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# APPENDIX 27.1 CONSULTATION RESPONSES

## 1.1. SCOPING RESPONSES

Table 1 – Scoping Responses

Scoping Opinion Ref.	Summary of Comment Received	How this has been addressed by the Applicant
<b>Residues and Emissions</b> <b>3.3.13</b>	<p>The Inspectorate notes that the Waste and Material Resources aspect chapter of the Scoping Report appears to discuss the onshore element of the Proposed Development only, although it is noted that there are references in the design and mitigation section to the marine cables. It is not clear where an assessment of waste and material resources for the offshore element will be presented in the ES. The ES should include an assessment of effects arising from material consumption and waste generation for the offshore elements, including information and assessment of the likely dredged arisings and potential rock placement associated with the marine cable installation. For purposes of clarity, it may be appropriate for this matter to be considered in the relevant offshore marine aspect chapters.</p>	<p>Marine elements have been assessed as part of this chapter, primarily in Section 27.6 where potential impacts from the Converter Station, Onshore Cable Corridor and marine elements are presented.</p>
<b>Assessment methodology – assessment of significance</b> <b>(Table 29.6)</b>	<p>The Inspectorate notes the intention to define significance using that presented in Table 29.6. The levels of significance are different to that presented in Chapter 4 to the Scoping Report. In that chapter major and major/moderate impacts will be deemed significant. The Waste and Material Resources aspect chapter of the ES should define what</p>	<p>Table 27.5 of Chapter 27 (Waste and Material Resources) of the ES Volume 1 (document reference 6.1.27) includes a statement on which effect categories are</p>

	level of impact is deemed to be significant, where this differs from the overarching assessment methodology.	deemed significant or not significant. The methodology for the assessment of Waste and Materials and provided in the preceding text under Section 27.4 of Chapter 27 (Waste and Material Resources).
<b>Mitigation – management plans (Paragraph 29.4.20)</b>	The Inspectorate notes reference to the implementation of a CEMP, MMP and SWMP. Where the ES relies upon mitigation measures which would be secured through management plans, it should be demonstrated (with clear cross-referencing) where each measure is set out in the management plan. The Applicant should provide draft copies of management plan documents appended to the ES and/or demonstrate how they will be secured.	An Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan ('CEMP') (document reference 6.9) and an Outline Marine CEMP (document reference 6.5) will be produced as part of the ES which will be adopted by the contractor and refined for use.
<b>Waste types – inert, hazardous and non-hazardous</b>	It is noted that the types and volumes of waste is not yet known. The ES should specify this information in the assessment. Appropriate cross-referencing to the Ground Conditions aspect chapter should be included, noting the potential for contaminated land within the vicinity of the Proposed Development.	Material and waste estimates have been included in Chapter 27 (Waste and Material Resources) (see Section 27.6). Cross reference to known/potential contaminated arisings has been made in Table 27.11 of Chapter 27 (Waste and Material Resources).

## 1.2. STATUTORY CONSULTATION RESPONSES

**Table 2 – Statutory Consultation Responses**

Consultee	Date (Method of Consultation)	Discussion	Summary of Outcome of Discussion
<b>SDNP</b>	26 April 2019 (via email)	Section 8: 8.1 There is concern about the frequent referral to the use of the excavated material for landscaping bunds. The use of bunds will be totally out of character with the area and will do nothing to mitigate the impact of the proposed development other than to create further manmade features in the landscape. Instead it is suggested that the material be spread more widely and used to sculpt more subtly the landform locally which can then be planted to create a more gently undulating landscape. However the impact of this on drainage will need to be assessed and integrated with the proposed drainage pond taking surface water from the site.	Reprofiling of landform will take place to provide some visual screening and utilise site fill resulting from excavated earthworks during the construction of the Converter Station. However, the visual impact of such reprofiling has been considered and is detailed in Chapter 15 (Landscape and Visual Amenity) of the ES Volume 1 (document reference 6.1.15).

