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Dear Ms Church,

APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR A47 NORTH TUDDENHAM TO EASTON (TR010038)

PROCEDURAL DECISION FOLLOWING ISSUE OF ACCEPTANCE DECISION

With regards your letter dated 12 April 2021, please find below our response to your advice following issue of the decision to accept the application for examination.

The order reflects that set out in the letter dated 12 April 2021 and our response to each issue raised.

Consultees identified on precautionary basis

the Applicant may wish to serve notice on the bodies listed in Box 6 of the section 55 checklist when it serves notice of the accepted application under s56(2)(a) of the PA2008; unless there is a specific justification why this is not necessary.

Applicant's Response: Letters with the S56 notice have been sent to the bodies listed in Box 6 of the Section 55 checklist, comprising: Royal Mail Group; Last Mile Gas Limited; Norfolk Vanguard Limited; Norfolk Boreas Limited; and Scira Offshore Energy Limited.

Parish Councils

Paragraph 2.7.3 of the Consultation Report (Doc 5.1) identifies Weston Longville Parish Council and Ringland Parish Council as unaffected parish councils. The red line boundary on submission indicates that there is application land within the parish area boundaries. It is unclear whether these land parcels were identified within the red line boundary that informed the statutory consultation or whether the Parish Council have been subsequently consulted with. On the basis of the red line boundary in the application documents, the Applicant should serve notice on these councils when it serves notice of the accepted application under s56 of the PA2008

Applicant's Response: Chapter 2 of the Consultation Report correctly reports the situation during the options consultation stage. Though the DCO boundary changed following the statutory consultation to include land within the parishes of Weston Longville and Ringland, these parish councils were consulted during the March 2020 statutory consultation and have been served notices under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Letters with the S56 notice have also been sent to Weston Longville Parish Council and Ringland Parish Council.

ES Chapter 2 The Proposed Scheme (Doc 6.1)

Construction compound duration (Table 2.2) and the construction programme (Table 2.1) do not match as they are anticipated to be present/in use for 32 months but decommissioned in month 23. A longer duration of presence/use may require additional assessment/modelling work. The Applicant should look to clarify this discrepancy

Applicant's Response: Table 2.2 in Chapter 2 of the ES has been revised to show 23 months. Enclosed are two versions of the revised DCO application document '6.1 Chapter 2 The Proposed Scheme' (one pdf clean version and one pdf showing the amendments in track changes).

Errors and Omissions

Land Plans (Doc 2.3)

- *13/1h is coloured green (temporary possession) however the Book of Reference states the plot is for the acquisition of rights and temporary possession (blue). If the Book of Reference is correct, then the plot should be added to Schedule 5 of the dDCO.*
- *15/7a is coloured blue (acquisition of rights and temporary possession) however the BoR describes it as land to be permanently acquired (pink). If the Land Plans are correct then it should be added to the dDCO.*

Applicant's Response: The Book of Reference has been amended to show plot 13/1h as green (temporary possession) and plot 15/7a as blue (acquisition of rights and temporary possession). No updates were required to the DCO application document '2.3 Land Plans' or to the dDCO as this plot was already listed in Schedule 5.

Book of Reference (Doc 4.3)

- *13/1g has two entries in the Book of Reference.*
- *13/1i is on the Land Plans but not in the Book of Reference.*
- *23/5a is not in the Book of Reference or mentioned in the Statement of Reasons. –*
- *11/2b is on the Crown Land plans and should be present within part 4 of the Book of Reference.*
- *13/1h the description says south of A47 and south-west of the Church however it instead appears to be to the north of the A47 and north-west of the Church.*
- *Some entries refer to metres instead of square metres when giving the measurement of a plot (for example plot 9/3h). Square metres should be used for consistency.*

Applicant's Response: The second entry labelled plot 13/1g has been corrected to plot 13/1i in the Book of Reference to mirror the Land Plans. Plot 23/5a has been added to the DCO application documents '4.3 Book of Reference' and '4.1 Statement of Reasons'. Plot 11/2b has been added to Part 4 of the 4.3 Book of Reference. The description of plot 13/1h has been amended in the Book of Reference. A consistency check for 'square metres' has been completed. Several contact details for interested parties have also been updated following a refresh check of land interests ahead of issuing the S56 notices. Enclosed is an updated version of the DCO application document '4.3 Book of Reference'; there is a clean pdf version and a pdf showing the amendments in track changes. As only land parcel 23/5a needs adding to Annex B of the DCO application document '4.1 Statement of Reasons', it is proposed not to re-issue this document since Annex B will soon be replaced by the Compulsory Acquisition schedule as a record of on-going land negotiations. Therefore, we will ensure land plot 23/5a is reported in the Compulsory Acquisition schedule.

Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Doc 3.1)

- 13/1(i) is in the dDCO however is not found on the Land Plans or in the Book of Reference.
- The Applicant should check the associated work numbers listed in Schedule 1 in relation to work numbers 84, 85 and 89 against the works plans.
- In Schedule 3, part 4, the traffic regulation plans:
 - o Some of the descriptions relating to sheets 2 and 4 do not correctly reflect the situation on the traffic regulation plans, e.g. labelled points and directions.
 - o Some of the points on sheets 14, 15 and 17 of the traffic regulation plans are not mentioned in the descriptions.

Applicant's Response: The second entry for plot 13/1g is being changed to 13/1i in the Book of Reference to align with DCO application documents 2.3 Land Plans and 4.3 Book of Reference. A check has been carried out between the work numbers in Schedule 1 and the Works Plans. The dDCO has been updated and, as the changes are minor, these amendments will be presented as track changes in the next version of the dDCO to be issued at Deadline 1. A review of the Traffic Regulations Plans has been carried out and, where required, amendments have been made to the Traffic Regulation Plans to ensure they align with the dDCO.

Traffic Regulation Plans (Doc 2.6)

- Some of the sheets are missing north arrows.
- There are two points AZ, on sheets 2 and 14. Only the AZ on sheet 2 is referred to in the dDCO.
- Point G is not on sheet 7, as stated in the dDCO.

Applicant's Response: A review of the Traffic Regulations Plans has been carried out and amendments made to pick up the points noted above and from the consistency check with the dDCO. Enclosed is a revised DCO application document '2.6 Traffic Regulation Plans' document with the amended plans.

Location Plan (Doc 2.1)

- Scale needs to be added.

Applicant's Response: We have reviewed the plan and the scales are shown on the Location Plan as individual scale bars on each inset drawing, to reflect the different scales on each inset drawing. The legend box directs the reader to these scale bars with the words 'As Shown'. Therefore, we do not propose to submit any changes to DCO application document '2.1 Location Plan'.

Additional Amendments

In addition to the above responses, we have updated the following two DCO application documents to correct minor errors that we wish to correct prior to the Examination stage. Enclosed are two versions of the updated documents, comprising one pdf clean version and one pdf showing amendment in track changes of each document.

- '7.3 Scheme Design Report' – amended an error in one of the bullets under paragraph 2.14.
- '6.8 Environmental Masterplan' – amended Sheet 3 to showing the proposed fencelines, which were visible on the overlapping parts of the adjacent sheets.

Finally, we have also enclosed a new document '9.1 Guide to the Application' to track the DCO application documents revision changes.

If you have any queries on any of these matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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