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Dear Menaka,

**Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects Offshore Wind Farm (EN010109)
Notice of Material Change Application
Regulations 7 and 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition)
Regulations 2010**

I refer to your communication letter issued on 21 April 2023 regarding the above-mentioned subject.

National Highway's current response should be read in conjunction with the written question (WQ2) and Protective Provision responses submitted to you on 02 May 2023.

National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority, and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest. This is both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

The onshore cable corridor for Sheringham Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension Project (DEP) passes through the Phase 2 of the Food Enterprise Park (FEP) development site, south of the A47 trunk road. There is a potential conflict between the Phase 2 of the FEP development and the current proposed location of

the SEP and DEP onshore cable corridor. Figure 1 (below) is showing the Food Enterprise Park (FEP) development site in relation to the proposed SEP and DEP onshore cable corridor and their different construction work access locations.

This current material change notification application is the proposed change of the redline boundary of the DCO application (Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects) where some of those land parcels will be either reduced or expanded from the current DCO's order limit, as shown in Figure 1 (below).

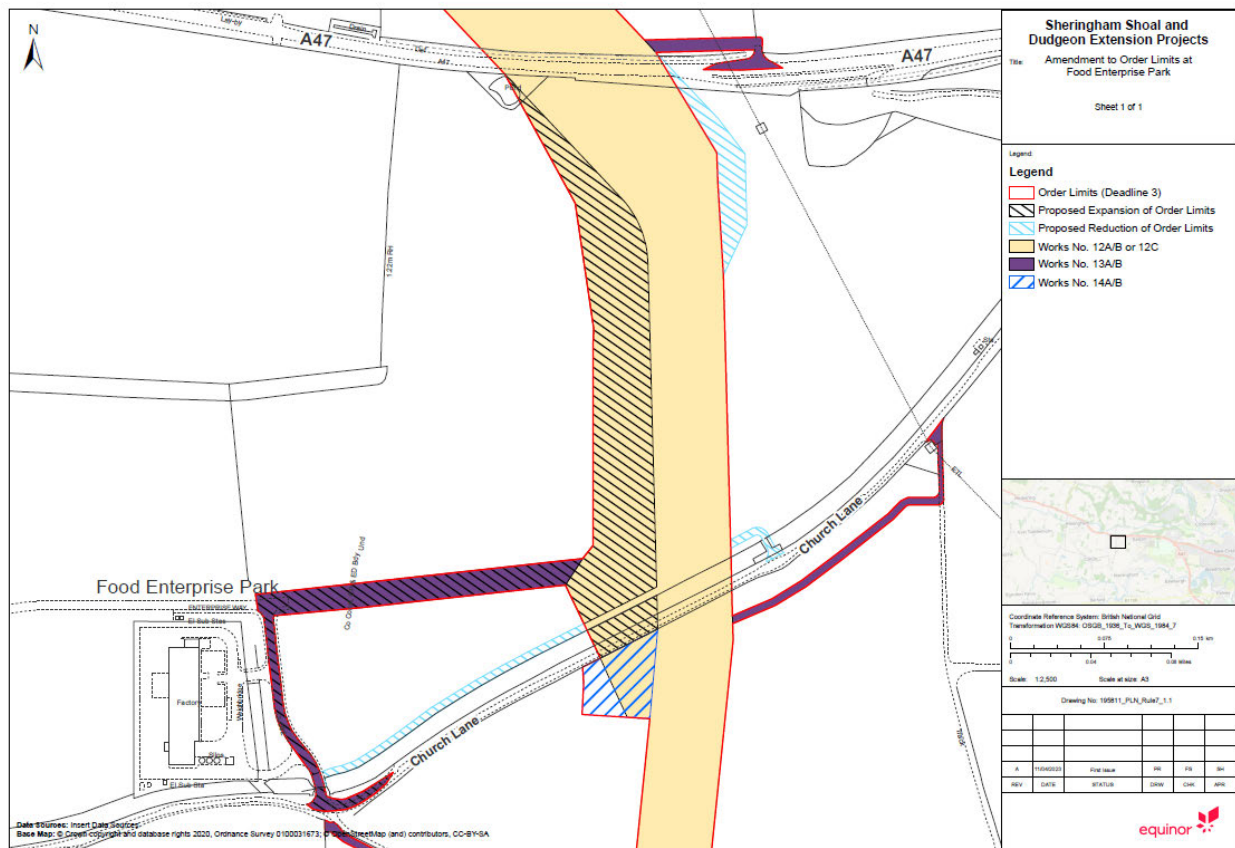


Figure 1: Food Enterprise Park, SEP and DEP's On-shore Cable Route and A47

Figure 2 below shows the different land parcel (plot number) IDs which are related to-

- i) A47 trunk road, part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN)
- ii) Church Lane, part of the Local Road Network
- iii) A11 trunk road, part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

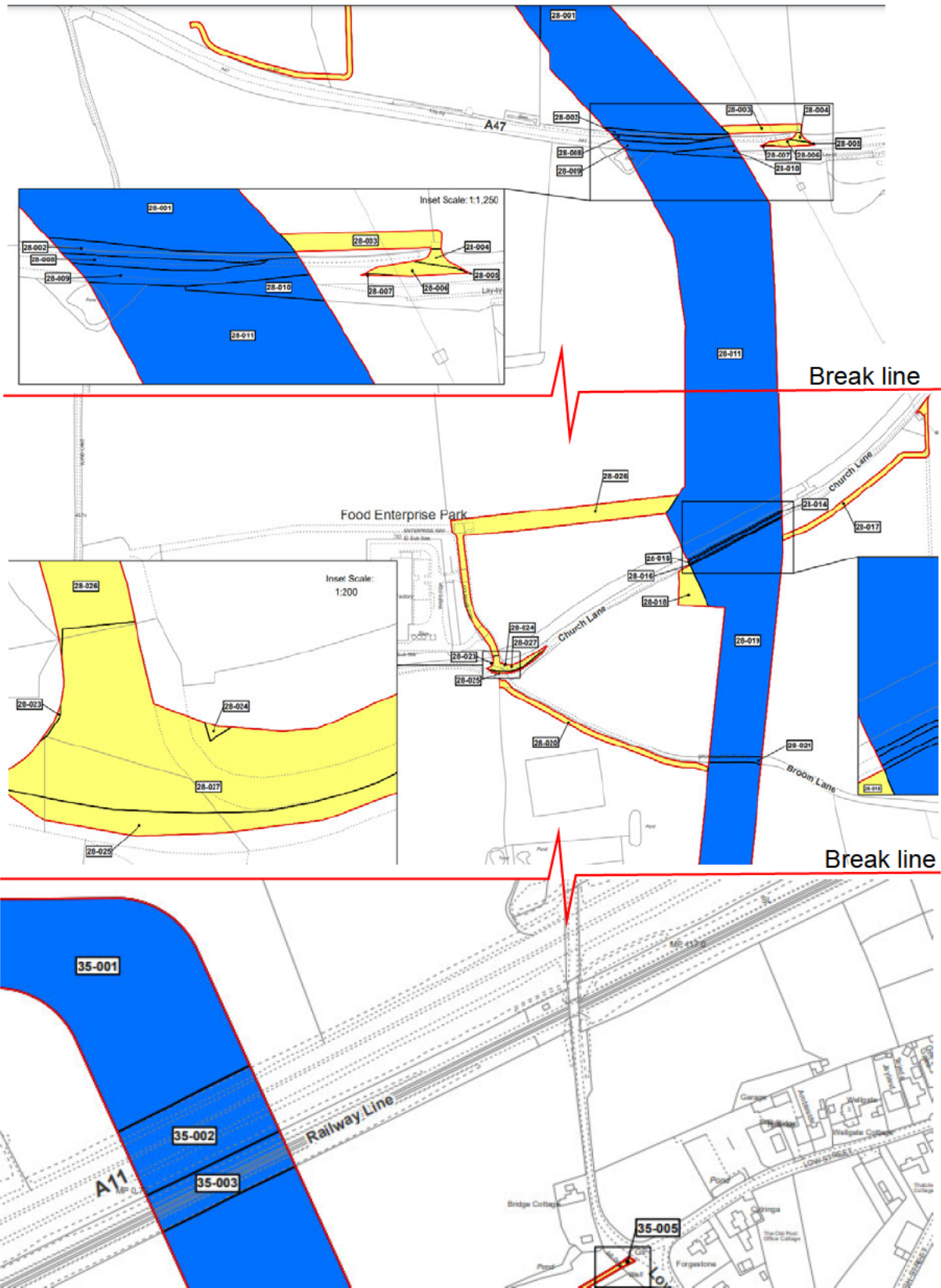


Figure 2: Land Parcel's Plot Number ID

In addition to this Figures 1 and 2, Table A below lists those land parcels in Equinor's document 2.3 Land Plans, Revision D, ([AS-048](#)) that overlap with the National Highway's Major Project – 'A47 North Tuddenham to Easton' scheme. In addition, Table A illustrates how National Highway's land interests are reflected in Equinor's 4.1 Book of Reference, Revision D, ([AS-058](#)) compared to those rights approved under the A47 Tuddenham Scheme.

Table A: Current DCO Scheme (Sheringham and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Project) Plots Overlapping with the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton

Plot Number	Registered National Interest	A47 DCO Scheme Approved Compulsory Acquisition Powers	Current DCO Sheringham & Dudgeon
27-004	None	New Rights	
27-005**	NH ownership		
27-006**	NH a CAT2 in respect of right of access to lay and maintain apparatus	Permanent and New Rights	
28-002*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	Permanent Rights
28-003	None	Permanent, New Rights and Temporary	
28-004*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	Temporary Possession
28-005*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	Temporary Possession
28-006	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent NH & Food Enterprise Park Ltd	
28-007*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent National Highways	Temporary Possession
28-008*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent National Highways	Permanent Rights
28-009	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent NH & Food Enterprise Park Ltd	
28-010*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	Permanent Rights
28-011**	None	New Rights and Temporary Occupier (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	
28-014**	None	New Rights Occupier (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	

Plot Number	Registered National Interest	A47 DCO Scheme Approved Compulsory Acquisition Powers	Current DCO Sheringham & Dudgeon
28-015**	None	New Rights Occupier (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	
28-016**	None	New Rights Owner (Norwich City College)	
28-017**	None	New Rights Owner (Norwich City College)	
28-023**	NH a CAT2 in respect of right of access to conduct works to maintain A47	New Rights Owner (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	
28-024**	NH a CAT2 in respect of right of access to conduct works to maintain A47	New Rights Owner (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	
28-025**	None	New Rights Owner (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	
28-027**	NH a CAT2 in respect of right of access to conduct works to maintain A47	New Rights Owner (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	
35-002*	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent National Highways	Permanent Rights

Source:

* Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (Revision B) (Clean) Deadline 3 May 2023 Document Reference: 12.5 ([AS-048](#))

** Book of Reference (Revision D) (Tracked Change Version) Revision D Material Change Request Application April 2023 Document Reference: 4.1 ([AS-058](#))

Table A above also shows some new plot IDs (such as 28-023, 28-024, 28-025, 28-026, and 28-027) will be created to allow the use of the existing and proposed Food Enterprise Park (FEP) access road. All those plots would be subject to temporary possession only.

National Highways have noted that Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project's material change request relates to changing access into the Food Enterprise Park (FEP). This is in response to changes to reflect the position of their new access off Church Lane, south of the A47 trunk road. Some of these changes relate to either, reducing, widening, increasing, or removing in size of the selected land parcels; and proposing temporary possessions or permanent rights, as shown in Table A (above).

It is important to note that under the approved National Highways A47 North Tuddenham to Easton DCO, powers to permanently acquire new land or new rights will be introduced to the areas overlapping with the Sheringham and Dudgeon

Extension Projects DCO. This includes new statutory utility interest that will need protections within Equinor's DCO Protective Provisions. As this is already mentioned in our Deadline 03 submission, therefore, we are not adding any further details here.

With this current notice of material change application, National Highways is concerned about the material change because to date it doesn't have any agreed protective provisions in place with the applicant and the applicant says it isn't in a position to progress and agree a co-operation agreement with National Highways until nearer construction and therefore not before the examination closes. Without any agreed protections in place, National Highways isn't in a position to say if it is happy with the material change. When agreed protections are in place, National Highways may be able to change its view.

I do not have any more comments to add.

Please contact me at PlanningEE@nationalhighways.co.uk if you require any further information.

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