

THE A122 (LOWER THAMES CROSSING) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

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**Deadline 8 Submission – Summary of Oral Submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 12**

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Interested Party	Northumbrian Water Limited (operating as Essex & Suffolk Water)
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**1. Summary of Oral Submissions**

- 1.1 Northumbrian Water Limited (operating as Essex & Suffolk Water) (“ESW”) attended Issue Specific Hearing 12 on both Thursday 23 November and Tuesday 28 November 2023. ESW also attended Issue Specific Hearing 14 on Tuesday 28 November.
- 1.2 Hazel Anderson of Winckworth Sherwood on ESW’s behalf made comments in relation to ISH12 agenda item 4(b), specifically the ExA’s question (iii): *“How should the REAC be managed – should it become a free-standing control document?”*
- 1.3 Ms Anderson explained that ESW would support the suggestion that the REAC become a standalone document. The REAC contains commitments which relate not only to construction but also to post-construction matters. In particular, it contains commitments in relation to the pond intended to be constructed within SPZ1 for the Linford Well.
- 1.4 From a practical perspective, ESW has concerns about the ability of those dealing with the scheme during its construction and operation to find the relevant commitments within the REAC if it continues to be contained within various appendices to the CoCP.
- 1.5 ESW notes from representations made by Ms Tafur on behalf of the Applicant during Part 2 of ISH12 that the Applicant does not intend to separate the REAC from the CoCP as is suggested here but instead to rename the COCP to make it clear that it contains the REAC.
- 1.6 ESW still considers that it would be clearer in years to come to those looking for environmental commitments (especially those that endure during operation) if these were contained in a stand-alone REAC than in a document described primarily as a code of construction practice.

**Winckworth Sherwood LLP**