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Dear Sir/Madam

Sheringham Shoal Extension (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension (DEP) Offshore Wind Farms

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination at Deadline 3.

1. Natural England Deadline 3 Submissions

Natural England has reviewed the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2. Please find a summary of Natural England's position regarding these documents in Table 1 below. In addition, Natural England is also submitting the following detailed responses, signposted from Table 1, within the following thematic appendices:

- EN010109 430131 SEP DEP Appendix C2 - Natural England's Advice on 13.3 Apportioning and Habitats Regulations Assessment Updates Technical Note VERSION B [REP2-037] and 14.28 Auk Construction Phase Displacement Assessment (EIA Context) Technical Note [REP2-049] Deadline 3.
- EN010109 430131 SEP DEP Appendix I3 – Natural England's Comments and Advice to the Bats Technical Note [REP1-063], EMP [REP1-024] and OCoCP [REP1-028] Deadline 3
- EN010109 430131 SEP DEP Appendix I4 – Natural England's Advice on the Onshore Ecology RIAA Technical Note [REP2-050] and Chapter 20 Addendum [REP2-053] Deadline

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- EN010109 430131 SEP DEP Appendix K2 - Natural England's Risk and Issues Log
Deadline 3.
- EN010109 430131 SEP DEP Appendix L2 – Natural England's Response to ExA Written
Questions 2 Deadline 3.

2. Risk and Issues Log and Engagement through Examination

Because of audit trail requirements post consent and to ensure our advice has been taken into account, with any commitments secured for future reference; Natural England reiterates that unless there are fundamental changes made within a named document or plan, our positions included within our risk and issues log are unlikely to change. NB: This is because other than the initial Application documents, and decision documents all other examination correspondence is deleted after 5 years from the PINs website and is not transferred to the Marine Data Exchange.

We highlight within the Log where assessments can be improved upon and commitments made by the Applicant to help inform the ExA and SoS in their determinations. The Risk and Issues Log is used to track issue progress and we signpost to our advice where applicable.

3. Deadline 4

Natural England notes that with the Bank Holiday, Prospect Industrial Action and uploading time to the PINs website, there are less than 7 working days between Deadline 3 and 4. In addition, we are anticipating that with the gap between Deadlines 2 and 3, which included the Issue Specific Hearings, that there will be a considerable amount of additional submissions at Deadline 3 for our attention. Whilst we will triage and endeavour to review these submissions in a timely manner; we highlight that it is unlikely that we will be able to respond to the majority of the new submissions until after Deadline 4.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

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Table 1 Natural England's Response/Summary Position to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 3.

PINS Document Reference	Applicant's Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP2-001a	15.1 Cover Letter - Non Material Change	No response required from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-008	3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision D) (Clean Version)	Natural England notes the updated wording securing the Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit (MEEB) for the Cromer Shoal Chalk Bed Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) has been resubmitted within the Proposed Without Prejudice DCO Drafting Revision B but no significant changes have been made to the wording, thereby our advice remains unchanged. No further response required to the other updates from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-009	3.1.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision D) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP2-010	3.1.2 Schedule of Changes in Revision D of the draft Development Consent Order	
REP2-011	3.1.3 Proposed Without Prejudice DCO Drafting (Revision B) (Clean Version)	
REP2-012	3.1.3.1 Proposed Without Prejudice DCO Drafting (Revision B) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP2-013	3.2 Explanatory Memorandum (Revision D) (Clean Version)	
REP2-014	3.2.1 Explanatory Memorandum (Revision D) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP2-018	4.3 Statement of Reasons (Revision B) (Clean Version)	No response required from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-019	4.3.1 Statement of Reasons (Revision B) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP2-020	5.7.1 In-Principle Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit Plan (Revision C) (Clean Version)	Natural England notes the inclusion of the missing figure and has no further comments at this time.
REP2-021	5.7.1.1 In-Principle Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit Plan (Revision C) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP1-024	9.17 Outline Code of Construction Practice (Revision B) (Tracked)	Please refer to Appendix I3 for Natural England's detailed comments. Natural England has previously provided a response to this document at Deadline 2 [REP2-063]. This additional Appendix I3 response specifically provides advice to bat species and their related habitats only within the Outline Code of Construction Practice. This topic was omitted in our response at Deadline 2 to ensure a considered response alongside review of the Bats Technical note [REP1-063].
REP1-028	9.19.3 Outline Ecological Management Plan (Revision B) (Tracked)	
REP1-063	13.10 Bats - Alderford Common SSSI and Swannington Uppate Common SSSI Technical Note	Please refer to Appendix I3 for Natural England's detailed comments.

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REP2-006	2.11 Public Rights of Way (to be temporarily stopped up) Plan (Revision C) (1)	No response required from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-007	2.12 Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (Revision B) (1)	No response required from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-022	6.1.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 - Land Use, Agriculture and Recreation (Revision B) (Clean Version)	No further comments from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-023	6.1.19.1 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 - Land Use, Agriculture and Recreation (Revision B) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP2-024	6.1.20 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 - Onshore Ecology and Ornithology (Revision B) (Clean Version)	No further comments from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-025	6.1.20.1 Environmental Statement Chapter 20 - Onshore Ecology and Ornithology (Revision B) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP2-026	6.2.19 Environmental Statement Chapter 19 Figures - Land Use, Agriculture and Recreation (Revision B)	No further comments from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-027	6.3.18.2.1 ES Appendix 18.2 - Annex 18.2.1 - Onshore Substation Drainage Study (Revision B) (Clean Version)	No further comments from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-028	6.3.18.2.1.1 ES Appendix 18.2 - Annex 18.2.1 - Onshore Substation Drainage Study (Revision B) (Tracked Change Version)	
REP2-029	9.20 Outline Operational Drainage Strategy (Revision B) (Clean Version)	No further comments from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-030	9.20.1 Outline Operational Drainage Strategy (Revision B) (Tracked Changes Version)	
REP2-050	14.29 Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) (onshore) Technical Note	Please refer to Appendix I4 for Natural England's detailed comments and advice.
REP2-053	EN010109-001121-14.32 Addendum to Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Onshore Ecology and Ornithology	Please refer to Appendix I4 for Natural England's detailed comments and advice.

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REP2-037	13.3.1 Apportioning and Habitats Regulations Assessment Updates Technical Note (Revision B) (Tracked Change Version)	Please refer to Appendix C2 for Natural England's detailed comments and advice.
REP2-049	14.28 Auk Construction Phase Displacement Assessment (EIA Context) Technical Note	Please refer to Appendix C2 for Natural England's detailed comments and advice.
REP2-051	14.30 The Applicant's Responses on Relevant Representations_Natural England Marine Mammals (Appendix D)	Natural England will not be providing specific comments to this document. Whilst we have undertaken an initial review it is our understanding that further information regarding this is to be submitted into Examination by the Applicant at Deadline 3. Therefore, we will respond once this information is submitted and reviewed.
REP2-040	14.4 The Applicant's Comments on Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions	No response required from Natural England at Deadline 3.
REP2-041	14.4.1 Supporting Documents to the Applicant's Comments on Responses to the ExAs First WQs	No response required from Natural England at Deadline 3.