



Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited Triton Knoll Electrical System

**Appendix 41: Natural England
comments on Report to Inform
Appropriate Assessment (13
March 2015)**

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**Appendix 41 of the Applicant's
Response to Deadline 1**

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Dear Gill,

Triton Knoll OWF Electrical System – Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) v2.0

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA), formerly No Likely Significant Effect Report (NLSER) v0.5, on 26th February 2015. This letter provides Natural England's advice under our Discretionary Advice Service (DAS).

General Comments

Natural England welcomes the further development of this report following the receipt of our previous comments on the NLSER on 9th February 2015.

We note that the figures presented in tables 5 and 6 of the RIAA with regard to secondary protection and the predicted change of habitat, have increased since previous iterations of the report. We are satisfied that the new figures represent only a small increase in the worst case zone of effect (Table 5) and worst case percentage of site and FBC affected by temporary habitat loss and direct damage (Table 6) and maintain our view of no Likely Significant Effect of the Triton Knoll Electrical System alone on the Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge SCI.

Natural England agrees in principle with the conclusions of the report, subject to the finalising of the Operation & Maintenance application figures for the LID and Lincs project not being significantly different to those included in Triton Knoll Electrical System in-combination assessment.

Specific Comments

Comment No.	Page No.	Section	NE Comment
1	16	1.24	The bullet points detailing the aspects that should be maintained or restored appear to be missing from this paragraph.
2	22	Table 6	The total %FBC for direct damage should read 0.3%, not 0.296% and for Temporary habitat loss should read 0.042%, not 0.044%. The

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			total % site for temporary habitat loss should read 0.033%, not 0.034%. Are these discrepancies due to rounding?
3	22	1.42	There seems to be additional text at the start of this paragraph that doesn't make sense. Requires editing.
4	23	1.43	As previously discussed, it is important that the material removed during preparation of the sand waves should 'pushed-aside' to ensure it remains in the system and not totally removed and deposited elsewhere.
5	35	1.83	Where reference is made to the Wash Appropriate Assessment (AA) it should be demonstrated that the conclusions are still applicable given the assessment is now three years old.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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