

Application by Norfolk County Council for Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing

The Examining Authority's Second Written Questions and requests for information (ExQ2)

Issued on 18 December 2019

The following table sets out the Examining Authority's (ExA's) Second Written Questions and requests for information – ExQ2. The ExA's First Written Questions were issued on 1 October 2019 [PD-005].

Questions are set out using an issues-based framework derived from the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues provided as Annexe B to the Rule 6 letter of 29 August 2019. Questions have been added to the framework of issues set out there as they have arisen from representations and to address the assessment of the application against relevant policies.

Column 2 of the table indicates which Interested Parties (IPs) and other persons each question is directed to. The ExA would be grateful if all persons named could answer all questions directed to them, providing a substantive response, or indicating that the question is not relevant to them for a reason. This does not prevent an answer being provided to a question by a person to whom it is not directed, should the question be relevant to their interests.

Each question has a unique reference number which starts with 2 (indicating that it is from ExQ2) and then has an issue number and a question number. When you are answering a question, please start your answer by quoting the unique reference number.

If you are responding to a small number of questions, answers in a letter will suffice. If you are answering a larger number of questions, it will assist the ExA if you use a table based on this one to set out your responses. An editable version of this table in Microsoft Word is available on request from the case team: please contact GYTRC@planninginspectorate.gov.uk and include 'ExQ2' in the subject line of your email.

Responses are due by **Deadline 5: Tuesday 14 January 2020**

Abbreviations used

Art	<i>Article</i>	EA	<i>Environment Agency</i>
CTMP	<i>Construction Traffic Management Plan</i>	GYBC	<i>Great Yarmouth Borough Council</i>
dDCO	<i>Draft DCO</i>	GYPC	<i>Great Yarmouth Port Company</i>
ES	<i>Environmental Statement</i>		
ExA	<i>Examining Authority</i>		

The Examination Library

References in these questions set out in square brackets (e.g. [APP-010]) are to documents catalogued in the Examination Library. The Examination Library can be obtained from the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/Great-Yarmouth-Third-River-Crossing/>

It will be updated as the examination progresses.

Citation of Questions

Questions in this table should be cited as follows:

Question reference: issue reference: question number, e.g. ExQ2.1.1 – refers to question 1 in this table.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
2.0	General and Cross-topic Questions	
2.0.1	Applicant	I note the intention to adopt continuous fendering at the detailed design stage, is the Applicant able to provide an example of where such fendering has been used before and are there any disbenefits to such a system?
2.0.2	GYBC/NCC	The latest iteration of the dDCO (REP4-006 - Schedule 2 Requirements Part 2, Paragraphs 20 and 21) includes an increase in the determination period from 6 to 8 weeks for the discharge of certain details. Can the Council confirm whether it is satisfied with this amendment?
2.0.3	GYBC/NCC	The latest iteration of the dDCO (REP4-006 Schedule 2 Requirements, Paragraph 5) provides for details of specified structures to be agreed by NCC in consultation with GYBC. Can the Council confirm its acceptance of this requirement?
2.0.4	GYPC	Note the concern about bridge failure to open and the request for an emergency lay-by berth. Has GYPC identified where such a facility could be located?
2.0.5	GYPC/Applicant	With regard to the suggestion that the bridge may need to open before certain vessels enter the port, is it known roughly what percentage of the time all berths on the approach to the bridge location would be occupied?
2.1.	Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Other Land or Rights Considerations	
2.1.1.	Perenco	In view of your non-attendance at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing can Perenco provide an update on your position as previously expressed in your letter dated 8 October 2019?
2.1.2.	Perenco	Can Perenco confirm whether it was aware of the preferred alignment for the GYTRC at the time is occupied its current site at Fish Wharf? If yes, what forward planning has been done to minimise the impact of the GYTRC project on business operations.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
2.1.3.	ASCO	Can ASCO confirm whether it was aware of the preferred alignment for the GYTRC at the time it sublet the northern part of the Fish Wharf site to Perenco? If yes, what forward planning has been done to minimise the impact of the GYTRC project on business operations.
2.2.	Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	
2.2.1.	Applicant	Whilst noting the amendments to Art. 43, the latest dDCO (REP4-006) does not include any wording to clarify the distinction between commercial/recreational vessel movements. Does the Applicant intend to address this?
2.3.	Transportation and Traffic/Highways	
2.3.1.	Applicant	Can the Applicant explain in greater detail the extent to which impacts to nearby commercial premises, from changes in traffic and transport during the construction phase have been taken into account in the ES? It is acknowledged that a full CTMP will be compiled by the appointed contractor however, can the Applicant provide detail what measures (if any) are proposed to address/minimise the impact of construction activities?
2.4.	Water Environment/Flood Risk	
2.4.1.	Environment Agency	EA's position in relation to the scheme remains unclear and is causing uncertainty which is unhelpful to the Examination of this project. I note your comments in your letter dated 25 October 2019 in which you stated: " <i>Our national teams that verify the accuracy of flood modelling, are now reviewing the submitted modelling with a deadline to report by 8 November</i> ". I would welcome a further update on the latest position and a firm date for the submission of final comments which should be no later than Deadline 5 (14 January 2020).