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Memorandum

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Introduction

The Applicants have agreed a process with Historic Environment Stakeholders through the Evidence Plan Process (EPP) for the provision of reporting from the ongoing archaeological surveys. This is referenced in **Volume 7, Appendix 22-1 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Consultation Responses [APP-174]**.

Historic Environment Stakeholders agreed to the provision of results from any ongoing archaeological surveys on a rolling basis throughout the pre-examination and examination period and beyond. This approach is increasingly recognised as acceptable to Historic Environment Stakeholders in the development of onshore infrastructure for large-scale offshore wind development; whereby it is recognised that archaeological evaluation is ongoing throughout the pre-submission, examination and post-consent phases. This approach helps to alleviate programme pressure, and to better understand archaeological risks and mitigation planning during construction; should consent be awarded.

It was agreed with Heritage stakeholders that sufficient geophysical survey and trial trenching information was carried out pre-application (and included within the DCO submission) for purpose of the examination in accordance with NPS EN-1 Section 5.9.11.

The Phase 2 evaluation trenching campaign ran from May to September 2024, covering six areas of the Onshore Export cable route (Figure 1). The interim results of the Phase 2 Trial Trenching in these areas are briefly discussed below in terms of alignment with anticipated levels of archaeology and potential impacts/effects as described in **Chapter 22 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage [APP-172]**.

The final report for Phase 2 Trial Trenching is expected to be available to Historic Environment Stakeholders by February 2025 (and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate at Deadline 5) to allow for completion of all specialist analysis. The Applicants note that it has been agreed with Historic Environment Stakeholders that the final Phase 2 report is not required to inform an assessment of the potential effects of the proposed development and should be considered as early pre-construction evaluation to inform post-consent mitigation, should consent be awarded.

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In all Sections that were investigated, the Phase 2 evaluation trenching identified archaeological remains of the same or lower significance than those predicted in **Chapter 22 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage** [APP-172]. This is consistent with the approach adopted in the ES of stating a precautionary valuation of predicted archaeological remains for the purpose of impact assessment.

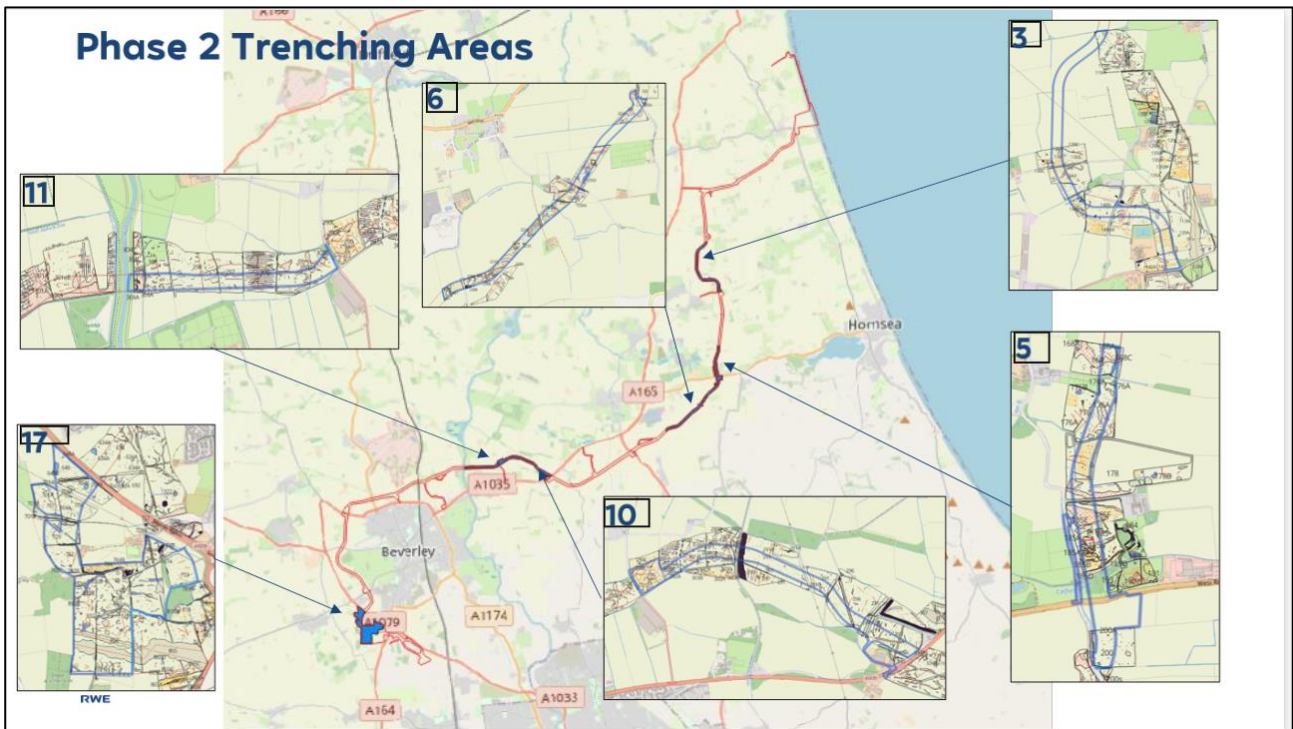


Figure 1 Phase 2 Archaeological Trial Trenching Areas.

Section 10: Routh East

Archaeological remains were encountered throughout Section 10, generally comprising scattered remains of agricultural activity and field boundaries, with limited concentrations of features towards the southeast and northwestern ends of the Section (AOC 2024a).

These results broadly correlate with anticipated levels of archaeology as predicted in the geophysical survey results for fields 315, 296, 291, 280 & 290 (**Appendix 22-7 - Geophysical Assessment Report Parts 1 to 9**) [APPs 180 to 188]. All areas of Section 10 generally had more archaeological features than were visible on the geophysical survey however no dense concentrations of highly productive features were identified suggesting this area was peripheral to past domestic activities.

The findings are consistent with the geophysical survey results (within the southeastern end of the Section) and overall anticipated density, character and value of archaeology as summarised in **Chapter 22 – Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage** [APP-172] with no dense concentrations of features or settlement activity being encountered during the Phase 2 evaluation trenching.

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Section 11: Routh West

In general, limited archaeological activity was observed throughout Section 11, with no notable concentrations of features (AOC 2024b). The findings are consistent with the geophysical survey results (**Appendix 22-7 - Geophysical Assessment Report Parts 1 to 9**) [APPs 180 to 188] and are less than the predicted level and significance of archaeology predicted in **Chapter 22 – Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage** [APP-172]. The ES highlighted a potential for associated remains with *Eske medieval settlement and field system, west and south of Eske Manor (NHLE 1005216)* located 280 meters to the north of Section 11. The phase 2 evaluation trenching did not, however, identify any such remains.

Section 3: Nunkeeling

In general, limited archaeological activity was observed throughout Section 3 (AOC 2024c). The findings are consistent with the low density of features identified in the geophysical survey results **Appendix 22-7 - Geophysical Assessment Report Parts 1 to 9** [APP 180 to 188].

There was potential for remains associated with the deserted medieval village of Nunkeeling (**Chapter 22 – Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage**) [APP-172] to be present within this Section, however no such remains were identified during the phase 2 evaluation trenching. A number of undated features were encountered comprising gully and linear ditch features likely pre-dating the post-medieval period and may comprise an associated field system.

The geophysical survey identified two parallel linear anomalies (140cA) which were interpreted as possibly being associated with a Roman road running between Bridlington and Hull (MHU1007) or the former airfield (APS_105). The trenching, however, identified these linear anomalies as undated furrows.

Section 17: Substation

In general, limited archaeological activity was encountered throughout Section 17 (AOC 2024d). Evidence of Iron Age or Romano-British landuse, taking the form of field boundaries and / or drainage features, was recorded within three trenches within the area and further features (furrows, gullies, and ditches) across the Section suggested a continuing agricultural use of the land throughout the medieval and post-medieval periods.

The results align with those from the Phase 1 works submitted with the DCO (**Appendix 22-8 - Interim Archaeological Evaluation Report**) [APP-189] which noted relatively low levels of archaeologically significant activity outwith an area containing well preserved Roman trackway ditches and settlement evidence in the southeastern corner of Section 17 (now outside the Onshore Development Area).

The results are less than predicted in the northern fields, in particular to the south of the scheduled *Heavy Anti-aircraft gunsite, 350m west of Butt Farm (NHLE 1019186)*, where **Chapter 22 – Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage** [APP-172] noted potential for associated remains such as the site of radar equipment and associated structures, which was not identified in the evaluation trenching. This apparent

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absence of archaeological remains reflects the comparatively ephemeral nature of the ancillary components of this type of site.

Accompanying Interim Reports

AOC Archaeology (2024a) Interim Archaeological Evaluation Report Phase 2 Trenching: Section 10, Routh East

AOC Archaeology (2024b) Interim Archaeological Evaluation Report Phase 2 Trenching: Section 11, Routh West

AOC Archaeology (2024c) Interim Archaeological Evaluation Report Phase 2 Trenching: Section 3, Nunkeeling

AOC Archaeology (2024d) Interim Archaeological Evaluation Report Phase 2 Trenching: Section 17, Substation