

ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION

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

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Date Friday 24 March 2023

Meeting Time: 08:15 am

Timings Start Time: 08:30 am

Finish Time 01:20 pm

Meeting Location The Maids Head Hotel, 20 Tombland

Norwich NR3 1LB

1. Purpose of the Accompanied Site Inspection

In line with Rule 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, and the notification in the Rule 8 letter dated 27 January 2023 [PD-009, Annex B], the Examining Authority intends to inspect the sites listed in this itinerary, relating to the application and in the company of Interested Parties, Other Persons or their representatives.

The Examining Authority invited from Interested Parties and Affected Persons, nominations for sites to visit at Deadline 1, 20 February 2023. The Applicant submitted its proposed itinerary at Deadline 2, 7 March 2023. The final itinerary by the Examining Authority does not include all sites nominated, and has prioritised the sites, for instance sites that are not easily accessible by public land.

It is an opportunity for the Examining Authority to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the Examining Authority to point out specific features or sites of interest. **However, inspection of sites is not an opportunity to provide any oral or written representations on the project or discuss evidence.**

2. Attendance at the Accompanied Site Inspection

The Accompanied Site Inspection will include the Examining Authority, the Case Team, and the Applicant. Should you wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection you must notify the case team by no later than **Friday 17 March 2023**. However, please





note that attendance to National Grid Norwich Main substation (item 1 in the itinerary) may not be possible for all parties.

The Examining Authority will exercise discretion and may or may not allow attendance by an Interested Party or any other person who had not notified the Examining Authority of their wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection by the required deadline, but asks to join the Accompanied Site Inspection on the day.

3. Joining the Accompanied Site Inspection

The Accompanied Site Inspection will commence at Maids Head Hotel in Norwich on Friday 24 March at 8.30 am. Participants are asked to assemble promptly at the car park to the rear of the hotel at the indicated time of 08:15 am. The Examining Authority will not wait for parties who are not present at the start point at the notified time. If you are running late, please notify Louise Harraway on 07458 014406 or at sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk as soon as possible.

While the parties are requested to join the Accompanied Site Inspection at the starting point, you may contact the Case Team to make arrangements to join the Accompanied Site Inspection en-route if required.

Please read the Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary carefully. A plan showing the proposed route and stopping points is included in this document. The Applicant will prepare an Accompanied Site Inspection Document Pack and bring printed copies for attendees on the day. This will include the itinerary and the route map to aid navigation.

4. Transport arrangements

The Applicant will provide transport for the Examining Authority, the case team and the Applicant's own team from the starting point, to the various sites, and back. We expect that other parties will use their own transport unless they state otherwise and notify the Case Team in advance. Please note that allocating a place in the vehicles provided by the Applicant cannot be guaranteed as it will depend on numbers of seats available. If you are using your own transport, please ensure you make advance arrangements for parking at the various locations.

5. Sites on private land

Access onto private land or into homes is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the Examining Authority onto their land. Under those circumstances, the Examining Authority will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.





6. Clothing and Personal Protective Equipment

For the first part of the Accompanied Site Inspection to the National Grid Norwich Main substation (item 1 in the itinerary), attendees are required to wear specific Personal Protective Equipment, including a hard hat and steel toe-capped boots. Given attendance to this part is restricted, the requirement for gear is not relevant to all attendees.

Part of the Accompanied Site Inspection will be undertaken on footpaths and by walking along local roads. It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather-proof clothing. All parties are advised to bring and wear high visibility jackets, if they have them, when walking on the public highway. Alternatively, you will be required to wear the high visibility jackets provided by the Applicant.

7. Contact details

The Case Manager, Louise Harraway, can be reached on the day of the Accompanied Site Inspection on 07458 014406. To ensure the smooth running of the Accompanied Site Inspection, attendees should provide contact details for the day; notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

8. Cancellation

Please note that in the unlikely event that the Accompanied Site Inspection is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand but we would ask that you regularly check the <u>project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website</u>.

9. Documents

The Examining Authority will refer to its own copies of maps and plans during the Accompanied Site Inspection, and will also have the ability to pull up other maps on a tablet if required.

The ExA requests the Applicant to provide:

- 1. Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and related figures;
- 2. Seascape and Visual Impact Assessment and related figures;
- 3. 3D visualisations of the proposed substation, in particular from viewpoints 1, 2 and 3 in Swardeston and Stoke Holy Cross (to be submitted into Examination prior to the Accompanied Site Inspection (if possible) and provided in hard copies for the



Accompanied Site Inspection); the ExA requests these visualisations in addition to the ones already provided in the Examination so far.

The ExA also request the Applicant to:

- 4. Mark up on the proposed substation site, the footprint of the proposed substation platform for all scenarios; and
- 5. Using suitable visual means, indicate the maximum proposed heights of the proposed substation at relevant points for all scenarios.

10. ITINERARY

The Accompanied Site Inspection will start promptly at 08:15 am as indicated above. While we will endeavour to follow the timings, as closely as possible, external factors such as weather, traffic, and land access may slightly affect these timings. The Examining Authority will close the Accompanied Site Inspection at 12:45 pm, or sooner if all relevant sites have been covered.

08:15 am Arrangements Meeting at Maids Head Hotel in Norwich

- 1. Meeting point hotel entrance lobby
- 2. Signing in of all attendees
- 3. Welcome by the lead member of the Examining Authority
- 4. Health and Safety Briefing by the Applicant

08:30 am Commence the Accompanied Site Inspection

Maids Head Hotel

Travel from Maids Head Hotel to Mangreen Lane.

08:30 am

Address: Maids Head Hotel, 20 Tombland, Norwich, NR3 1LB

1. National Grid Norwich Main

Drop off at entrance of Norwich Main. Walk along access road. Return

08:50 am to entrance.

Address: Norwich Main, Mangreen Lane, NR14 8PG

09:30 am **2. Proposed point of connection**



Travel to Mangreen Lane and park at Mangreen Hall. Walk to location of point of connection. After site visit, walk back to minibus.

Address: Mangreen Hall Farm, Mangreen, Swardeston, Norwich, NR14 8DD

3. Proposed substation

Travel to Gowthorpe Lane and park at a suitable location. Walk to proposed substation location. After site visit, walk back to minibus.

Address: Gowthorpe Lane, Swardeston, Norwich, NR14 8DS

4. Hornsea 3 converter station

Travel to Main Road (B1113). View from highway.

Address: Main Road, Swardeston, Norwich, NR14 8DU

Comfort Break

Travel to Tesco Superstore for a comfort break.

11:10 am

10:55 am

Address: Tesco Superstore, Ipswich Road, Norwich, NR4 6DZ

5. The Street

Travel to the Street, Oulton.

11:30 pm

Address: The Street, NR11 6QZ

6. The Old Railway Gatehouse (CCR16C)

Walk to the Old Railway Gatehouse. After site visit, walk back to minibus.

12:10 pm

Address: The Old Railway Gatehouse, The Street, Oulton, NR11 6AF

7. Access route (ACC25b)

Park at end of Heydon Road and walk-up access track.

12:25 pm

Address: Heydon Road, NR11 6RA

12:35 pm **8. Bluestone Cottage**



Walk up to Bluestone Cottage. After site visit, walk back to minibus.

Bluestone Cottage, Heydon, Norwich, NR11 6RA

Maids Head Hotel

Travel back to Maids Head Hotel in Norwich.

12:45 pm

Address: Maids Head Hotel, 20 Tombland, Norwich, NR3 1LB

01:20 pm Close of Accompanied Site Inspection



ANNEX A: Accompanied Site Inspection Route Map













