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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 3. 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** 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 13th December 2022.

2.1 Summary of Current Position of SoCGs

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

2.2 SoCGs not being submitted at Deadline3

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. A non-material change application is made as part of the Deadline 2 submission which has been accepted. The Applicant and Anglian Water are in discussions about whether a Statement of Common Ground is necessary.

2.2.2 Broadland District Council

6. Engagement between the Applicant and Broadland District Council is ongoing and it is anticipated that an updated Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 4.

2.2.3 East Suffolk Council

7. The Applicant and East Suffolk Council (ESC) have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination at Deadlines 1,2 or 3. 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.
8. The Applicant and ESC may consider submitting a SoCG into Examination at a later stage should it be appropriate to do so.

2.2.4 Historic England (Offshore and Onshore)

9. The Applicant has forwarded a copy of a draft Statement of Common Ground to Historic England and is awaiting feedback. It is anticipated that a draft Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at a future deadline.

2.2.5 Independent Oil and Gas

10. Discussions are ongoing between the Applicant and Independent Oil and Gas (IOG) with the intention to submit a SoCG at Deadline 4.

2.2.6 National Farmers Union

11. An initial draft SoCG has been prepared and is being considered by the National Farmers Union (NFU) with a meeting held to discuss the SoCG on 2nd March. Engagement is ongoing and a further meeting had been arranged on the 25th April but was cancelled by the NFU. The Applicant is seeking to rearrange the discussion and will submitting a SoCG at the earliest opportunity.

2.2.7 National Air Traffic Services

12. The Applicant and National Air Traffic Services (NATS) have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination. The Applicant and NATS are in discussion regarding entering a Mitigation Services Contract.

2.2.8 National Trust

13. Engagement between the Applicant and National Trust is ongoing and it is anticipated that an updated Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 4.

2.2.9 Norfolk County Council

14. Engagement between the Applicant and Norfolk County Council is ongoing and it is anticipated that an updated Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 4.

2.2.10 Norfolk District Council

15. Engagement between the Applicant and Norfolk County Council is ongoing and it is anticipated that an updated Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 4 if necessary.

2.2.11 Norfolk Wildlife Trust

16. 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 Deadline 4.

2.2.12 Norwich City Council

17. The Applicant and Norwich City Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination.

2.2.13 Perenco

18. Discussions are ongoing between the Applicant and Perenco with the intention to submit a SoCG at Deadline 4.

2.2.14 REAF CIC

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

2.2.15 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

20. 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 3. The RSPB has indicated to the Applicant that it is committed to delivering a SoCG however due to resource constraints within the RSPB there has not been time to fully review the extra material submitted since the DCO application. Therefore, the RSPB and the Applicant have agreed to submit a SoCG before the end of Examination.

2.2.16 South Norfolk Council

21. Engagement between the Applicant and South Norfolk Council is ongoing and it is anticipated that an updated Statement of Common Ground will be submitted at Deadline 4.

2.2.17 Statutory Undertakers

22. Protective provisions discussions are ongoing with a number of statutory undertakers; therefore, the Applicant has decided that a SoCG is not necessary for Deadline 3. 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 (Revision B)** [document reference 12.46] submitted at Deadline 3.
23. 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 Status of SoCGs at Deadline 3

I.D.	Party	Requested by ExA	Date first 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.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					
2	Broadland District Council	YES	29/11/2022	Draft submitted and discussions ongoing.	No update.	Revision B of the draft SoCG in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing.					
3	Cadent Gas Limited	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					
4	EEAST	NO	24/04/2023	Not drafted for Deadline 1, to be prepared for Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	SoCG fully agreed and signed copy will be submitted at Deadline 3.					
5	ESC	YES	N/A	The Applicant and East Suffolk Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination at Deadline 1.	The Applicant and East Suffolk Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination at Deadline 2.	The Applicant and East Suffolk Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination at Deadline 3.					
6	EIFCA	YES	31/01/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted and discussions ongoing.					
7	Environment Agency	YES	10/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.	Revision B of the draft SoCG submitted, discussions ongoing.					
8	Frontier Power	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be					

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				is not needed at this stage.	submitted at Deadline 2.	submitted at Deadline 3.					
9	Historic England (Offshore and Offshore)	YES	12/12/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2.	Draft in progress. A joint Offshore and Onshore SoCG is to be submitted at Deadline 3.	Draft sent to Historic England for comment.					
10	Independent Oil and Gas	YES	N/A	Discussions ongoing. To be submitted at either Deadline 2 or 3.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing.					
11	Marine Management Organisation	YES	12/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.	Revision B of the draft SoCG submitted, discussions ongoing.					
12	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	YES	10/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.	Revision B of the draft SoCG submitted, discussions ongoing.					
13	Ministry of Defence	YES	06/02/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.	No update.					
14	NFU	YES	02/02/2023	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft issued to NFU for comment.					
15	National Grid Electricity Transmission	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					
16	National Grid Gas Plc	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					
17	National Highways Limited	YES	31/01/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.	Revision B of the draft SoCG submitted, discussions ongoing.					

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18	National Trust (joint Offshore/Onshore)	YES	31/01/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.					
19	NATS	YES	16/02/2023	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3.	The Applicant and NATS have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination.						
20	Natural England (HRA Derogation)	YES	25/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.	The Applicant and Natural England have agreed to submit a final SoCG at the end of Examination					
21	Natural England (Offshore Ornithology)	YES	02/12/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.						
22	Natural England (Offshore)	YES	02/02/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.						
23	Natural England (Onshore)	YES	12/12/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.						
24	Network Rail Infrastructure	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing, therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					
25	Norfolk County Council	YES	25/01/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	Updated draft submitted.	Revision C of the draft SoCG in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing.					
26	NWT	YES	08/02/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing.					
27	NNDC	YES	29/11/2022	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2.	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing,	Revision B of the draft SoCG in progress.					

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				Discussions ongoing.	discussions ongoing.	Discussions ongoing.					
28	Norwich Airport	NO	16/02/2023	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted and discussions ongoing.					
29	Norwich City Council	YES	N/A	Not submitted at Deadline 1. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant and Norwich City Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination.	The Applicant and Norwich City Council have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination.					
30	Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing, therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					
31	Perenco	NO	N/A	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing.					
32	REAF CIC	NO	N/A	Not submitted at Deadline 1, to be produced for Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.	The Applicant and REAF CIC have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination.						
33	RSPB	YES	02/02/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions ongoing.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3. Discussions ongoing.	See Section 2.2.15 . SoCG will be submitted by Deadline 7.					
34	South Norfolk District Council	YES	29/11/2022	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	Discussions ongoing	Revision B of the draft SoCG in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 4. Discussions ongoing.					
35	Trinity House	YES	09/01/2023	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	Discussions ongoing	No update.					

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36	UK Chamber of Shipping	YES	09/01/2023	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 2 or 3. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted, discussions ongoing.	No update.					
37	UK Power Networks Limited	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					
38	Vattenfall Wind Power Limited	YES	N/A	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing; therefore, a SoCG is not needed at this stage.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 2.	Protective provisions discussions are ongoing. A SoCG will not be submitted at Deadline 3.					

3 Summary of Commonality of Each Topic Covered

- 24. 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.
- 25. **Table 2** presents a summary of commonality at Deadline 3 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 Summary of Commonality with each stakeholder in relation to each topic covered at Deadline 3

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 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	Land Matters	Commercial Fisheries	DCO Application Documents and Related Mitigation and Management Measures						
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