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Five Estuaries Case Team  
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Via Portal

Dear Case Team,

**FIVE ESTUARIES OFFSHORE WIND FARM (EN010115)**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (IP reference: 20049304)**  
**SCC DEADLINE 7 SUBMISSIONS**

Please find attached Suffolk County Council's Deadline 7 submission, titled 'SCC D7 Response to ExQ3'.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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## **Suffolk County Council (20049304)**

### **Answers to Examining Authority's Third Written Questions (ExQ3)**

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### 1 Glossary of Acronyms

<i>ExQ1</i>	<i>Examining Authority’s First Written Questions</i>
<i>ExQ3</i>	<i>Examining Authority’s Third Written Questions</i>
<i>LIR</i>	<i>Local Impact Report</i>

*“The Council” / “SCC” refers to Suffolk County Council*

### 2 Purpose of this Submission

This document has been prepared by Suffolk County Council (“SCC”) in response to the Examining Authority’s Third Written Questions (“ExQ3”) and is based on a template provided by the Planning Inspectorate case team. For ease of use, questions which are not addressed to Suffolk County Council have been deleted and where another authority is the Lead Authority, this has been attributed. Examination Library references have been used throughout to assist readers.

### 3 **Answers to Examining Authority’s Third Written Questions (ExQ3)**

	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Local Authority Answer</b>
General and Cross-topic questions (GC)			
Climate Change (CC)			
Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)			
Historic Environment including Marine Archaeology (HE)			
Land Rights (Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP) etc) (LR)			
Marine Ecology (ME)			
<b>Aquatic Ecology</b>			
<b>Protected Species - Bats</b>			

	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Local Authority Answer</b>
		Ecology Onshore (EO)	
		Navigation and Shipping (NS)	
		Socio Economic Effects (SEE)	
		Seascape, Landscape and Visual (SLV)	
		Terrestrial Transport and Traffic (TT)	

	Question to:	Question	Local Authority Answer
TT.3.02	<p>National Highways, Essex County Council and Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Applicant</p>	<p><b>Projects considered within cumulative assessment of traffic effects</b></p> <p>As agreed during ISH3, please confirm that the projects set out in Section 8.12 of the Traffic and Transport Chapter of the Environmental Statement (ES) (current draft version of which is found at Appendix 3 of the Applicant’s response to ISH3 Action Points [REP3-023]) can be treated as a finalised list of projects scoped in or out of assessment at the close of this Examination. If there are any new projects not currently captured in the above, please provide sufficient detail of the project(s) such that the Applicant can consider whether or not they should be added into a finalised version of the cumulative assessment of traffic effects.</p> <p><b>For the Applicant</b> – please confirm that you will be submitting a final version of the ES Traffic and Transport Chapter, and any supporting documents into the Examination incorporating the</p>	<p>SCC has made several representations on its position regarding projects considered within the cumulative assessment of traffic effects. These include SCC’s Local Impact Report (“LIR”) (paragraphs 8.12, [REP2-046]), its response to the Examining Authority’s First Written Questions (“ExQ1”) (questions GC.1.01 TT.1.03, [REP2-047]) and comments on deadline 3 submissions (ref. SCC.07 to SCC.08, [REP4-048]). SCC’s final submission on this topic was in its comments on deadline 5 submissions (Ref. 5, [REP6-071]) in which SCC stated that it would defer to Essex County Council regarding the scoping out of Bramford to Twinstead from the traffic and transport assessment given the location of the relevant A12 junctions in Essex. SCC does not propose any other projects not currently included within the finalised list of projects scoped in or out of the assessment to be added.</p>

	<b>Question to:</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Local Authority Answer</b>
		changes in [REP3-023] and any further necessary amendments by no later than Deadline 8.	
Onshore Water, Hydrology and Flood Risk (WE)			
Land Use and Agriculture (LU)			