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# Glossary

Term	Definition
Baseline	The existing conditions as represented by the latest available survey and other data which is used as a benchmark for making comparisons to assess the impact of the Projects
Effect	Term used to express the consequence of an impact. The significance of an effect is determined by correlating the magnitude of the impact with the value, or sensitivity, of the receptor or resource in accordance with defined significance criteria.
Impact	Used to describe a change resulting from an activity via the Projects, i.e. increased suspended sediments / increased noise.
Landfall	The point on the coastline at which the Offshore Export Cables are brought onshore, connecting to the onshore cables at the Transition Joint Bay (TJB) above mean high water.
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 Projects	DBS East and DBS West (collectively referred to as the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms).



# **Acronyms**

Term	Definition
ECP	England Coast Path
ES	Environmental Statement
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report



# **29.1 Consultation Reponses**

# 29.1.1 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 29-1-1**.

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Table 29-1-1 Consultation Responses Related to Volume 7, Chapter 29 Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 7.29)

Comment	Project Response	
The Planning Inspectorate Scoping Opinion 02/09/2022		
Planning Inspectorate ID 5.1.1: The Inspectorate agrees that disruption to tourism and recreation from the operations of the buried onshore infrastructure can be scoped out of the assessment, however impacts associated with the onshore substation(s) should be included.	The scope of the tourism and recreation assessment has been described in section 29.3 of <b>Volume 7, Chapter 29 Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 7.29)</b> . This is then reflected in the assessment carried out in section 29.6.	
Planning Inspectorate ID 5.1.1: The Inspectorate agrees that disturbance to social infrastructure from noise, visual and traffic, of the operations of the buried onshore infrastructure can be scoped out of the assessment, however impacts associated with the onshore substation(s) should be included.	The disturbance to social infrastructure as a result of noise, visual and traffic impacts of the substation are considered based upon review of relevant ES chapters covering those subjects. Impacts have only been considered if significant effects are identified in these chapters.	
Section 42 Consultation - East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston upon Hull Joint Local Access Forum July 2023		
Joint Local Access Forum suggests the ECP (The King Charles III England Coast Path) should be recognised as an additional nationally important receptor when taking	The ECP (The King Charles III England Coast Path) is included in the Volume 7, Chapter 29 Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 7.29) baseline (section 29.5.6) and	

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Comment	Project Response
into consideration sensitivity and magnitude of the impact of the Projects.	considered within the assessment of effects on tourism and recreation (section 29.6).
Section 42 Consultation - Beverley Ramblers - Ramblers	Association July 2023
The Minster Way foot path to the North of Beverley would be adversely affected by the scheme, if the cable route were to the North of Beverley.	The Minster Way is considered as part of the Volume 7, Chapter 29 Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 7.29) baseline (section 29.5.6) and within the assessment of effects on tourism and recreation (section 29.6). Any potential impacts from works relating to the Onshore Export Cable Corridor will be temporary, with any affected land being reinstated following construction works concluding.
Section 42 Consultation - Haven Leisure July 2023	
The assessment of effects on tourism and recreation during the construction period shows a minor adverse and insignificant impact. There is also no specific reference to Far Grange (and all its operations) as a receptor within the PEIR and this needs to be re-examined.	Far Grange Holiday Park is included in the <b>Volume 7, Chapter 29 Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 7.29)</b> baseline (section 29.5.7) and within the assessment of effects on tourism and recreation (section 29.6).

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Comment	Project Response
Section 42 Consultation – O White July 2023	
The indicative substation temporary construction compounds (edged orange) directly adjoin our Client's caravan and camping site (edged blue). The disturbance that the caravan and camping site will suffer is likely to be significant during both the construction	In the worst case Sequential Scenario construction works are to be completed for both Projects simultaneously in the first four years, with additional works in the Onshore Substation Zone and at cable joint bays in the following two years.  Maximum duration of effects of six years.
phase, as well as during operation.	Moderate adverse temporary construction impacts are identified in section 23.6.1.2.3.1 of Volume 7, Chapter 23  Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (application ref: 7.23). However, on completion of all construction works, construction effects on the Butt Farm viewpoint would be superseded by the operational effects, which are assessed in section 23.6.2.3.1 as a significant residual adverse effect (moderate adverse). A significant adverse effect has also been identified in Volume 7, Chapter 29 Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 7.29) on Butt Farm campsite. By year 10, the mitigation planting to the north of the Onshore Converter Stations is expected to be effective in partly screening and filtering views of the Onshore Converter Stations, with vegetation expected to be around 8-10 m in height (modelled in the photomontage). The vegetation would

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Comment	Project Response
	largely screen the lower elements of the Onshore Converter Stations, however, the upper parts of the Onshore Converter Stations such as the roofs of the buildings would still be visible on the skyline. The amount of screening provided by the planting would continue to increase as the trees mature with age.
	Any reasonable loss of business including business extinguishment will be a compensable matter and dealt with by the Applicants lands team.
The impact of the presence of the substation after construction, whichever scenario is chosen, is likely to also have an impact on the long term viability of the caravan and camping site due to the affect on the visual amenity of the area.	As above.

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