



# FIVE ESTUARIES OFFSHORE WIND FARM 10.10 STATEMENT OF COMMONALITY

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## DEFINITION OF ACRONYMS

Term	Definition
DCO	Development Consent Order
ExA	Examining Authority
MW	Megawatts
NSIP	National Significant Infrastructure Project
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
VE	Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm



## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

- 1.1.1 The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as VE) is the proposed extension to the operational Galloper Offshore Wind Farm. The project includes provision for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm located approximately 37 kilometres off the coast of Suffolk at its closest point in the southern North Sea; including up to 79 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure making landfall at Sandy Point between Frinton-on-Sea and Holland-on-Sea, the installation of underground cables, and the construction of an electrical substation and associated infrastructure near to the existing Lawford Substation to the west of Little Bromley in order to connect the development to National Grid's proposed East Anglia Connection Node substation, which would be located nearby.
- 1.1.2 All onshore connection infrastructure would be located in the administrative area of Tendring District Council, within Essex County Council. VE will have an overall capacity of greater than 100 Megawatts (MW) and therefore constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Section 15 (3) of the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.1.3 A full Project description is included in the Environmental Statement, in particular 6.2.1 Offshore Project Description [APP-069] and 6.3.1 Onshore Project Description [AS-004].

### **1.2 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

- 1.2.1 This Statement of Commonality has been prepared at the request of the Examining Authority.
- 1.2.2 This document sets out the progress of the various Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) the Applicant was requested to enter into by the Examining Authority (ExA). The topics set out in this Statement of Commonality are broader than the ones addressed in the specific SoCGs, which includes more details on the specific positions of each party.
- 1.2.3 The issues listed in this document have been taken from Relevant Representations general topics, the Environmental Statement chapters, the Project Wide chapters and supporting plans.

### **1.3 LIST OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND**

- 1.3.1 The Applicant was requested by the ExA to progress a Statement of Common Ground with the parties listed in the table below by the Examining Authority. The table sets out the list of parties and the status of each agreement.



**Table 1: List of Statements of Common Ground Requested**

Party	Status of SoCG
Affinity Water Limited	Draft in preparation.
Anglian Water	Draft version already shared with Interested Party.
Cadent Gas	Draft in preparation.
Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond	Draft in preparation.
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust	Final version signed 23 August 2024. Submitted at Deadline 1.
East Suffolk Council	Draft in preparation.
Environment Agency	Draft in preparation.
Essex County Council & Tendring District Council	Draft for Joint SoCG in preparation.
Essex County Fire and Rescue	Draft version prepared and shared with Interested Party.
Essex Police	Draft version prepared and shared with Interested Party.
Essex Wildlife Trust	Draft in preparation.
Harwich Haven Authority	Draft in preparation.
Historic England	Draft in preparation.
London Gateway Port Limited	Draft in preparation.
Marine Management Organisation	Draft in preparation. Awaiting engagement.
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Draft in preparation.
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations	Draft in preparation.
National Highways	Draft in preparation.
National Trust	Recent engagement between the Applicant and IP has concluded that a SoCG will no longer be required.



Party	Status of SoCG
Network Rail	Draft in preparation. Awaiting engagement.
Port of Felixstowe	Still awaiting response on engagement for a SoCG.
Port of London Authority	Draft in preparation.
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Draft in preparation. Awaiting engagement.
Suffolk County Council	Draft in preparation.
Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscape Partnership	Draft in preparation.
United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping	Draft in preparation.

- 1.3.2 As stated in 10.3 Statements of Common Ground – Position Statement [PD2-002], the German Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency and the Ministry of Defence have stated that they are not seeking to agree a SoCG. Therefore, they have not been included in Tables 1 and 3.
- 1.3.3 Also stated in PD2-002, National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC and the Applicant have agreed that the Tripartite Position Statement with North Falls Offshore Wind Farm adequately addresses the issues between the parties and a SoCG is not being progressed. Therefore, it has not been included in Tables 1 and 3.



## 2 STATEMENT OF COMMONALITY

- 2.1.1 The following section set out the level of agreement between the Applicant and the Interested Parties for each relevant topic. Table 3 details the positions of the Applicant alongside those of the other parties and whether the matters are agreed, not agreed, an ongoing point of discussion or not an issue.
- 2.1.2 In order to easily identify the status of each matter, Table 3 is colour coded according to the criteria below. Colours were chosen in order to ensure inclusivity for the visibility of data.

**Table 2: Position Status Key**

<b>POSITION STATUS</b>	<b>COLOUR CODE</b>
The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.	<b>Agreed</b>
The matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed' and is a matter where further discussion is required between the parties, for example where relevant documents are being prepared or reviewed.	<b>Ongoing point of discussion</b>
The matter is not agreed between the parties.	<b>Not agreed</b>
The matter is not an issue between the parties.	<b>Not an issue</b>





**Table 3: Statement of Commonality**

Party / Topic	DCO	Alternatives	Protection of existing assets / Infrastructure	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment / Compensation measures	Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes	Marine Water Sediment Quality	Offshore Ornithology	Benthic Intertidal Ecology	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Marine Mammals	Commercial Fisheries	Shipping and Navigation	Seascape, Landscape and Visual	Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Infrastructure and Other Marine Users	Military and Civil Aviation	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	Socio-Economics	Onshore Biodiversity	Ground Conditions and Land Use	Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Flood Risk	Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Traffic and Transport	Noise and Vibration	Air Quality	Climate Change	Human Health	Biodiversity Net Gain	
Affinity Water Limited			Yellow																				Yellow						
Anglian Water			Yellow																					Yellow					
Cadent Gas			Yellow																										
Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond	Yellow											Yellow																	
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust																								Teal			Teal		
East Suffolk Council				Yellow	Teal		Yellow						Yellow																
Environment Agency			Yellow																		Yellow	Yellow							
Essex County Council and Tendring District Council	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow														Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Essex County Fire and Rescue																								Teal			Teal		
Essex Police																								Teal			Teal		
Essex Wildlife Trust																				Yellow									Yellow
Harwich Haven Authority			Yellow									Yellow																	
Historic England															Yellow								Yellow						
London Gateway Port Limited			Yellow									Yellow			Yellow														
Marine Management Organisation	Yellow				Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow	Yellow				Yellow	Yellow														
Maritime and Coastguard Agency												Yellow																	
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations									Yellow		Yellow																		
National Highways	Yellow		Yellow																					Yellow					
National Trust				Yellow																									
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Royal Society for the Protection of Birds				Yellow			Yellow																						
Suffolk County Council													Yellow				Yellow		Yellow				Yellow						





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