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Abbreviations / Acronyms

Acronym	Expanded name
AfL	Agreement for Lease
ВН	Borehole
СРТ	Cone Penetration Tests
ECC	Export Cable Corridor
GC	Gravity Cores
GT R4 Limited	The Applicant. The special project vehicle created in partnership between Corio
	Generation (a wholly owned Green Investment Group portfolio company), Gulf
	Energy Development and TotalEnergies
MA	Maritime Archaeology Ltd
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MLWS	Mean Low Water Springs
NSPRMF	North Sea Prehistory Research and Management Framework
ODOW	
PAD	Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
SBP	Sub-Bottom Profiler
VC	Vibrocore
WSI	Written Scheme of Investigation

Terminology

Term	Definition
Agreement for Lease (AfL)	The area of the seabed awarded to GT R4 Ltd. through an Agreement for Lease (AfL) for the development of an offshore wind farm, as part of The Crown Estate's Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4.
Array Area	The area offshore within which the generating station (including wind turbine generators (WTG) and inter array cables), offshore accommodation platforms, offshore transformer substations and associated cabling will be positioned.
Cores	Refers to the soil samples collected by the Vibrocorer
Document	A document can be anything that is written, drawn, depicted, photographed or recorded on a material such as paper or in a digital program / media
The Applicant	GT R4 Ltd. The Applicant making the application for a DCO. The Applicant is GT R4 Limited (a joint venture between Corio Generation, Tota Energies and Gulf Energy Development (GULF)), trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore



Term	Definition
	Wind. The Project is being developed by Corio Generation (a wholly owned
	Green Investment Group portfolio company), TotalEnergies and GULF.
The Project	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, an offshore wind generating station
	together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Shall	Indicates that a provision is mandatory
Should	Indicates that a provision is not mandatory but is recommended as
	good practice
Enviros	Enviros Survey & Consultancy Ltd

Reference Documentation

Document Number	Title
6.1.3	Chapter 3: Project Description



1 Introduction

- 1. GTR4 Ltd (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) hereafter referred to as the 'Applicant', is proposing to develop Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (ODOW) ('the Project'). The Project Array area will be located approximately 54km from the Lincolnshire coastline in the southern North Sea. The Project will include both offshore and onshore infrastructure including an offshore generating station (windfarm), export cables to landfall, and connection to the electricity transmission network, ancillary and associated development and areas for the delivery of up to two Artificial Nesting Structures (ANS) and the creation of a biogenic reef (if these compensation measures are deemed to be required by the Secretary of State) (see Volume 1, Chapter 3 Project Description (document reference 6.1.3) for full details).
- 2. This report presents a Phase One geoarchaeological assessment of Vibrocores (VCs) collected in 2022 as part of the pre-construction engineering campaign at the proposed Project area.
- 3. This Phase One geoarchaeological report summarises the current understanding and geoarchaeological potential of the material collected to date and presents Phase Two recommendations for cores and samples collected in the windfarm area.
- 4. This geoarchaeological report has been produced by Maritime Archaeology (MA) on behalf of the Applicant.

1.1 Geoarchaeological Background

- 5. The marine archaeological resource can be characterised into the following five main categories of sites and features:
 - Submerged prehistoric landscapes related to fluctuations in past sea-level. Such landscapes may contain significant evidence of prehistoric human occupation and/or environmental change.
 - Archaeological remains of vessels deposited after a wrecking event at sea or abandoned in an intertidal context.
 - Remains of aircraft crash sites, either coherent assemblages or scattered material, typically the result of Second World War (WWII) military conflict, but also numerous passenger casualties. This category includes aircraft, airships and other dirigibles dating to the First World War (WWI); however, these rarely survive within the archaeological record.
 - Structural remains other than watercraft, such as defensive structures, lighthouses or sites lost to the sea as a result of coastal erosion, may be found within the intertidal zone (between MLWS and MHWS).
 - Historic Seascape Character: the historic cultural influences which shape present perception of seascape, its use and its ability to accommodate change.
- 6. A comprehensive archaeological desk-based assessment has been produced to support the application (Volume 1, Chapter 13 Marine and Intertidal Archaeology), prior to the writing of this geoarchaeology Phase One report. The previously submitted Technical Report (Volume 5, Annex 7.1) included a preliminary deposit model, based on Sub-Bottom Profiler (SBP) data.



- 7. No geoarchaeological investigations or assessments have been conducted in the AfL Array Area in association with the Project, prior to the writing of this report. However, previous geoarchaeological assessments have been undertaken in this area of the North Sea. These previous studies, such as the North Sea Palaeolandscapes Project (NSPP) have been used to assess the geoarchaeology of the Project area.
- 8. This report is Phase One of five Phases (see section 3.2). The geoarchaeological assessment in this report focuses on submerged prehistoric landscapes and will assess the geoarchaeological potential of core logs produced during the geotechnical campaigns undertaken between 26th February and 6th March 2022.

1.2 Aims and Objectives

- 9. The main aim of the Phase One geoarchaeological report is to understand the geoarchaeological potential of the sub-seafloor deposits within the Project.
- 10. The objectives of this Phase One report are as follows;
 - Assess the available core logs for geoarchaeological potential to improve our understanding of the archaeological and palaeoenvironmental capacity within the Project;
 - Provide a preliminary understanding of the palaeoenvironmental context, using the outline deposit model and core logs;
 - Cross reference all collected cores against the sub-bottom data collected for the Project as well as palaeolandscape features identified in the North Sea Palaeolandscape project (University of Birmingham, 2011);
 - Present recommendations for Phase Two assessment as per the outlined methodology, Section 3.2.



2 Geotechnical Site Investigations

- 11. Enviros Survey and Consultancy Ltd (Enviros) were appointed to conduct geotechnical investigations of the Array Area for the Project. Investigations took place from 26th February to 6th March 2022.
- 12. During this survey period 50 VCs were successfully collected, using the survey vessel MV Glomar Vantage. While a 6m Vibrocorer was used, a maximum penetration range of up to 5.5m and a maximum soil recovery of 5.5m were achieved for the VCs. Additionally, 73 BHs were collected in the offshore ECC. A separate report discusses their geoarchaeological potential.

3 Methodology

- 13. The geoarchaeological assessment methodology is based around two main articles of guidance; Offshore Geotechnical Investigations and Historic Environment Analysis: Guidance for the Renewable Energy Sector (COWRIE, 2011). As well as Environmental Archaeology: a guide to the theory and practice of methods, from sampling to post excavation and Deposit Modelling and Archaeology: Guidance for Mapping Buried Deposits, Historic England (2020).
- 14. The Phased approach utilised, as set out in Section 22 will allow a directed development of our collective understanding of the historic environment of the offshore zone and thereby offsetting potential impacts through public benefit in line with the previously submitted Outline Marine WSI (Volume 5, Annex 7.2) document and guidance in Offshore Geotechnical Investigation and Historic Environment Analysis: Guidance for the Offshore Renewable Energy Sector, COWRIE (2011).
- 15. This Phase One geoarchaeological assessment will take the North Sea Prehistory Research and Management Framework (NSPRMF) into account when making recommendations for further Phase Two works. The programme of geotechnical works will allow for a maximisation of this opportunity to align with the goals of the NSPRMF. In addition to the ability to fully utilise the results from the currently completed and further planned site investigation works.
- 16. All core locations have also been compared to The North Sea Palaeolandscapes Project (NSPP), (University of Birmingham, 2011) data and the results are presented below.

3.1 Geoarchaeology briefing session

- 17. While the VC locations were not selected by an archaeologist, MA provided the geotechnical contractors with an archaeological briefing session, drawing on information contained in *Offshore Geotechnical Investigations and Historic Environment Analysis: Guidance for the Renewable Energy Sector* (COWRIE, 2011). The presentation aimed at increasing awareness of archaeological needs throughout the geotechnical campaign. The session was provided in person at the laboratories in Bristol, UK and to client representatives onboard coring vessels.
- 18. The overarching purpose of the briefing provided was to enable geotechnical staff working offshore to operate without the presence of an archaeologist on-board the vessel, or the onshore lab while obtaining basic records to appropriate archaeological standards.
- 19. The presentation covered the following key issues and elements:
 - Introduction;
 - How geotechnical survey is relevant to archaeological investigations;
 - Broad background to prehistoric archaeology in offshore contexts, including areas and sites as well as find spots from submerged contexts;
 - Sediment types: which are typically of geoarchaeological potential;



- Overview of the archaeological assessment sequence;
- Core logging;
- Sampling;
- Analysis and assessment;
- Modelling;
- Reporting;
- Key issues: storing of samples; access to samples; co-operation with other users of samples; collection of archaeology-only sample(s);
- Recording and documentation procedures, including logging, coding and storage of samples in accordance with the documents and guidelines;
- Information on the procedure to be followed in the event of unexpected archaeological discoveries using a project specific Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries (PAD);
- Summary & Conclusion; and
- Question & Answer Session.
- 20. In addition, a range of briefing material was incorporated, including hand-outs and guidance sheets which were distributed over email and made available to all attendees.

3.2 Geoarchaeological methodology

- 21. This geoarchaeological campaign was one part of the mitigation strategies in place to offset the impacts to archaeological resources from the ground investigations as well as generate geoarchaeological data in support of future geotechnical campaigns.
- 22. The assessment of geotechnical cores for deposits of archaeological potential is following a phased approach as described in The Crown Estate, 2010, COWRIE, 2011, and English Heritage, 2011. The proposed phased approach is composed of the following elements:
 - Phase One Desk based assessment: archaeological review of geotechnical logs (this and the corresponding ECC report);
 - Phase Two Splitting and recording geotechnical cores;
 - Phase Three Sub-sampling and assessment;
 - Phase Four Analysis and dating; and
 - Phase Five Reporting (including publication).
- 23. This project format is designed to flow sequentially with each phase leading to the subsequent phase of work or representing the end of the assessment if the findings of any stage show that no further work is necessary. Each phase will build on the outline deposit model (Table 1.1), adding more detail and context until the final report is written.



3.3 Phase One – Desk-Based Assessment: Archaeological Review of Geotechnical logs

- 24. Initial core recording conducted either onboard the offshore site investigation vessels or in the onshore lab was undertaken by staff who had undertaken the briefing session as described in Section 3.1. All core logs derived from the collection of geotechnical vibrocores and produced by the geotechnicians were reviewed by a qualified marine archaeologist for the purpose of this Phase One report. Logs that had the potential to contain sediments or layers of possible geoarchaeological potential were identified and the results are presented in Section 4.
- 25. The VCs collected in the Array were assessed individually for geoarchaeological potential by referencing the core logs against palaeoenvironmental features, such as palaeolakes and palaeochannels previously identified by the NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011) and analysis of the sub-bottom profiler data detailed in Volume 5, Annex 7.1 and summarised in section 4.1. All core locations were given an assessment grade as outlined below, indicating their geoarchaeological potential.
 - **None;** geoarchaeological potential cannot be determined, for example the core does not reach any Units of geoarchaeological potential.
 - Low; the geoarchaeological potential is assessed as low, for example it reaches either a Unit that has geoarchaeological potential or is located within or close to a palaeo-feature.
 - **High;** The geoarchaeological potential is assessed as high, for example the core reaches both a Unit that has geoarchaeological potential and is located in a palaeo-feature.
- 26. Only the cores defined as having **high** geoarchaeological potential have been recommended for Phase Two assessment.
- 27. The results of the Phase One assessment are presented in Section 4 below and subsequent recommendations for the Phase Two assessment are included in Section 6.



4 Results

- 28. This Phase One geoarchaeological assessment has established that the AfL Array area is primarily composed of mobile sandy and gravelly surface deposits, formed into sandwaves and ripples, overlying dense gravels and stiff clay. The stiff clays and other fine grain sediments interpretated as Bolders Bank Formation has been identified across many of the VCs, underlying the mobile Holocene sand formations and primarily compose of firm to stiff clays which are of particular geoarchaeological interest as they represent prehistoric estuarine and lacustrine formations. Within the ECC VCs soft clay representing the Botney Cut Formation was noted, this has not been seen in the Array Area.
- 29. The Egmond Ground Formations have also been observed in the UHRS data collected along the ECC (GEOxyz, 2023) and is believed to be represented by sand and gravels. The Egmond Ground Formation is underlain by the Swarte Bank Formation in localised cannels along the ECC and is seen as sand and clay in the UHRS data.
- 30. Bedrock in the form of Cretaceous Chalk is seen along the offshore ECC and AfL Array area and is in places seen just below the Holocene sands.
- 31. The deposit model and results outlined here cover both AfL Array area and offshore ECC. The two reports should therefore be read with each other.

4.1 Archaeological Assessment of Sub-Bottom Data

- 32. The Technical Report provided an initial assessment of the Sub-Bottom data (Volume 5, Annex 7.1: Marine and Intertidal Archaeology Technical Report). The initial deposit model from the core logs will be further refined following further assessments of geotechnical data, as laid out in section 22. A deposit model is vital to provide context for the VCs, allowing the geotechnical core data to be cross referenced with the potential nature, extent and distribution of palaeolandscapes.
- 33. The sub-bottom data assessment identified seven palaeochannel features present in the Array Area, which have been used to provide context for the deposits recovered with the VCs. These palaeochannels as identified, are listed below and illustrated on Figure 2.

MA3000

Environmental Statement



34. MA3000 is a channel, 15km long and 4.5km at the widest point with possible narrower tributaries running in a north north-west to south south-east direction. While not overlapping previous data, it is located perpendicular to a fluvial Lower Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel identified by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011) and parallel to wetlands identified by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011) as well as a tunnel valley, a sub-glacial incision formed by pressurised glacial meltwater. The channel has mostly sloping sides that in places are straight and a flat uneven base, the channel depth varies from 2m to 12m. One VC was collected within the channel feature (R4C-VC-07R) The core penetrated down to 3.3m and recovered 0.20m of gravels and 3.1m of dark CLAY interpreted as Unit C (Table 1.2). Further two cores, R4C-VC-16 and R4C-VC-11A are located on the edges of MA3000, both recovered Unit A and C and have been recommended for further recording.

MA3001

35. MA3001 is an area of 1.5km by 0.5km stretching in a north north-west to south south-east direction, west of MA3000. This could be an extension of a fluvial Lower Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel identified by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011) which comes in from the east and thus connecting MA3000 and MA3001 to the wider channel systems previously identified in the area. The feature is up to eight meters deep with shallow sloping sides and uneven slightly rounded base. No VCs were collected within this feature, however R4C-VC-11A is located on the edge of MA3001 where Units A and C were recovered, this VC has been recommended for further recording (Table 1.3).

MA3002

36. MA3002 covers an area of 3.6km by 2.8km in an area of sandbanks and does not overlap with the data from NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011) but shows similar character to a wetland or lake environment as seen both north and south of MA3002. The feature shows gently sloping sides and a slight rounded base. The feature is generally two to eight meters deep but has a dip in the middle which stretches down 16m. One VC was collected within the feature (R4C-VC-15) which penetrated down to 4.7m but only recovered Unit A and has therefore not been recommended for the Phase Two assessment.

MA3003

37. MA3003 is 4km by 4.2km, west of the southernmost part of MA3000 in an area of sand waves. The feature does not overlap with the data from NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011) but shows similar character to a wetland or lake environment as seen both north and south of MA3003. The feature is up to 20m deep but has mostly sloping banks and is only between 2m and 8m deep around the perimeter. The eastern side of the feature is shallower than the western. No VCs have been collected within the extent of the feature or within 1km of its edges.

MA3004



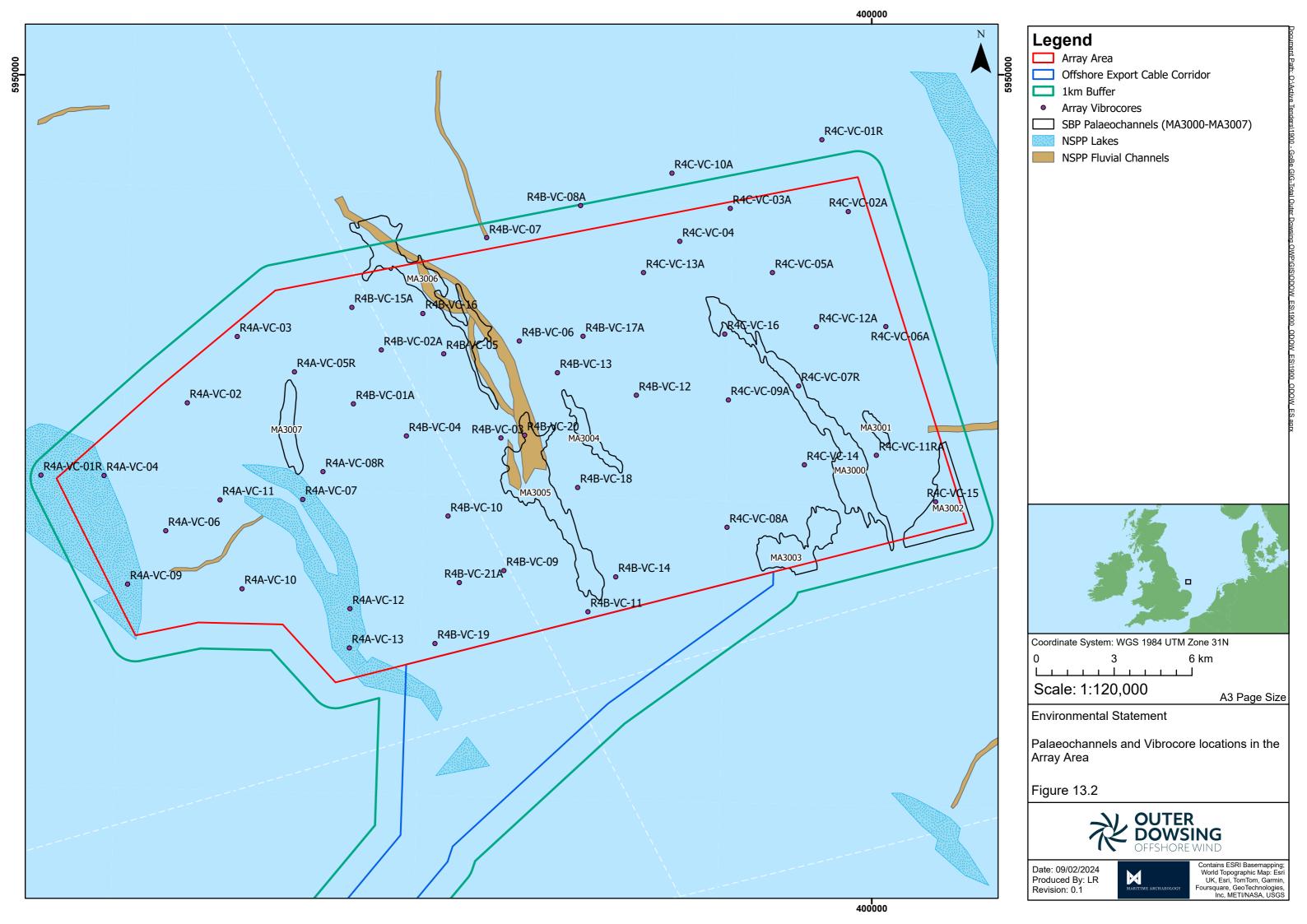
38. MA3004 is a channel 9km long and 0.6km wide. The channel is located north north-west to south south-east to the west of MA3005 and a fluvial Lower Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel identified by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011). The channel is approximately 6m deep with relatively steps banks. No cores were collected within the channel; however, one VC (R4B-VC-18) located between MA3004 and MA3005 has been recommended for the Phase Two assessment (Table 1.3).

MA3005 and MA3006

- 39. MA3006 stretches over 12km by 1.3km NNW to SSE and overlays perfectly with a fluvial Lower Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel identified by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011). However, the project data extends this channel feature another 5.6km south (MA3005). The channel system has relatively steep banks but is in places very shallow and seen close to the seafloor. The channel base is mostly rounded but in deeper sections uneven reflectors are noted indicating a change in sediments. The channel system can be up to 20m deep but is in the majority approximately 4m deep. The feature is also located within a tunnel valley filled with reworked Holocene deposits.
- 40. One VC (R4B-VC-20) was collected in the northern part of MA3005. The core penetrated down to a depth of 5.5m and only contained Unit A, why it has not been recommended for Phase Two assessment. No VCs were collected within the extent of MA3006.
- 41. Around the edges of MA3005 and MA3006 six VCs have been recommended for Phase Two assessment (Table 1.3) R4B-VC-03, R4B-VC-05, R4B-VC-14, R4B-VC-16, R4B-VC-18 all contain Unit A and C while the log for R4B-VC-11 indicates that Unit C has been reached at 3.5m BSB.

MA3007

42. MA3007, while not overlying geographically with previously identified channels, this feature seems to be a northern extension of a shallow lake or wide river. It also partly overlies one of the tunnel valleys within the marine archaeology area and is therefore likely to contain material of geoarchaeological interest, however the SBP data does not penetrate the infill sediment within the tunnel valley. It is likely that the southern extension of this feature is present deeper within the sediments. One VC was collected within the tunnel valley and within the extent of previously identified wetland deposits, but outside the extent of the palaeofeature noted within the SBP data. R4A-VC-07 recovered Unit A, SAND with bands of clay overlaying brown gravelly SAND, reaching Unit C at 2m BSB which stretches until the end of the Vibrocore at 3.35 BSB. R4A-VC-07 has been recommended for the Phase Two assessment (Table 1.3).



4.2 Deposit model

- 43. The use of a deposit model is crucial for the understanding of the local and regional context of the offshore ECC and AfL Array Area, supporting the archaeological interpretation. As outlined by COWRIE (2011:39) "An archaeological deposit model can illuminate the character and nature of buried sediments and deposits, their vertical extents, their relationship across the area being studied, and their individual levels of archaeological interest". Therefore, the deposit model has been a key part of the assessment. Guidance on Deposit Modelling and Archaeology (Historic England, 2020) has also been considered although the guidance does not cover the marine zone.
- 44. The outline deposit model, Table 1.1 and Plate , presented below has been developed based on the results from the sub bottom data assessment and the results of the Phase One assessment of the VCs both in the AfL Array Area and the offshore ECC.

Table 1.1: Outline Deposit Model table

Unit	Stratigraphy	Description	Epoch	Geoarchaeological potential
Unit	Holocene mobile	Mobile loose to medium gravelly or	Holocene	Sedimentary low geoarchaeological potential,
Α	sands	silty SAND, in places GRAVEL or CLAY.		however archaeological artefacts may be located
				within these sediments
Unit	Botney Cut	Laminated fine SAND with very soft to	Quaternary, Marine	Potential to contain material of geoarchaeological
В	Formation	soft CLAY	Isotope Stage 2	interest
Unit	Bolders Bank	Fine to medium SAND and soft to stiff	Quaternary, Marine	Potential to contain material of geoarchaeological
С	Formation	CLAY with sand, gravel chalk and	Isotope Stage 3-2	interest
		pebbles. At base GRAVEL		
Unit	Egmond Ground	Medium to fine SAND and gravels	Quaternary, Marine	Limited potential to contain material of
D	Formation		Isotope Stage 11	geoarchaeological interest
Unit	Swarte Bank	Stiff to very stiff CLAY	Quaternary Marine	Potential to contain material of geoarchaeological
E	Formation		Isotope Stage 12	interest
Unit	Bedrock	Cretaceous CHALK	Cretaceous	No geoarchaeological interest
F	Formation			



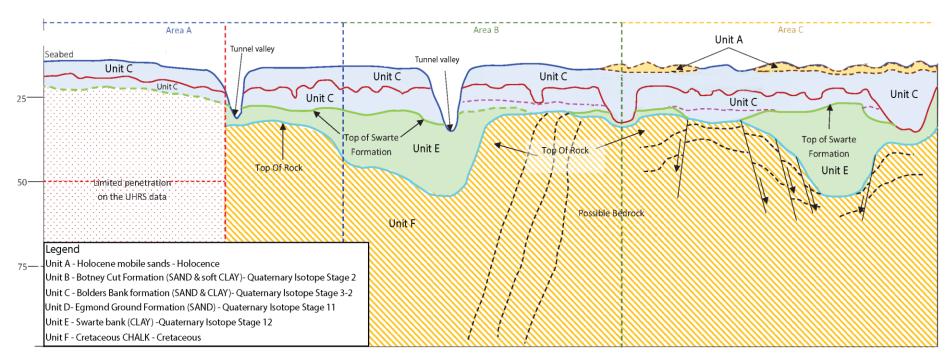


Plate 1 Illustrated outline deposit model (adapted from Outer Dowsing Offshore WindFarm Geophysical UHRS And Light Geotechnical Survey East Anglia, Offshore UK, ENVIROS Survey & Consultancy Limited, 2022).

4.3 Geoarchaeological Assessment of Vibrocore Logs

45. The results from the Phase One assessment of the 50 VCs in the AfL Array Area are outlined below in Table 1.2 which shows a summary of the stratigraphy as understood from the core logs and a priority grading based on each core's geoarchaeological potential and viability for geoarchaeological analysis at Phase Two.

Table 1.2: Vibrocores assessed during Phase One

Core	Soil description	Penetration	Recovery	Easting	Northing	Units	Interpretation	Priority
ID		(m)	(m)			penetrated		ı
R4A-	0.0 - 2.7 m: Very Dense grey	3.00	2.70	367960.32	5934553.41	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only,	None
VC-	SAND with traces of shell						not recommended for	
01R	fragments, penetrates Unit A						Phase Two.	
R4A-	0.0 – 0.2 m Dense medium to	2.30	2.00	373603.61	5937343.31	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	coarse SAND intermixed with					С	C, located in area of low	
02	fine subangular fine to coarse						geoarchaeological	
	gravels with many shell						potential. Not	
	fragments						recommended for	
	0.2 - 2.0 m: Stiff dark brown						Phase Two.	
	CLAY with few subangular fine							
	gravels.							
R4A-	0.0 – 1.5 m: Dense brown	3.40	3.20	375530.26	5939900.53	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	gravelly SAND with few shell					С	C, located in area of low	
03	fragments						geoarchaeological	
	1.5 – 3.2 m: Firm to Stiff dark						potential. Not	
	brown sandy CLAY with traces						recommended for	
	of shell fragments						Phase Two.	
R4A-	0.0 – 1.0 m: Medium Dense dark	2.80	2.60	370392.39	5934538.56	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	High
VC-	grey very sandy gravel with					С	C, located within area	
04	many shell fragments						previously interpreted	
	1.0 – 2.6 m: Firm to Very Stiff						as wetland/lake	
	dark SAND with traces of shell						deposits of	
	fragments						geoarchaeological	
	_						potential.	
							Recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4A-	0.0 - 5.45 m: medium Dense	5.45	5.45	377736.36	5938537.14	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only,	None
VC-	black SAND with traces of shell						not recommended for	
05R	fragments						Phase Two.	

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Core	Soil description	Penetration		Easting	Northing	Units	Interpretation	Priority
R4A- VC- 06 R4A- VC- 07	0.0 – 0.4 m: Dense grey slightly gravelly SAND with few shell fragments 0.4 – 2.1 m: Stiff to Very stiff grey slightly sandy CLAY with few gravels 0.0 – 2.2 m: Medium Dense dark grey gravelly SAND with clay fragments 2.2 – 3.0 m: medium Dense light grey very clayey GRAVEL with sand pocket 3.0 – 3.35 m: Very Stiff light grey gravelly CLAY with sand pocket	(m) 2.30 3.35	(m) 2.10	372772.55 378055.81	5932408.20 5933617.25	Unit A, and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two. Penetrates Units A and C, located within area previously interpreted as wetland/lake deposits of geoarchaeological potential, also located within a tunnel valley. Recommended for	Low
R4A- VC- 08R R4A- VC- 09	0.0 – 2.1 m: Stiff dark brown slightly sandy Clay with few gravels and traces of shell fragments 0.0 – 5.1 m: Soft to Stiff dark brown slightly sandy CLAY with few gravels and few shell fragments	5.70	2.10 5.10	378836.35 371300.80	5934688.72 5930350.61	Unit A and C Unit A and C	Phase Two. Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two. Penetrates Units A and C, located within area previously interpreted as wetland/lake deposits of geoarchaeological	Low



Core ID	Soil description	Penetration (m)	Recovery (m)	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Interpretation	Priority
							potential. Recommended for Phase Two.	
R4A- VC- 10	0.0 – 0.8 m: Medium Dense grey very gravelly SAND with few clay pockets 0.8 – 2.3 m: Stiff grey sandy CLAY with few gravels	3.00	2.70	375714.18	5930170.85	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4A- VC- 11	0.0 – 1.0 m: Medium Dense dark grey very clayey GRAVEL with traces of shell fragments 1.0 – 2.3 m: Stiff dark grey slightly sandy CLAY with gravel	2.50	2.30	374864.09	5933599.21	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4A- VC- 12	0.0 – 2.4 m: Very Dense grey GRAVEL and SAND with many shell fragments 2.4 – 4.2 m: Very Dense very dark grey gravelly SAND with many shell fragments 4.2 – 5.05 m: Very Dense grey very clayey SAND with gravel and shell fragments	5.10	5.05	379875.09	5929403.63	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located within area previously interpreted as wetland/lake deposits of geoarchaeological potential, also located within or on the edge of a tunnel valley. Recommended for Phase Two.	High



Core	Soil description	Penetration	Recovery	Easting	Northing	Units	Interpretation	Priority
ID	and the part	(m)	(m)			penetrated		,
R4A-	0.0 – 4.85 m: Medium Dense	5.00	4.85	379851.01	5927887.33	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only,	None
VC-	grey SAND with few shell						not recommended for	
13	fragments and traces of gravel						Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 - 4.2 m: Dense to Very	4.50	4.20	380009.12	5937303.53	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only,	None
VC-	Dense grey gravelly SAND with						not recommended for	
01A	shell fragments						Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 – 4.3 m: Medium Dense to	4.80	4.70	381085.10	5939383.03	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only,	None
VC-	Dense grey very gravelly SAND						not recommended for	
02A	with shell fragments						Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 -3.8 m: Dense grey very	4.60	4.40	385698.10	5935988.07	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	High
VC-	gravelly SAND with many shell					С	C, located between	
03	fragments						MA3006 and MA3005	
							as well as on the edge	
							of area previously	
							interpreted as fluvial	
							channel deposits of	
							geoarchaeological	
							potential.	
							Recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 – 3.2 m: Firm to Stiff brown	3.75	3.50	382052.81	5936066.55	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	sandy and CLAY with gravel and					С	C, located in area of low	
04	traces of shell fragments						geoarchaeological	
							potential. Not	
							recommended for	
							Phase Two.	



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Core ID	Soil description	Penetration (m)	Recovery (m)	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Interpretation	Priority
R4B- VC- 05	0.0 – 3.8 m: Stiff very dark grey slightly sandy CLAY with gravel and many shell fragments	3.80	3.55	383492.65	5939232.42	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and C, located on the edge of MA3006 as well as on the edge of area previously interpreted as fluvial channel deposits of geoarchaeological potential. Recommended for Phase Two.	High
R4B- VC- 06	0.0 – 1.65 m: Stiff dark brown slightly sandy CLAY with few gravels and many shell fragments	1.90	1.65	386405.71	5939727.12	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located on the edge of MA3006 as well as on the edge of area previously interpreted as fluvial channel deposits of geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two because of shallow penetration.	Low
R4B- VC- 07	0.0 – 1.60: Medium Dense dark grey very gravelly SAND with shell fragments 1.6 – 5.5 m: Medium Dense dark grey SAND with traces of shell fragments	5.80	5.50	385148.56	5943713.61	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only, not recommended for Phase Two.	None

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Core ID	Soil description	Penetration (m)	Recovery (m)	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Interpretation	Priority
R4B-	0.0 – 5.5 m: Dense grey gravelly	5.70	5.50	388768.18	5944951.58	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only,	None
VC-		3.70	3.30	300700.10	3344331.36	Offic A	not recommended for	NOTIC
	'						Phase Two.	
08A	fragments	2.20	4.60	205044 64	5020074 44	III A		• -
R4B-	0.0 – 1.6 m: Stiff brown slightly	2.20	1.60	385811.61	5930871.44	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	sandy CLAY with gravel and few					С	C, located in area of low	
09	shell fragments						geoarchaeological	
							potential. Not	
							recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 – 2.85 m: Soft to Firm brown	3.00	2.80	383657.55	5932975.67	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	sandy CLAY with few gravels					С	C, located in area of low	
10	and many shell fragments						geoarchaeological	
							potential. Not	
							recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 – 4.3 m: Medium Dense	4.70	4.30	389052.50	5929284.47	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	High
VC-	brown very gravelly SAND with					С	C, located south of	
11	traces of shell fragments						MA3005, (fluvial	
							channel)	
							Recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 – 1.6 m: Medium dense to	2.60	2.39	390919.30	5937636.17	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	Dense grey SAND with few					С	C, located in area of low	
12	gravels and many shell						geoarchaeological	
	fragments						potential. Not	
	1.6 – 2.39 m: Stiff to Very Stiff						recommended for	
	brown slightly sandy CLAY with						Phase Two.	



Core	Soil description	Penetration	Recovery	Easting	Northing	Units	Interpretation	Priority
ID		(m)	(m)	1		penetrated		.
	few gravels and traces of shell							
	fragments							
R4B-	0.0 – 2.9 m: Dense grey gravelly	3.75	3.90	387875.69	5938502.18	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	SAND with many shell					С	C, located in area of low	
13	fragments						geoarchaeological	
	2.9 – 3.9 m: Stiff dark grey						potential. Not	
	slightly sandy CLAY with traces						recommended for	
-	of shell fragments						Phase Two.	
R4B-	0.0 – 0.7 m: Medium Dense	2.00	1.75	390125.35	5930629.06	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	High
VC-	brown SAND with few clay					С	C, located south of	
14	pockets and many shell						MA3005, (fluvial	
	fragments						channel)	
	0.7 – 1.75 m: Stiff brown slightly						Recommended for	
	sandy CLAY with many shell						Phase Two.	
	fragments							_
R4B-	0.0 – 3.2 m: Stiff to very Stiff	3.60	3.20	379950.47	5941024.51	Unit C	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	grey slightly sandy CLAY with						C, located in area of low	
15A	many shell fragments						geoarchaeological	
							potential. Not	
							recommended for	
	0.0 4.2 \\frac{1}{2} \text{Cliff b.s.}	4.20	4.45	202606.60	5040706.03	I I at I A a sal	Phase Two.	11'-1-
R4B-	0.0 – 1.2 m: Very Stiff brown	1.30	1.15	382686.68	5940786.83	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	High
VC-	slightly sandy CLAY with many					C	C, located on the edge	
16	shell fragments and few gravels						of MA3006 as well as	
							on the edge of area	
							previously interpreted	
							as fluvial channel	
							deposits of	



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Core ID	Soil description	Penetration (m)	Recovery (m)	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Interpretation	Priority
R4B-	0.0 – 4.1 m: Dense dark grey	4.40	4.10	388863.02	5939909.75	Unit A	geoarchaeological potential. Recommended for Phase Two. Penetrates Unit A only,	None
VC- 17A	gravelly SAND with shell fragments						not recommended for Phase Two.	
R4B- VC- 18	0.0 – 1.83 m: Stiff grey slightly sandy CLAY with few gravel and shell fragments	1.90	1.83	388656.75	5934075.91	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located between MA3004 and MA3005 as well as on the edge of an area previously interpreted as fluvial channel deposits of geoarchaeological potential. Recommended for Phase Two.	High
R4B- VC- 19	0.0 – 1.8 m: Medium Dense brown SAND with traces of shell fragments 1.8 - 3.6 m: Medium dense brown sandy GRAVEL with traces of shell fragments	4.00	3.60	383153.57	5928059.31	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4B- VC- 20	0.0 – 5.5 m: Medium Dense very dark gravelly SAND with many shell fragments	5.80	5.50	386611.60	5936094.22	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only, located within MA3005 and a tunnel valley, however not	None



Core	Soil description	Penetration	Recovery	Easting	Northing	Units	Interpretation	Priority
ID		(m)	(m)			penetrated		, i
							recommended for Phase Two.	
R4B- VC- 21A	0.0 – 2.35 m: Stiff brown slightly sandy CLAY with gravel and many shell fragments	2.50	2.35	384093.64	5930409.18	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4C- VC- 01R	0.0 – 0.65 m: Medium Dense dark grey slightly silty SAND with pockets of gravel and traces of shell fragments	1.40	0.65	398074.16	5947489.82	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two. This now falls outside the new Array area.	Low
R4C- VC- 02A	0.0 – 1.7 m: Stiff to dark grey slightly sandy CLAY with pocket of gravel and traces of shell fragments	1.85	1.70	399091.01	5944720.20	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4C- VC- 03A	0.0 – 1.93 m: Stiff to Very Stiff dark grey slightly sandy CLAY with pockets of gravel and traces of shell fragments	2.50	1.93	394541.46	5944842.11	Unit C	Penetrates Unit C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low



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Core	Soil description	Penetration	Recovery	Easting	Northing	Units	Interpretation	Priority
ID	_	(m)	(m)			penetrated		
R4C-	0.0 – 1.3 m: Stiff to Very Stiff	1.30	1.30	392596.30	5943573.64	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	grey slightly sandy CLAY with					С	C, located in area of low	
04	few gravels and many shell						geoarchaeological	
	fragments						potential. Not	
	_						recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4C-	0.0 - 1.5 m: Stiff dark grey	1.70	1.50	396167.72	5942366.59	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	slightly sandy CLAY with few					С	C, located in area of low	
05A	gravels						geoarchaeological	
	8. 4. 4. 6. 6						potential. Not	
							recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4C-	0.0 – 1.6 m: Medium Dense dark	3.60	3.45	400539.62	5940283.38	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	grey SAND with many shell	3.00	3.43	400333.02	3340203.30	C	C, located in area of low	LOW
06A	fragments						geoarchaeological	
UUA	1.6 – 3.45 m: Stiff to very Stiff						potential. Not	
	•						recommended for	
	dark grey slightly sandy CLAY						Phase Two.	
D4C	with few gravels	2.60	2.20	207477 70	F027002 77	Linit A and		Hiele
R4C-	0.0 – 3.3 m: Stiff very dark	3.60	3.30	397177.78	5937992.77	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	High
VC-	brown slightly sandy CLAY with					С	C, located within of	
07R	gravel and many shell						MA3000, (fluvial	
	fragments						channel)	
							Recommended for	
							Phase Two.	
R4C-	0.0 – 1.4 m: Stiff to very Stiff	1.75	1.40	394416.08	5932542.37	Unit A and	Penetrates Units A and	Low
VC-	black sandy CLAY with gravel					С	C, located in area of low	
A80	and traces of shell fragments						geoarchaeological	
							potential. Not	



Core	Soil description	Penetration	Recovery	Easting	Northing	Units	Interpretation	Priority
ID		(m)	(m)			penetrated	recommended for Phase Two.	
R4C- VC- 09A	0.0 – 2.85 m: Stiff dark grey slightly sandy CLAY with few gravels and traces of shell fragments	3.00	2.85	394467.97	5937452.82	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4C- VC- 10A	0.0 – 1.5 m: Stiff to Very Stiff dark grey slightly sandy CLAY with few gravels and traces of shell fragments	1.90	1.50	392293.32	5946199.95	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two. This now falls outside the new Array area.	Low
R4C- VC- 11RA	0.0 – 2.3 m: Stiff dark grey slightly sandy CLAY with gravel and shell fragments	2.40	2.30	400174.98	5935319.10	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located between MA3000 and MA3001 as well as 2km from area previously interpreted as fluvial channel deposits of geoarchaeological potential. Recommended for Phase Two.	High



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Core ID	Soil description	Penetration (m)	Recovery (m)	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Interpretation	Priority
R4C- VC- 12A	0.0 – 2.3 m: Stiff to Very Stiff light brown slightly sandy CLAY with few gravel and shell fragments	2.45	2.30	397860.79	5940276.13	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4C- VC- 13A	0.0 – 2.3 m: Medium Dense brown SAND with many shell fragments and traces of gravel	2.10	1.95	391195.10	5942366.97	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4C- VC- 14	0.0 – 3.45 m: Stiff brown slightly sandy CLAY with few gravels and traces of shell fragments	3.70	3.45	397398.99	5934951.91	Unit A and C	Penetrates Units A and C, located in area of low geoarchaeological potential. Not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4C- VC- 15	0.0 – 4.7 m: Medium Dense dark grey SAND with gravel and few shell fragments	4.90	4.70	402460.32	5933522.62	Unit A	Penetrates Unit A only, located within MA3002 (wetland or lake environment), however not recommended for Phase Two.	Low
R4C- VC- 16	0.0 – 1.13 m: Stiff grey slightly sandy CLAY with gravels and many shell fragments	1.30	1.13	394328.53	5939993.56	Unit A and C	Penetrates Unit C, located on the edge of MA3000, (fluvial	High

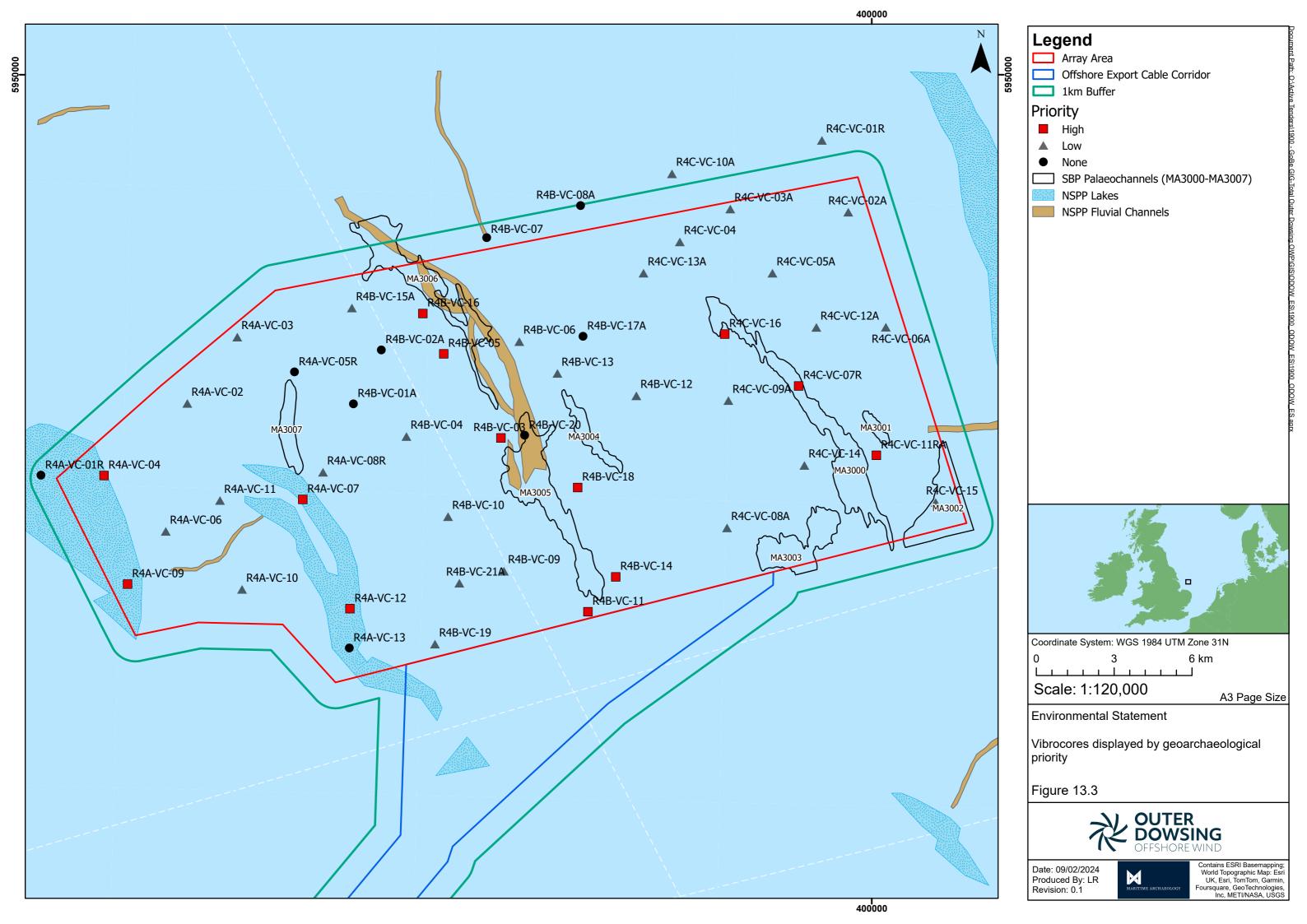


Core ID	Soil description	Penetration (m)	Recovery (m)	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Interpretation	Priority
							channel)	
							Recommended for	
							Phase Two.	



5 Discussion

- 47. Fifty geotechnical VCs were collected in the AfL Array Area, using a vibrocorer to a maximum target depth of 6m. These cores were subsequently assessed according to the methodology set out in Section 3. After being assessed for geoarchaeological potential individually, the nine cores determined to have no geoarchaeological potential were labelled as **none**, 28 were defined as having **low** geoarchaeological potential and 13 were defined as having a **high** geoarchaeological potential and are considered valuable for understanding the palaeoenvironmental context of the Project.
- 48. Table 1.2 presents the results from the assessment of all collected cores and the sub-bottom data collected for the Project as well as palaeolandscape features previously identified.
- 49. The thirteen cores assessed as being of **high** geoarchaeological potential are associated with features previously identified.
- 50. R4A-VC-01R, R4A-VC-04, R4A-VC-07, R4A-VC-09, R4A-VC-12 are all are all located within two palaeo-wetland area in the western edge of the Array Area. These palaeo-wetland area were identified by the NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011) project and cores collected from this area have the potential to be important in further understanding the regional prehistoric environment.
- 51. R4B-VC-03, R4B-VC-05, R4B-VC-11RA R4B-VC-14, R4B-VC-16 and R4B-VC-18 are all located in or around a complex network of palaeochannels in the centre of the Array Area, MA3004, MA3005, and MA3006. All cores penetrate Unit A, and Unit C, which is composed of dark, stiff clays, apart from R4B-VC-11 where an indication of Unit C (sand) is noted in the log. The feature was also identified by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).
- 52. R4C-VC-07R, R4C-VC-11R and R4C-VC-16 are all located in or around a fluvial Lower Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel system identified within the SBP data (MA3000 and MA3001) as well as by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011). The three cores penetrate Units A and C.
- 53. Two of the cores are outside the revised Order Limits, however, were within the AfL Array Area therefore have remained in this report. These are R4C-VC-10A and R4C-VC-01R and were both deemed to be of low priority.





6 Recommendations for Phase Two assessments

- 54. It is recommended that 13 cores should be recorded during Phase Two. This will involve the splitting and recording of the **high** geoarchaeological potential cores listed in Table 1.3.
- 55. Phase two assessments are to be undertaken in line with the phased approach outlined in COWRIE (2011) guidance, post consent, should consent be given as agreed in the WSI.

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Table 1.3 Vibrocores defined as having **high** potential

Core ID	Soil description	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Associated with palaeo-feature	Priority
R4A- VC-04	0.0 – 1.0 m: Medium Dense dark grey very sandy gravel with many shell fragments 1.0 – 2.6 m: Firm to Very Stiff dark SAND with traces of shell fragments	370392.39	5934538.56	Unit A and C	Palaeo-wetland area in the western edge of the Array Area Previously identified by the NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	High
R4A- VC-07	0.0 – 2.2 m: Medium Dense dark grey gravelly SAND with clay fragments 2.2 – 3.0 m: medium Dense light grey very clayey GRAVEL with sand pocket 3.0 – 3.35 m: Very Stiff light grey gravelly CLAY with sand pocket	378055.81	5933617.25	Unit A, and C	Palaeo-wetland area in the western edge of the Array Area Previously identified by the NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	High
R4A- VC-09	0.0 – 5.1 m: Soft to Stiff dark brown slightly sandy CLAY with few gravels and few shell fragments	371300.80	5930350.61	Unit A and C	Palaeo-wetland area in the western edge of the Array Area Previously identified by the NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	High
R4A- VC-12	0.0 – 2.4 m: Very Dense grey GRAVEL and SAND with many shell fragments	379875.09	5929403.63	Unit A and C	Palaeo-wetland area in the western edge of the Array Area Previously identified by the NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	High



Core ID	Soil description	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Associated with palaeo-feature	Priority
	2.4 – 4.2 m: Very Dense very					
	dark grey gravelly SAND with many shell fragments					
	4.2 – 5.05 m: Very Dense grey					
	very clayey SAND with gravel					
	and shell fragments					
R4B-	0.0 -3.8 m: Dense grey very	385698.10	5935988.07	Unit A and C	MA3004, MA3005 and MA3006, a complex	High
VC-03	gravelly SAND with many shell				network of palaeochannels. Also identified by	
	fragments	202402.65	5020222 42		NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	
R4B-	0.0 – 3.8 m: Stiff very dark grey	383492.65	5939232.42	Unit A and C	MA3004, MA3005 and MA3006, a complex	High
VC-05	slightly sandy CLAY with gravel and many shell fragments				network of palaeochannels. Also identified by NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	
 R4B-	0.0 – 4.3 m: Medium Dense	389052.50	5929284.47	Unit A and C	MA3004, MA3005 and MA3006, a complex	High
VC-11	brown very gravelly SAND with	369032.30	3929264.47	Offic A and C	network of palaeochannels. Also identified by	піgп
VC-11	traces of shell fragments				NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	
R4B-	0.0 – 0.7 m: Medium Dense	390125.35	5930629.06	Unit A and C	MA3004, MA3005 and MA3006, a complex	High
VC-14	brown SAND with few clay	330123.33	3330023.00	omercana c	network of palaeochannels. Also identified by	
	pockets and many shell				NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	
	fragments					
	0.7 – 1.75 m: Stiff brown slightly					
	sandy CLAY with many shell					
	fragments					
R4B-	0.0 – 1.2 m: Very Stiff brown	382686.68	5940786.83	Unit A and C	MA3004, MA3005 and MA3006, a complex	High
VC-16	slightly sandy CLAY with many				network of palaeochannels. Also identified by	
	shell fragments and few gravels				NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	



Core ID	Soil description	Easting	Northing	Units penetrated	Associated with palaeo-feature	Priority
R4B-	0.0 – 1.83 m: Stiff grey slightly	388656.75	5934075.91	Unit A and C	MA3004, MA3005 and MA3006, a complex	High
VC-18	sandy CLAY with few gravel and				network of palaeochannels. Also identified by	
	shell fragments				NSPP (University of Birmingham, 2011).	
R4C-	0.0 – 3.3 m: Stiff very dark	397177.78	5937992.77	Unit A and C	MA3000 and MA3001, a fluvial Lower	High
VC-	brown slightly sandy CLAY with				Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel	
07R	gravel and many shell				system. Also identified by NSPP (University of	
	fragments				Birmingham, 2011).	
R4C-	0.0 – 2.3 m: Stiff dark grey	400174.98	5935319.10	Unit A and C	MA3000 and MA3001, a fluvial Lower	High
VC-	slightly sandy CLAY with gravel				Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel	
11RA	and shell fragments				system. Also identified by NSPP (University of	
					Birmingham, 2011).	
R4C-	0.0 - 1.13 m: Stiff grey slightly	394328.53	5939993.56	Unit A and C	MA3000 and MA3001, a fluvial Lower	High
VC-16	sandy CLAY with gravels and				Palaeolithic, possibly Holocene channel	
	many shell fragments				system. Also identified by NSPP (University of	
					Birmingham, 2011).	



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