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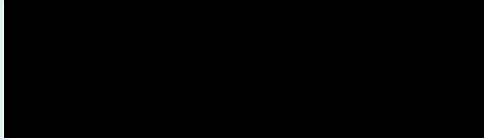
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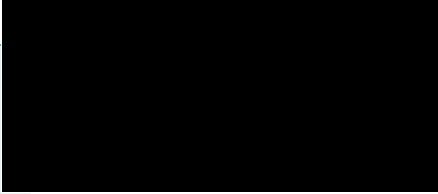
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DEFINITION OF ACRONYMS

Term	Definition
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
DCO	Development Consent Order
EEAST	East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
ETGs	Expert Topic Groups
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 BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared between Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited ('the Applicant') and East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) to set out the areas of agreement and disagreement between the two parties in relation to the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) application.
- 1.1.2 Following detailed discussions, the parties have sought to progress a SoCG, with the intention to provide the Planning Inspectorate with a clear overview of the level of common ground between both parties. This document will be updated if any additional points are identified or any positions change during the Examination.

1.2 APPROACH TO SOCG

- 1.2.1 This SoCG sets out a brief summary of the issues subject to disagreement or agreement, a proposed resolution by the Applicant, the position from EEAST, and a colour coding to illustrate the level of agreement and/or materiality.
- 1.2.2 Further information on the approach is set out by the Applicant in 9.33 Approach to Statements of Common Ground (APP-266) submitted as part of the DCO application.

1.3 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 1.3.1 The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (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.
- 1.3.2 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 the Section 15 (3) of the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.3.3 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 - Revision B (ASP-004).



2 EAST OF ENGLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST (EEAST) REMIT

2.1 INTRODUCTION

2.1.1 EEAST provide accident and emergency services for people in need of urgent medical treatment and transport in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. The service ensures patients with serious or life-threatening injuries and illnesses are provided with care every day, throughout the year. The EEAST is made up of over 5,000 members of staff and over 1,000 volunteers, operating from three centres located in Bedford, Chelmsford and Norwich.

2.1.2 The following application documents have informed the discussions with EEAST and address the elements of VE that may affect the interests of the interested party:

- > 6.3.8 Traffic and Transport (APP-090)
- > 6.4.2 Human Health and Major Disasters – Revision B (AS-005)
- > 9.21 Code of Construction Practice (APP-253)

2.1.3 The main areas of interest raised by EEAST were the following:

- > The temporary closure of roads and the disruption to traffic in the region during construction, impacting the time of emergency response provided by EEAST;
- > Health and Safety procedures during construction and operation, which if properly maintained, can improve the capacity for emergency response on site;
- > The amount of non-resident workforce during construction, potentially impacting the local health care provision.

2.1.4 EEAST and the Applicant have been working together to minimise possible impacts of the project on the EEAST's operations.

2.1.5 The Applicant notes that EEAST has submitted a relevant representation (RR-023) to the ExA. The issues raised have informed the drafting of this statement of common ground.

2.2 CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Since 2019, the project has been engaging with relevant stakeholders through different levels of activity. The project has undertaken the necessary consultations before submitting the application and has held Expert Topic Groups (ETGs) on a number of specific topics, as well as bilateral meetings with key stakeholders. The EEAST has replied to the Stage 1 consultation and to the Section 42 consultation as an appendix for the overarching submission made by the NHS Suffolk & North East Essex Integrated Care Board. The comments received and the meetings between the project and the interested party have informed the basis for this SoCG.



3 AGREEMENTS LOG

- 3.1.1 The following sections of this SoCG set out the level of agreement between the Applicant and EEAST for each relevant component of the Application identified in paragraph 2.1.3. The tables below detail the positions of the Applicant alongside those of EEAST and whether the matter is agreed or not agreed.
- 3.1.2 In order to easily identify whether a matter is 'agreed', 'not agreed' or an 'ongoing point of discussion', the agreements logs in the tables below are colour coded to represent the status of the position according to the criteria in Table 3.1 below. Colours were chosen in order to ensure inclusivity for the visibility of data.

Table 3.1: Position Status key

POSITION STATUS	COLOUR CODE
The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.	Agreed
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.	Ongoing point of discussion
The matter is not agreed between the parties.	Not agreed



Table 3.2 Agreements Log

Issue	Proposed Resolution	EEAST Position	Position Status
<p>The temporary closure of roads and the disruption to traffic in the region during construction, impacting the time of emergency response provided by EEAST.</p>	<p>Additional text has been added to 9.21 Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) paragraph 2.4.4 to address these concerns. The revised 2.4.4 commits the contractors to the development and implementation of a Communications and Public Relations Procedure, it specifically includes “blue light services” such as EEAST, will be informed of potential disruption to the road network from the construction (e.g. any temporary road closures). Compliance with the CoCP is secured by requirement within the draft DCO.</p>	<p>EEAST is satisfied the revised wording addresses the issue raised and is now “agreed”.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p>Health and Safety procedures during construction and operation, which if properly maintained, can improve the capacity for emergency response on site.</p>	<p>9.21 Code of Construction Practice - Rev B (TBC) - sections 3.3 and 3.4. will be updated to agreed drafting that includes additional detail on specific requirement for onsite provision of emergency medical equipment.</p>	<p>EEAST is satisfied the revised wording addresses the issue raised and is now “agreed”.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>
<p>The amount of non-resident workforce during construction, potentially impacting the local health care provision.</p>	<p>The construction workforce numbers presented in the ES and considered in 6.4.2 Human Health and Major Disasters – Rev B (AS-005), Table 2.20, concluded the impacts were not significant.</p>	<p>Based on the workforce numbers included within the application, EEAST agrees with the applicants assessment.</p>	<p>Agreed</p>



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