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## 1 Introduction

1. This document presents the Applicant's comments on relevant representations received from Interested Parties in response to Equinor New Energy Limited's (the Applicant) Material Change Request of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## 2 Historic England

*Table 1 The Applicant's comments on Historic England's Relevant Representation*

ID	Relevant Representation	Applicant Response
1	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the Applicant's proposed provision for the compulsory acquisition of additional land. Historic England is the Government's lead advisor on the historic environment, and we are a non-departmental public body sponsored by, and reporting to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Historic England is satisfied that the proposed changes to the Application relating to the provision for the compulsory acquisition of additional land would not result in any additional impact to designated heritage assets. We have no additional comments to make regarding the current proposed changes and our existing advice in our Written Representation remains valid.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this response.</p>

### 3 Jacobs U.K. Limited on behalf of Anglian Water Services Limited

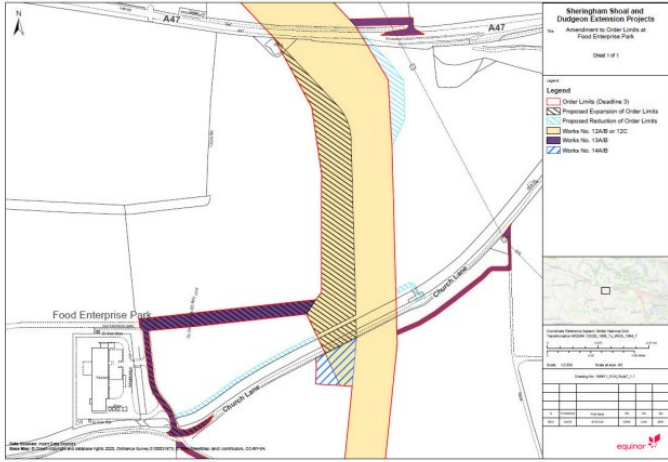
*Table 2 The Applicant's comments on Jacobs U.K. Limited on behalf of Anglian Water Services Limited's Relevant Representation*

ID	Relevant Representation	Applicant Response
1	<p>Anglian Water notes that the cable corridor has widened slightly which would allow flexibility for micro-siting the cable at detailed design phase. There is an Anglian Water asset in this location; however, this asset is not affected any differently as a result of the change request application. Anglian Water is continuing engagement with Equinor regarding the Protective Provisions for our assets in this regard. The access route to the cable corridor has been realigned to follow the existing Food Enterprise Park access. There is an Anglian Water asset underneath the access road but as no below ground works are proposed in this location as only access rights are sought by Equinor, there would not be any interference with the asset.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this response and is continuing to engage with Anglian Water in relation to the Protective Provisions.</p>

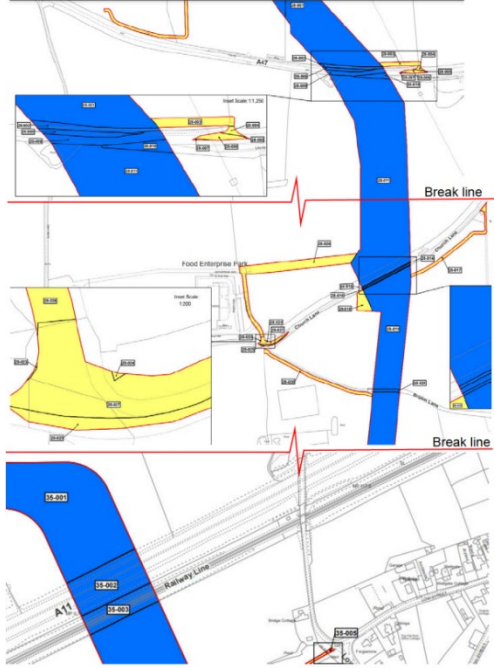
## 4 National Highways

*Table 3 The Applicant's comments on National Highway's Relevant Representation*

ID	Relevant Representation	Applicant Response
1	<p>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</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam, We are sending our response using a letter via email to your address. Yours sincerely, Dr Shamsul Hoque</p>	Noted. No response required.
2	<p>Dear Menaka,</p> <p>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</p> <p>I refer to your communication letter issued on 21 April 2023 regarding the above-mentioned subject.</p> <p>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.</p>	Noted. No response required.
3	<p>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.</p>	Noted. No response required.
4	<p>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</p>	Noted. No response required.

ID	Relevant Representation	Applicant Response
	site in relation to the proposed SEP and DEP onshore cable corridor and their different construction work access locations.	
5	<p>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).</p>  <p>Figure 1: Food Enterprise Park, SEP and DEP's On-shore Cable Route and A47</p>	Noted. No response required.
6	<p>Figure 2 below shows the different land parcel (plot number) IDs which are related to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. A47 trunk road, part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN)</li> <li>ii. Church Lane, part of the Local Road Network</li> <li>iii. A11 trunk road, part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).</li> </ol>	Noted. No response required.



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	 <p>Figure 2: Land Parcel's Plot Number ID</p>	
7	<p>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.</p>	Noted. No response required.

ID	Relevant Representation				Applicant Response
	Table A: Current DCO Scheme (Sheringham and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Project) Plots Overlapping with the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton				
	<b>Plot Number</b>	<b>Registered National Interest</b>	<b>A47 DCO Scheme Approved Compulsory Acquisition Powers</b>	<b>Current DCO Sheringham &amp; Dudgeon</b>	
27-004	None	None	New Rights		
27-005**	NH ownership	None			
27-006**	NH a CAT2 in respect of right of access to lay and maintain apparatus	None	Permanent and New Rights		
28-002*	CAT1 owner interest	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	<b>Permanent Rights</b>	
28-003	None	None	Permanent, New Rights and Temporary		
28-004*	CAT1 owner interest	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	Temporary Possession	
28-005*	CAT1 owner interest	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	Temporary Possession	
28-006	None	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent <a href="#">NH &amp; Food Enterprise Park Ltd</a>		
28-007*	CAT1 owner interest	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent <b>National Highways</b>	Temporary Possession	

ID	Relevant Representation			Applicant Response
28-008*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	<b>National Highways</b>	<b>Permanent Rights</b>
28-009	None	Owner, Occupier, Permanent	NH & Food Enterprise Park Ltd	
28-010*	CAT1 owner interest	Owner, Occupier, Permanent		<b>Permanent Rights</b>
28-011**	None	New Rights and Temporary	Occupier (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)	
28-014**	None	New Rights Occupier (Food Enterprise Park Ltd)		
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)		

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	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	<b>Permanent Rights National Highways</b>		
<p>Source:</p> <p>* Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (Revision B) (Clean) Deadline 3 May 2023 Document Reference: 12.5 (AS-048)</p> <p>** Book of Reference (Revision D) (Tracked Change Version) Revision D Material Change Request Application April 2023 Document Reference: 4.1 (AS-058)</p> <p>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.</p>					
8	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				Noted. No response required.

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	in size of the selected land parcels; and proposing temporary possessions or permanent rights, as shown in Table A (above).	
9	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.	Protective provisions for the benefit of National Highways have been included in part 14 of Schedule 14 to the <b>draft DCO (Revision H)</b> [document 3.1]. These provisions require the undertaker to obtain approval from National Highways prior to exercising its powers of compulsory acquisition under the DCO.
10	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.	Protective provisions for the benefit of National Highways have been included in part 14 of Schedule 14 to the <b>draft DCO (Revision H)</b> [document 3.1]. Although these are subject to ongoing negotiations the Applicant believes the parties will be able to reach an agreed position on Protective Provisions by the close of the Examination. As confirmed in the <b>Applicant's Statutory Undertakers Position Statement (Revision B)</b> [RR3-083] the Applicant has agreed with National Highways the principle of entering into a cooperation agreement in relation to overlap of SEP and DEP with the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton DCO and has provided detailed heads of terms to National Highways. The terms of the proposed cooperation agreement go beyond the scope of the protective provisions and are aimed at managing cooperation between the two complex developments. Given the complexity of the developments, the terms will require detailed consideration and negotiation albeit the Applicant still hopes to reach agreement with National Highways before the end of the Examination.  Notwithstanding the above matters, the Applicant asserts that National Highways could provide a 'without prejudice' review of the highway technical details to the ExA.
11	I do not have any more comments to add.	Noted. No response required.

## 6 Norfolk County Council

*Table 4 The Applicant's comments on Norfolk County Council's Relevant Representation*

ID	Relevant Representation	Applicant Response
1	Thank you for consulting the County Council on the Applicant's Change Request of 11 April. The County Council in its role as the Highway Authority, Lead Local Flood Authority, and the Historic Environment team (archaeological advisors) has no concerns regarding the amendments proposed by the applicants. However, the County Council has the following Natural Environment comments.	Comment noted. No response required.
2	It is noted in section 3.4 Onshore Ecology and Ornithology (para 64) that a worst-case scenario of an open cut crossing across Church Lane has been assessed and that the amount of vegetation removed (the construction easement) is the same as previously proposed. The County Council is satisfied with the conclusion set out in para 68 that "no materially new or materially different ecological impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed change". However, the option of a trenchless crossing across Church Lane is our preference as this would reduce the overall impact on the adjacent hedgerow and woodland planting.	The Applicant notes Norfolk County Council's preference for trenchless crossing (HDD) across Church Lane. At this point in time the Applicant is unable to commit to either open cut or trenchless crossing, and both options remain open until detailed design stage. Should open cut be selected, a reduced working width of 20m would be adopted and micro-siting of the cable implemented, based on the finding of ecological and arboricultural surveys, to reduce to impacts to existing habitats as far as possible. Details of the mitigation measures are outlined in the <a href="#">Supplemental Environmental Information Report [AS-063]</a> .

## 7 The Coal Authority

*Table 5 The Applicant's comments on The Coal Authority's Relevant Representation*

ID	Relevant Representation	Applicant Response
12	Further to our comments dated 13th October 2022, The Coal Authority acknowledge the changes proposed and in this case, as the site is located off the coalfield, we have no further comments to make.	The Applicant notes this response.

## 8 UK Health Security Agency

*Table 6 The Applicant's comments on UK Health Security Agency's Relevant Representation*

ID	Relevant Representation	Applicant Response
1	<p>Thank you for your consultation regarding the above development. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) (formerly Public Health England) welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed material changes to the Development Consent Order (DCO). Advice offered by UKHSA and OHID is impartial and independent. Please note that we have replied to earlier consultations as listed below and this response should be read in conjunction with that earlier correspondence: Request for Scoping Opinion: 16/02/2021 Section 42: 09/06/2021 Targeted Statutory Consultation: 07/02/2022 Registration of Interest: 08/11/2022 We have assessed the submitted documentation and wish to make no further comments at this stage. We consider the advice and recommendations made in our earlier correspondence still to be relevant.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this response.</p>