

**SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND REGULATION 6 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO MAKE A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER: THE SHERINGHAM SHOAL AND DUDGEON EXTENSIONS OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2024 (SI 2024/564).**

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made by Equinor New Energy Limited on behalf of Scira Extension Limited and Dudgeon Extension Limited ("The Applicant"), of 1 Kingdom Street, London W2 6BD, to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero to make a non-material change to the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Offshore Wind Farm Order 2024 ("the Order") under Section 153 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "NMC Application").

**Summary of the Order, as made by the Secretary of State**

On 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero granted development consent for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (SEP) and the Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (DEP). The Order authorises the construction and operation of the offshore wind farms and associated development. The SEP and DEP wind farm sites are located approximately 15.8 and 26.5 km, respectively, from the North Norfolk coast.

SEP and DEP will be connected to shore by offshore export cables installed to the landfall at Weybourne on the North Norfolk coast. From there, the onshore export cables will travel approximately 60 km inland to a new high voltage alternating current (HVAC) onshore substation near the existing Norwich Main substation.

**Summary of the NMC Application**

The proposed NMC Application is intended to facilitate an increase in the maximum generating capacity that can be achieved by SEP and DEP. The projects have secured a Stage 2 Transmission Entry Capacity (TEC) from National Grid ESO, which increases the permitted grid connection capacity from 719 MW to 950 MW; to realise this increase in the maximum generating capacity achievable by the projects, the NMC Application seeks the following non-material changes to the Order:

- Increases to the maximum total rotor-swept area for SEP and DEP;
- Corresponding increases to the minimum air gap (that being the distance between the lowest point of the rotating blade of a wind turbine generator and highest astronomical tide);
- Increases to the maximum number and length of interlink cables and the maximum number of interlink cable crossings;
- Increases to the maximum area and volume of cable protection for the interlink cables and for the DEP infield cables; and
- A reduction to the maximum number of DEP infield cable crossings.

The NMC Application does not request any further changes to the upper limits of the wind turbine design envelope, including the number of wind turbines, rotor diameter, and blade tip height. Additionally, the NMC Application does not seek any amendments to the foundation parameters, such as pile diameter and hammer energy upper limits. Furthermore, there are no changes to the onshore elements of SEP and DEP, and no additional land is required.

**NMC Application Documents**

A copy of the NMC Application and its accompanying documents is available for inspection, free of charge, via the Planning Inspectorate's website at the below address until at least the end of the consultation period referred to below:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010109/documents>

A hard copy of the NMC Application and its accompanying documents is available on request by contacting the project team using the contact details below. There is a cost for the full suite of hard-copy NMC Application documents of £50.

By Email: [info@sepanddep.co.uk](mailto:info@sepanddep.co.uk)

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**Representations in relation to the NMC Application**

Any representation about the NMC Application must be made to the Planning Inspectorate by email at [sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk), or in writing to: National Infrastructure Planning, the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

Please quote reference EN010109 on any correspondence. Representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate.

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.