



# Norfolk County Council

## Sheringham Shoal & Dudgeon Extension Projects Norfolk County Council's response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) Fourth Written Questions (WQ4)

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**Q4.1.4 Miscellaneous**

Q4.1.4.1

Applicant  
Natural England  
Royal Society for the  
Protection of Birds  
Marine Management  
Organisation  
Historic England  
Norfolk County Council  
National Trust  
National Highways  
Broadland District  
Council  
Environment Agency  
North Norfolk District  
Council  
Perenco  
Norfolk Wildlife Trust

**Statements of Common Ground**

- a) Applicant, submit final signed SoCG with electronic signatures at D8.
- b) Relevant parties, submit at D8 your confirmation that the final signed SoCG submitted by the Applicant is the version agreed with you. You may do so, by attaching to your submission the copy of the SoCG that is agreed with you.

NCC response:

The County Council can confirm its agreement with the attached Statement of Common Ground, which is attached to this response.

<b>Q4.11.2 Content</b>		
Q4.11.2.2	Applicant Norfolk County Council	<b>Discharging Requirements and Conditions</b> Provide update and agreed drafting for R26.
	NCC response:	<p>The County Council can confirm its agreement with the wording of Requirement 26 as set out in the latest submitted DCO (D6); and as drafted below:</p> <p><b>Local skills and employment 26.—</b></p> <p>(1) No phase of the Sheringham Shoal Extension Project onshore works may commence until a skills and employment plan (which accords with the outline skills and employment plan) has been submitted to and approved in writing by Norfolk County Council.</p> <p>(2) No phase of the Dudgeon Extension Project onshore works may commence until a skills and employment plan (which accords with the outline skills and employment plan) has been submitted to and approved in writing by Norfolk County Council.</p> <p>(3) Prior to submission of a skills and employment plan for approval in accordance with paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), the undertaker must consult North Norfolk District Council, Broadland District Council, South Norfolk District Council, Norfolk County Council and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership on the content of the plan.</p> <p>(4) Each skills and employment plan must be implemented as approved.</p>
<b>Q4.11.7 Requirements 17 and 19</b>		
Q4.11.7.1	Applicant Environment Agency Lead Local Flood Authority Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board	<b>Update</b> The latest draft of the SOCG with NCC and the Applicant [REP5-033] notes that the wording of R17 and R19 of the dDCO is still under discussion. Provide an update on such discussions.

	NCC response:	The LLFA has not seen Requirement 17 and 19 submissions. Therefore, no comment is possible.
<b>Q4.23.5 Suitability of Access Strategy</b>		
Q4.23.5.3	Norfolk County Council	<b>Access to the North of the A47</b> NH has recommended [REP3-138] the Applicant considers the implications to their construction programme of a 2-year period of no access to the north of the A47 or if access from Church Lane in the east is required to mitigate the risk. Are NCC content that Church Lane could be used in such an event?
	NCC response:	NCC have stated previously that Church Lane is not a suitable diversion route for any potential closure of Taverham Road, North off A47
<b>Q4.23.6 Effectiveness of Proposed Mitigation Measures</b>		
Q4.23.6.1	Norfolk County Council	<b>Monitoring and Enforcing Maximum Vehicle Trips Across the Study Area</b> The Applicant has set out [REP5-049, Q3.6.1.1] that mitigation measures to manage traffic movements are included within the OCTMP to ensure that the assessed construction traffic parameters are not exceeded. Is it realistic for NCC to monitor and enforce the maximum daily vehicle trips set out in Annex A of the OCTMP on all links across the entire study area?
	NCC response:	No, NCC does not have the resource to do this. As with other projects of this nature, it is for the promotor to put in place suitable monitoring/reporting measures that can be discussed with NCC at regular progress meetings.

## Q4.24. Water Quality and Resources

### Q4.24.1 Effects on Flood Risk and Drainage, including Adequacy of Sequential and Exception Tests

Q4.24.1.1	Lead Local Flood Authority	<b>Onshore Substation Hydraulic Modelling – Sensitivity Testing</b> The ExA understand [REP5-049, Q3.24.1.2] that further clarification on one element of the sensitivity testing, namely infiltration losses has been sought by the LLFA. The Applicant has provided an updated version of the Onshore Substation Hydraulic Modelling Report (Revision C) [REP5-045]. Confirm if this has addressed your outstanding concern in this regard?
	NCC response:	This has been addressed and the LLFA have responded in Letter ref FW2023_0513 (dated 20 June 2023).

### Q4.24.4 Effectiveness of Mitigation Measures

Q4.24.4.1	Applicant Environment Agency Lead Local Flood Authority	<b>Protective Provisions</b> Provide an update on discussions to finalise the protective provisions still under discussion [REP5-049, Q3.24.4.1]. If agreement will not be reached by the end of the examination, please set out in full your reasons for any disagreements.
	NCC response:	The LLFA has received an updated version of the protective provision on 28 June 2023, which the LLFA is currently reviewing. The applicant's legal team has requested the LLFA and IDB liaise with each other to ensure agreement on the joint protective provisions. A response to the latest version of the protective provisions will be provided as soon as is reasonably practicable.