

Our Ref: Five Estuaries
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BY EMAIL

For the attention of:
Karl-Jonas Johansson,
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Dear Karl,

Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm DCO Application

Adequacy of Consultation

Thank you for the notification the RWE Renewables has submitted the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm application for Development Consent. It is understood that the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) has until 22 April 2024 to determine whether to accept the application. During this time local authorities have until 10 April 2024 to submit a representation regarding the pre-application consultation. Please therefore accept this letter as a response from Suffolk County Council (SCC) to the Planning Inspectorate's request for comments on the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the applicant during pre-application stage.

For ease, I have completed the requested proforma and this can be found within appendix A.

It is understood that it is for the Planning Inspectorate to determine whether the applicant has complied with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) in order to accept the application. It is SCC's view that it has no reason to question that RWE have not complied with the statutory requirement set out in sections 27, 42 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) for the reasons set out within this response.

Yours faithfully,

Andy Rutter AssocRTPI
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Suffolk County Council

Appendix A



The Planning Inspectorate
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Adequacy of Consultation Representation Proforma

Under Section 55(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, must take any adequacy of consultation representation (AoCR) received from a local authority consultee into account when deciding whether to accept an application for development consent, and this will be published should the application be accepted for examination.

An AoCR is defined in s55(5) in PA2008 as “a representation about whether the applicant complied, in relation to that proposed application, with the applicant’s duties under sections 42, 47 and 48”.

Project name	Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm
Date of request	27 March 2024
Deadline for AOCR	10 April 2024
Return to	fiveestuaries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Please complete the proforma outlining your AoCR on the above NSIP.

Local Authority	Suffolk County Council
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In the opinion of the local authority, has the applicant complied with the legislative requirements listed below?

Please note that this is specifically about the statutory consultation(s) undertaken.

Assessment of Compliance - Required	
S42 Duty to consult	Yes
S47 Duty to consult local authority	Yes
S48 Duty to publicise	Yes

If you would like to give more detail on any of the above, please do so below.

Please keep it as succinct as possible and refer to facts and evidence related to consultation, rather than the merits of the application.

Additional comments - Not compulsory	
S42 Duty to consult	

S47 Duty to consult local authority	
S48 Duty to publicise	
Any other comments	