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1.1.1 This document provides information requested by Natural England in its response to the Examiners First Written Question 1.3.8 submitted at Deadline 2.

1.1.2 ExA Written Question 1.3.8

ES Chapter 8: Biodiversity [APP-046], paragraph 8.8.2, lists biodiversity resources which have not been carried forward in / scoped out of the assessment. Are NE, NCC and BDC content with this and the justification for it?

1.1.3 Natural England Response

We agree with the resources on the list although the reason for each one being scoped out has not been provided for all resources. It appears that most have been scoped out due to distance from the scheme boundary, and there being no direct or indirect impacts either during construction or post-operational. It would be helpful if a reason for each resource being scoped out/ not being carried forward in the assessment could be provided in tabular format.

1.1.4 The Applicant's Response

The Applicant acknowledges the request. A table will be provided for Deadline 4.

1.1.5 The information requested is provide below.

Biodiversity Resource	Distance from the site	Reason not carried forward
The Broads SAC	2.5km south west (from A47 at Blofield)	Conclusions detailed in Table 4.1 of Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (TR010040/APP/6.9 Rev 3) submitted at Deadline 4
Broadland SPA	1.9km south west (from A47 to nearest point)	Conclusions detailed in Table 4.2 of Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (TR010040/APP/6.9 Rev 3) submitted at Deadline 4
Broadland Ramsar	2.5km south west (from A47 at Blofield)	Conclusions detailed in Table 4.3 of Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (TR010040/APP/6.9 Rev 3) submitted at Deadline 4
Breydon Waters Ramsar	8km south east (from Acle on the A47)	Conclusions detailed in Table 4.6 of Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (TR010040/APP/6.9 Rev 3) submitted at Deadline 4
Breydon Waters SPA	8km south east (from Acle on the A47)	Conclusions detailed in Table 4.5 of Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (TR010040/APP/6.9 Rev 3) submitted at Deadline 4
Decoy Carr, Acle SSSI	1.85km south of the Proposed Scheme	Part of the Broadland SAC (see above)

Biodiversity Resource	Distance from the site	Reason not carried forward
Paston Great Barn SAC	24.6km north of the Proposed Scheme	Conclusions detailed in Table 4.4 of Report to Inform Habitat Regulations Assessment (TR010040/APP/6.9 Rev 3) submitted at Deadline 4
Ancient semi-natural woodland	1.90km north of the Proposed Scheme at Walsham Wood	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary
Ancient replanted woodland	2km north west of the Proposed Scheme at Pedham Grove	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary
Church and Drive Plantations County Wildlife Site (CWS)	0.14km north (from A47 at North Burlingham)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts
Woodbastwick Road Roadside Nature Reserve (RNR)	0.29km north (from A47 at Blofield)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts
Belt Plantation CWS	0.56km north (from A47 at North Burlingham)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity
Howe's Meadow CWS	0.99km north (from A47 at Blofield)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity
Acle Road RNR	1-1km north (from Acle on the A47)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity
Birch Grove and Dawling's Wood CWS	1.39km north east (from A47 at Blofield)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts

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		No significant connectivity
Damgate Wood CWS	1.42km south (from Acle on the A47)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity
Highnoon Farm Braydeston CWS	1.60km north (from A47 on High Noon Lane)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity
Land adjacent to Witton Lane CWS	1.65km north (from A47 at Yarmouth)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity
Walsham Wood CWS	1.90km north (from A47 at Pedham)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity
Long Lane RNR	2km south west (from Lingwood on the A47)	Outside Proposed Scheme boundary No direct impacts No significant connectivity