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1. This document presents the Applicant's comments on Mr Derek Aldous Deadline 6 submission [REP6-032].

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ID	Stakeholder Comment	Applicant Response
Report on the Implications for European Sites		
1	<p>The Examining Authority has issued the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) in document EN010109-001141 and has addressed the following question to all Interested Parties:</p> <p><i>RIES-Q2: To NE and all IPs - Except for those sites/features listed in Table 2-1 of this RIES, the ExA is not aware of any representations from IPs identifying any additional UK/European sites or qualifying features for inclusion in the Applicant's HRA. IPs are invited to comment.</i></p> <p>This representation proposes the inclusion of sites and features arising from the consideration of an alternative grid connection point at Sutton Bridge, and gives reasons for their inclusion in the HRA.</p>	<p>The Applicant refers to information provided in response to previous representations by Mr Aldous at Deadline 2 [REP3-106], Deadline 3 [REP4-041], Deadline 4 [REP5-055] and Deadline 5 [REP6-022] and reiterates that a consideration of grid connection alternatives in this manner is outside the scope of this Examination.</p> <p>The Applicant also refers to its responses to Q2.2.2.1 within The Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions [REP3-101] with reference to alternative grid connection points.</p>
2	<p>An alternative export cable route, landfall and grid connection point are described in REP3-172, EN010109-001254, pp. 8-12. The two options are compared below. In the case of a grid connection point at Norwich Main, the available onward grid transmission capacity would apparently be fully pre-empted by the existing grid connection agreements of Vanguard, Boreas and Hornsea Three and the derogation case set out by the Applicant necessarily fails. This difficulty does not appear to arise in the case of an alternative grid connection point at either Sutton Bridge or Walpole.</p>	<p>As detailed in Habitats Regulations Derogation: Provision of Evidence [APP-063], the Applicant put forward HRA derogation cases on the basis of the application and development applied for and, as per the Joint Natural England and Applicant Position on HRA Conclusions and Derogation Requirements provided within Appendix A.3 of Supporting Documents for the Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Fourth Written Questions</p>
3	<p>From these considerations, it follows that a successful derogation case and Habitats Regulations Assessment can only be put forward on the basis that either (a) the Vanguard, Boreas and Hornsea Three projects do not proceed with their existing grid connection offers at Necton and Norwich Main respectively, or (b) the Proposed Development adopts an alternative grid connection point.</p>	<p>[document reference 21.5.1], the Applicant and Natural England are agreed on all sites/features screened into the HRA. Details of the screening process are contained within</p>

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4	 <p>The map shows the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in green, the North Norfolk Coast AONB in blue, and the Dudgeon and Sheringham Shoal Extension Projects in red. Other labeled areas include the Great Ouse Park, the Great Ouse Estuary, and the Great Ouse Marsh. Towns and villages shown include Spilloby, Bungay, Marsh, Walsingham, Alford, Chapel St Leonards, King's Lynn, Dereham, Swaffham, Walsingham, Sheringham, and Norwich. The map also shows the Great Ouse River and the Great Ouse Estuary.</p>	<p>Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report [APP-060].</p>