



# Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited Triton Knoll Electrical System



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## 1. NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1.1 North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) submitted a Written Representation for Deadline 3 (30 November 2015) (the NKDC representation). The NKDC representation provides comments on the information submitted by the Applicant for Deadline 2. In particular, the Council's comments relate to:

1. Noise and vibration; and
2. Draft DCO requirements.

1.2 The ExA should note that NKDC's comments are expressly stated to be limited to the site of the proposed substation within the wider proposed development (see paragraph 1.2 of the NKDC representation), being the closest part of the development to NKDC's administrative area. This response therefore focuses on the substation.

### Noise and Vibration

1.3 The Applicant notes paragraphs 1.1-1.3 of the NKDC representation which explains that following their review of Appendix 10 of the Applicant's response to Deadline 2, NKDC is now satisfied that the onshore Substation can operate in accordance with accepted standards, having regard to noise impacts anticipated to the property known as Drove Farm. Moreover, on the basis of the information provided in Appendix 10, NKDC have confirmed that the proposed 35dB noise limit currently recommended in Draft Requirement is acceptable.

1.4 The Applicant also notes that NKDC has no observations at this time in relation to the further information provided in Appendix 10 of the Applicant's response to Deadline 2.

### Draft DCO Requirements

1.5 In part 2 of its representation, NKDC updated its comments on the proposed requirements as follows:-

#### Requirements 14 and 19

*“Draft Requirement 14 and 18 [now 19] – the District Council considers that either draft Requirement 14 or 18 [now 19] should include reference to construction traffic routeing and any prohibited routes, along with the means by which such restrictions may be enforced.”*

1.6 The Applicant refers to Appendix 10 to the Applicant's response to Deadline 2 in which the Applicant explained that these matters are set out in the Outline Traffic

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Management Plan (TMP) (document reference 8.9) and in particular paragraphs 4.1 – 4.4 set out the details of proposed routes and Figure 4.1 shows the road network that will be used by HGVs.

- 1.7 On the basis that the construction TMP secured under Requirement 19 must accord with the Outline TMP, changes to this Requirement are not considered necessary or appropriate.
- 1.8 Amendments to Requirement 14 are not appropriate as construction traffic is dealt with by Requirement 19. The Applicant highlight the amendments to Requirement 19(2), made to ensure that the permanent access road is used for construction and contractor traffic once the permanent access road is constructed.

#### Requirement 16

*“Draft Requirement 15 [now 16] – whilst the District Council notes that the wording of the draft Requirement may give sufficient scope, it considers that details of the hours of illumination, and the means of their control, should be provided.”*

- 1.9 The Applicant refers to Appendix 10 to the Applicant’s response to Deadline 2 in which the Applicant explained that the details of the hours of illumination and their means of control will be provided within the written schemes approved by the relevant planning authorities under Requirement 15. The Applicant also refers to Volume 3, Chapter 1 Onshore Project Description [APP-042] paragraph 1.211 which clarifies that “the Substation will generally be unmanned but some lighting will be required. Lighting will be on an ‘as needed’ basis when personnel are present at the site.” Neither Boston Borough Council nor East Lindsay District Council (in respect of the IEC), as the relevant planning authorities in whose area the relevant works will be located, have requested this information to be included within this Requirement.

#### Requirement 17

*“Draft Requirement 16 [now 17] – the District Council’s default guideline construction hours of operation (for noise generating works) are 07.30am to 18.00pm Monday to Friday and 08.00am to 13.00pm on Saturdays with no Sunday or Bank Holiday working and we would request that the Examining Authority have regard to this in the consideration of this Requirement.”*

- 1.10 The Applicant would refer the ExA to its response to Question DCO 1.47 of the ExA’s first written questions which explains the reasons for the construction hours set out in the draft DCO. Construction hours were also discussed at the issue specific hearing on 17th November and the Applicant’s summary of its representations at that hearing (REP 3-039) states at paragraph 1.84:

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*“In response to the ExA question on whether an effort would be made to restrict noisy works within the set working hours the Applicant confirmed that noisy works will be restricted to after 7.30 am on weekdays and 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday as set out in the Outline Code of Construction Practice (document reference 8.7) which is secured in Requirement 14 of the draft DCO (document reference 3.1). Requirement 14 also secures a Scheme for Noise and Vibration Management during Construction which must accord with the outline version (document reference 8.7.3). There is also a mechanism to allow the Local Authority to agree specific working hours for any stage of the works.”*

### Requirement 18

*“The Council now considers that the proposed 35dB noise limit recommended in Draft Requirement 17 [now 18] is acceptable insofar as it relates to the Onshore Substation, and the assessed impacts upon Drove Farm.”*

1.11 The Applicant notes that NKDC now accepts Requirement 17 as drafted.

### Other Requirements

*“The District Council has no comments on the remaining draft Requirements, however would wish to be consulted upon details that may be submitted in relation to draft Requirements 5 (3)a, 6 (1) and (2)a and (2)b, 14 (2)f and 2(i), 15 [now 16], 17 [now 18] and 18 [now 19].”*

1.12 The Applicant notes the Council’s request and considers it a matter for the relevant planning authority as to which bodies, including neighbouring authorities, it consults in relation to the discharge of the Requirements.