline 2.

**2.2.7 Historic England (Onshore)**

12. The Applicant and Historic England have been in discussions surrounding the preparation of an onshore SoCG and an initial draft has been prepared. This will be reviewed following receipt of the Historic England's Local Impact Report and it is anticipated that a SoCG will be subsequently progressed and the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG with Historic England at Deadline 2.

**2.2.8 Independent Oil and Gas**

13. Discussions are ongoing between the Applicant and Independent Oil and Gas (IOG) with the intention to submit a SoCG at either Deadline 2 or 3.

**2.2.9 National Farmers Union**

14. An initial draft SoCG has been prepared and is being considered by the National Farmers Union (NFU). It is anticipated that the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG with the NFU at either Deadline 2 or 3.

**2.2.10 National Trust**

15. The Applicant and National Trust are continuing discussions and aim to submit a Statement of Common Ground at Deadline 2. As requested by the ExA, the Applicant and National Trust have agreed milestones for entering into a voluntary land agreement. These are set out in the response to Q1.8.3.2(a) of the **Examining Authority's Written Questions (WQ1)** [PD-010] (see **The Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions** [12.4]) and below for ease of reference:

Draft Heads of Terms Agreed	Spring (March/April) 2023
Draft Option Agreement	June 2023
Signed Option Agreement	Summer 2023



### 2.2.11 National Air Traffic Services

16. An initial draft SoCG has been prepared and is being considered by the National Air Traffic Services (NATS). It is anticipated that the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG with NATS at either Deadline 2 or 3.

### 2.2.12 Natural England

17. The Applicant has consulted with Natural England and sought feedback on key technical notes which have also supported the drafting of onshore and offshore SoCGs.
18. Due to resourcing constraints, the following SoCGs drafted between the Applicant and Natural England will be submitted at Deadline 2;
  - Draft SoCG Natural England (Offshore); and
  - Draft SoCG Natural England (Offshore Ornithology).

### 2.2.13 Norfolk Wildlife Trust

19. The Applicant and the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) have engaged in the process of drafting a SoCG. Discussions are ongoing and it is expected that a SoCG will be submitted at either Deadline 2 or 3.

### 2.2.14 North Norfolk District Council

20. The Applicant and North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) have engaged in the process of drafting a SoCG. Discussions are ongoing and it is expected that a SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 2.

### 2.2.15 Norwich Airport

21. The Applicant and Norwich Airport have engaged in the process of drafting a SoCG. Discussions are ongoing and it is expected that the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG at either Deadline 2 or 3.

### 2.2.16 Norwich City Council

22. The Applicant and Norwich City Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination at Deadline 1. It is anticipated that the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG with Norwich City Council at Deadline 2.

### 2.2.17 Perenco

23. Discussions are ongoing between the Applicant and Perenco with the intention to submit a SoCG at either Deadline 2 or 3.

### 2.2.18 REAF CIC

24. Discussions are ongoing between the Applicant and REAF CIC with the intention to submit a SoCG at Deadline 2.

### 2.2.19 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

25. Due to resourcing constraints, a SoCG between the Applicant and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) will not be submitted at Deadline 1. It is anticipated that the Applicant will be in a position to submit a SoCG with RSPB at Deadline 2.

### 2.2.20 Statutory Undertakers

26. Protective provisions discussions are ongoing with a number of statutory undertakers; therefore, the Applicant has decided that a SoCG is not necessary for Deadline 1. The Applicant will instead provide a note to update the ExA on the status of the negotiations taking place between the Applicant and statutory undertakers; please refer to **The Applicant's Statutory Undertakers Position Statement** [document reference 12.46] submitted at Deadline 1.
27. The Applicant will not be preparing a SoCG with the following statutory undertakers where ongoing discussions surrounding protective provisions are taking place:
- Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited;
  - Vattenfall Wind Power Limited;
  - Cadent Gas Limited;
  - Frontier Power;
  - UK Power Networks Limited;
  - Network Rail Infrastructure;
  - National Grid Gas Plc;
  - National Grid Electricity Transmission; and
  - Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board.

Table 1-1 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 1

I.D.	Party	Requested by ExA	Date Issued to Stakeholder	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 2	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6	Status at Deadline 7
1	Anglian Water Services	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 1.							
2	Broadland District Council	YES	29/11/2022	Draft submitted and discussions ongoing.							
3	Cadent Gas Limited	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.							
4	EEAST	NO	N/A	Not drafted for Deadline 1, to be prepared for Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.							
5	ESC	YES	N/A	The Applicant and East Suffolk Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination at Deadline 1.							
6	EIFCA	YES	31/01/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
7	Environment Agency	YES	10/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
8	Frontier Power	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.							
9	Historic England (Offshore)	YES	12/12/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at							

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				Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
10	Historic England (Onshore)	<b>YES</b>	12/12/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
11	IOG	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Discussions ongoing. To be submitted at either Deadline 2 or 3.							
12	Marine Management Organisation	<b>YES</b>	12/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
13	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	<b>YES</b>	10/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
14	Ministry of Defence	<b>YES</b>	06/02/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
15	NFU	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3.							
16	National Grid Electricity Transmission	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.							
17	National Grid Gas Plc	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.							
18	National Highways Limited	<b>YES</b>	31/01/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
19	National Trust (joint Offshore/Onshore)	<b>YES</b>	31/01/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2.							

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				Discussions ongoing.							
20	NATS	<b>YES</b>	16/02/2023	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3.							
21	Natural England (HRA Derogation)	<b>YES</b>	25/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
22	Natural England (Offshore Ornithology)	<b>YES</b>	02/12/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
23	Natural England (Offshore)	<b>YES</b>	02/02/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
24	Natural England (Onshore)	<b>YES</b>	12/12/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
25	Network Rail Infrastructure	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing, therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.							
26	Norfolk County Council	<b>YES</b>	25/01/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
27	NWT	<b>YES</b>	08/02/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.							
28	NNDC	<b>YES</b>	29/11/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
29	Norwich Airport	<b>NO</b>	16/02/2023	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.							

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30	Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing, therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.							
31	Perenco	<b>NO</b>	N/A	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.							
32	REAF CIC	<b>NO</b>	N/A	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
33	RSPB	<b>YES</b>	02/02/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.							
34	South Norfolk District Council	<b>YES</b>	29/11/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
35	Trinity House	<b>YES</b>	09/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.							
36	CoS	<b>YES</b>	09/01/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.							
37	UK Power Networks Limited	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.							
38	Vattenfall Wind Power Limited	<b>YES</b>	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not							

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				needed at this stage.							

### 3 Summary of Commonality of Each Topic Covered

- 28. This section provides a summary of the topics covered in each SoCG and identifies where there is a commonality in the topics or matters being discussed with the stakeholders.
- 29. **Table 2-1** presents a summary of commonality at Deadline 1 on each topic or matter discussed between the Applicant and stakeholder using the following colour code:

	Matter agreed
	Matter not agreed
	Matter subject to further discussion
	Topic not relevant to the stakeholder or deferred



Table 2-1 Summary of Commonality with each stakeholder in relation to each topic covered at Deadline 1

I.D.	Party	Project-wide Considerations	Ground conditions and contamination	Onshore Ecology and Ornithology	Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Air Quality	Noise and Vibration	Landscape, Trees and Visual	Water Resources and Flood Risk	Traffic and Transport	Socio-Economics and Tourism	Other Matters as Required	Land Use, Agriculture and Recreation	Landscape and Visual	Seascape and Visual	Health	Shipping and Navigation	Offshore Ornithology	Land Access/Ownership	Aviation and Radar	Draft Development Consent Orders and Deemed Marine Licences	Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes	Marine Water and Sediment Quality	Benthic Ecology	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Marine Mammal Ecology	Stage 1 Cromer Shoal Chalk Beds Marine Conservation Zone Assessment	MEEB – planting of native oyster bed in the CSCB MCZ	draft, outline and in-principle DCO documents	Sandwich Tern Compensation – Inland Pool	Sandwich Tern Compensation – Pontoon	Sandwich Tern Compensation – Farne Islands SPA	Kittiwake Compensation - Gateshead	Kittiwake Compensation - Lowestoft	Gannet Compensation Requirement	Draft DCO Schedule 17 Wording relating to collaborative compensation				
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