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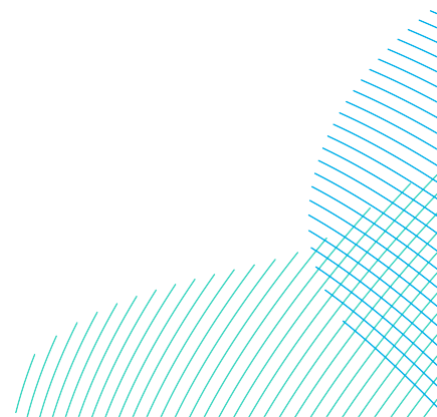
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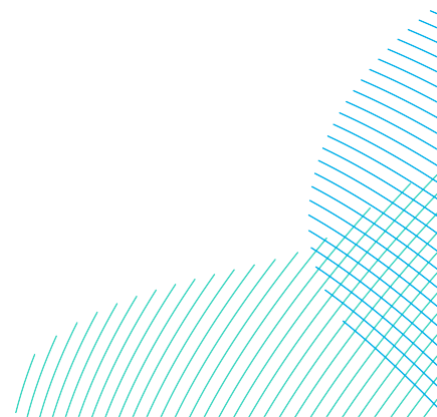
Glossary

Term	Definition
Dogger Bank South (DBS) Offshore Wind Farms	The collective name for the two Projects, DBS East and DBS West.
Scoping Opinion	The report adopted by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.
Scoping Report	The report that was produced in order to request a Scoping Opinion from the Secretary of State.
The Applicants	The Applicants for the Projects are RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited. The Applicants are themselves jointly owned by the RWE Group of companies (51% stake) and Masdar (49% stake).
The Projects	DBS East and DBS West (collectively referred to as the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms).



Acronyms

Term	Definition
DCO	Development Consent Order
ES	Environmental Statement
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report



28.1 Consultation Responses

28.1.1 Introduction

1. This appendix covers those statutory consultation responses that have been received as a response to the Scoping Report (2022) and the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) (2023).
2. Response from stakeholders and regard given by the Applicants have been captured in **Table 18-1-1**.

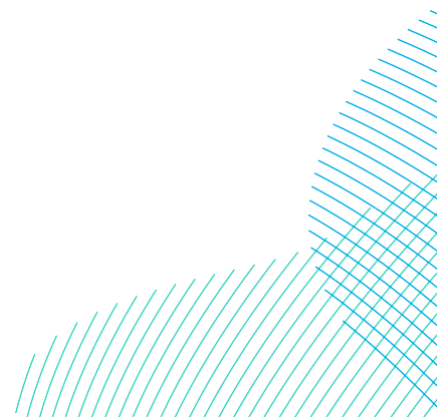
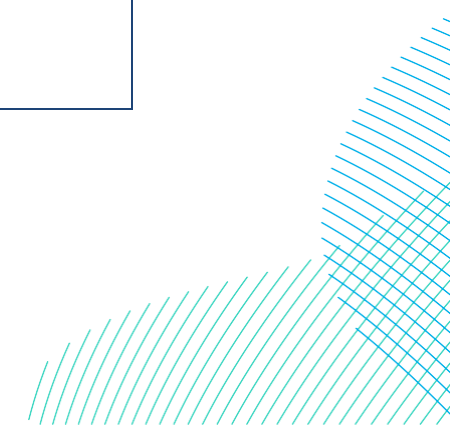
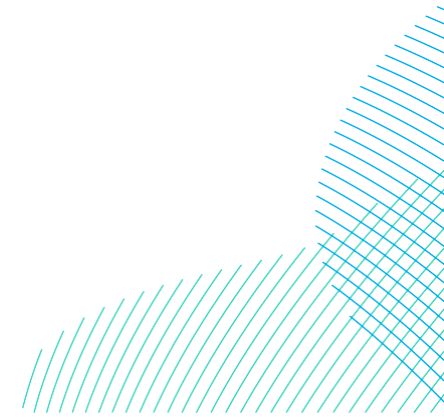


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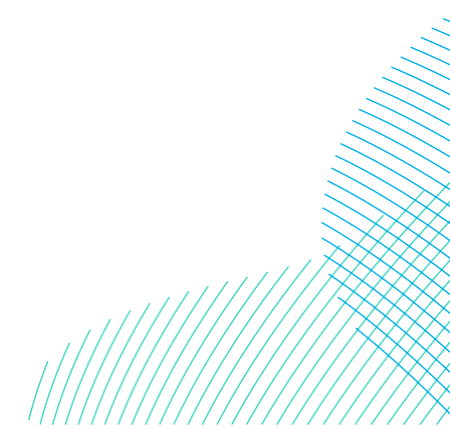
Comment	Project Response
<p>The Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion 02/09/2022</p>	
<p>The Scoping Report states in Paragraph 913 that the operational impacts associated with these matters will be negligible. On the basis of the information provided on the nature and characteristics of the proposals, the Inspectorate agrees that significant effects in operation are unlikely in relation to buried infrastructure. However, consideration should be given in the ES to potential effects of the presence of the substation(s), and an assessment made of any likely significant effects where these could occur.</p>	<p>The tourism and recreation assessment, including the operational impacts are covered in Volume 7, Chapter 29 Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 7.29).</p>
<p>It is also noted that ‘disturbance to social infrastructure’ is not scoped out in Table 4-1 which contradicts Paragraph 913, and it is not clear if the impacts identified in Table 4-2 are related to construction, as if not there is also a discrepancy with Table 4-1 and Paragraph 913. The potential impacts for each project phase should be clearly set out in the ES.</p> <p>The Inspectorate does not agree that these matters can be scoped out in relation to the substations.</p>	<p>The disturbance to social infrastructure as a result of noise, visual and traffic impacts, including from the Onshore Converter Stations, is considered in sections 28.6.1.6 and 28.6.2.4 of Volume 7, Chapter 28 Socio-economics (application ref: 7.28).</p>



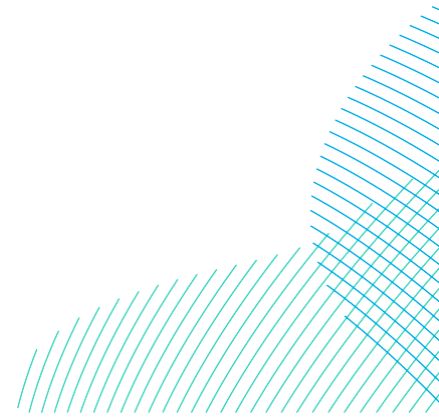
Comment	Project Response
<p>The Scoping Report states that the socio-economics chapter covers both offshore and onshore matters but refers to commercial fishing being addressed in section 2.9, commercial shipping in section 2.10, and dredging operations in section 2.12. However, these Sections do not provide information on potential socio-economic effects or the intended approach to assessment in the ES, aside from 2.9 which identifies potential impacts to fishing supply chains.</p> <p>Offshore socio-economic matters should be assessed in the ES where significant effects are likely. The ES must clearly explain which matters are included in each assessment and the inter-relationships between them, to avoid duplication or omission.</p>	<p>Reference to economic impacts from commercial fishing and commercial shipping is made in sections 28.6.1.2.1.1, 28.6.1.2.1.2, 28.6.1.2.1.3, 28.6.2.1.1.1, 28.6.2.1.1.2, 28.6.2.1.1.3 of Volume 7, Chapter 28 Socio-economics (application ref: 7.28).</p>



Comment	Project Response
<p>The ES should assess the impacts during construction and operation of potential severance issues resulting from the onshore cable corridor and other infrastructure, for farmers and other landowners. Measures should be included within the DCO to ensure farmers and other landowners' ability to access and move their livestock and ability to access their land is not hindered. The ES should assess severance issues as a result of the onshore elements of the Proposed Development on the function of local settlements and their ability to act as cohesive communities.</p>	<p>The social and economic impacts of the potential significant effects on agricultural land use is considered in sections 28.6.1.2, 28.6.2.1 and 28.6.3.1 of Volume 7, Chapter 28 Socio-economics (application ref: 7.28). Further details can also be found in Volume 7, Chapter 21 Land Use (application ref: 7.21).</p> <p>The impact of severance on community amenity is considered in Volume 7, Chapter 24 Traffic and Transport (application ref: 7.24).</p>
<p>Section 42 Consultation - Orsted 17/07/2023</p>	
<p>The submission considers interaction with Hornsea Project 4, including the onshore substation and access route, and onshore and offshore export cable corridors. Orsted suggests that there are potential cumulative impacts on fishing and navigation that need to be reappraised.</p>	<p>Economic implications from impacts on fishing and navigation are considered in sections 28.6.1.2.1.1, 28.6.1.2.1.2, 28.6.1.2.1.3, 28.6.2.1.1.1, 28.6.2.1.1.2, 28.6.2.1.1.3 of Volume 7, Chapter 28 Socio-economics (application ref: 7.28).</p>



Comment	Project Response
Section 42 Consultation - Swedish Pelagic Federation 27/06/2023	
Swedish Pelagic Federation indicates that cumulative effects on fisheries in a larger regional context should be considered as well as the fishermen's compensation by the windmill companies both for the loss of fishing waters and fishing opportunities.	Economic implications from impacts on commercial fisheries are considered in sections 28.6.2.1.1.1, 28.6.2.1.1.2, 28.6.2.1.1.3 of Volume 7, Chapter 28 Socio-economics (application ref: 7.28) .



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