

SEP DEP - Deadline 7: 10th July 2023

Response to ExA's Written Questions, WQ4 (PD-021) - Application by Equinor New Energy Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project

Ref	Question to	Question	NRIDB Response
Q4.8.5.1	Applicant Parties in Schedule 14 of the dDCO	<p>Protective Provisions</p> <p>a) Applicant and relevant party, for each set of Protective Provisions that is not agreed, provide jointly with the relevant party copies of Applicant's proposed drafting and the drafting required by the party, highlighting the areas of difference. Update this at D8.</p> <p>b) Applicant and relevant party, for Protective Provisions where final agreements is not likely for close of Examination, provide updates expected and corresponding timescales after close of Examination in signed final SoCG or a similar joint signed statement.</p>	<p>The Board are still in discussion with the applicant regarding the joint Protective Provision between NRIDB and the LLFA.</p> <p>To date, the Board has not received full feedback on the most recent comments/edits from the applicant and is therefore unable to set out the areas of remaining disagreement.</p>

Q4.11.7.1	Applicant Environment Agency Lead Local Flood Authority Internal Drainage Board	Update 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.	<p>The Board have not been invited to the discussion in relation to requirements 17 and 19 of the dDCO. The Board is not currently aware of being directly consulted on either of these at any point.</p> <p>Requirement 17 is in relation to the drainage strategy for the substation which is out of the Board's Internal Drainage District. These works are therefore not within the Board's jurisdiction.</p> <p>The Board is interested in being consulted on the Code of Construction (Requirement 19) as many of these works will fall within the Board's Internal Drainage District and therefore within the Board's jurisdiction, requiring the Boards approval.</p>
Q4.24.4.1	Applicant Environment Agency Lead Local Flood Authority Internal Drainage Board	<p>Protective Provisions Provide an update on discussions to finalise the protective provisions still under discussion [REP5-049, Q3.24.4.1].</p> <p>If agreement will not be reached by the end of the examination, please set out in full your reasons for any disagreements.</p> <p>See related question in Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession.</p>	<p>NRIDB received an updated version of the protective provision on 28 June 2023. The applicant's legal team has requested that the IDB and LLFA liaise with each other to ensure agreement on the joint protective provisions. This meeting has taken place and a response to the latest version of the protective provisions was provided to the applicant on 6th July 2023. The applicant partially responded to the submitted changes on the 10th July 2023, but not all comments were addressed.</p> <p>To date, the Board has not received full feedback on the proposed changes to the Protective Provision and is therefore unable to set out the areas of remaining disagreement.</p>