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To Interested Parties and Statutory
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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010043

Date: 10 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3) and 17

Application by Norfolk County Council (NCC) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing

Examining Authority's request for further information

The Examining Authority (ExA) has now received the Deadline 7 (DL7) submissions and seeks the following further information from the Applicant in relation to the submissions. The ExA has made a procedural decision to vary the timetable to insert new deadlines 8 and 9 to facilitate the responses and subsequent process. The variations are set out at **Annex A** of this letter.

1. To provide an effective fall-back position to the issue of flood risk, the ExA asks the Applicant to look again at the drafting of Requirements 10, 11 and 15 to Part 1 of the dDCO these requirements. In particular the applicant should consider the following points:

- Whilst noting the applicant's DL7 comments, the ExA is of the view that it would be more appropriate if the DfT or EA was given overall responsibility of approving the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP), can the applicant provide alternative wording to Requirement 10 in that regard?
- No draft version of the EPRP has been made available to the Examination, Requirement 10 should therefore contain a list of matters to be covered by the EPRP including the tidal residual (breach) analysis.
- Can the wording of requirement 10 be amended to ensure the tidal residual (breach) analysis forms a central part of the approval of the EPRP rather than an "add-on"?
- The ExA has concerns that Part 3 of Requirement 10 requires that the EPRP is supported by a summary report of the additional modelling undertaken. However, this appears to sit outside the FRA.

- Similarly, Requirement 11 (Surface Water Drainage) has no link with the FRA, it's findings and the recommendations made including mitigation.
- As drafted, Schedule 15 of the dDCO does not list the FRA or the EPRP as certified documents. This could be amended to ensure that they are fully considered, adhered to and implemented.

2. The Applicant is asked to please comment on the DL7 response from Cadent Gas and include any subsequent amendments to the dDCO.

The Applicant is requested to respond to the above by new **Deadline 8, Friday 13 March 2020**. It is the ExA's intention to incorporate the requested revised wording into a preferred dDCO which will be issued for consultation on Monday 16 March 2020. Parties are to submit any responses to the ExA's preferred dDCO at new Deadline 9, Friday 20 March 2020.

Yours faithfully

Dominic Young

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Examining Inspector

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Original timetable with variations in Red.

<p>15.</p>	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Applicant’s preferred DCO • Comments on updated Negotiations Tracker • Comments on RIES (if relevant) • Comments on any additional information/submissions received by D6 • Responses to any further information requested by the ExA 	<p>Tuesday 25 February 2020</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>NEW Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further information requested from the Applicant under Rule 17 	<p>Friday 13 March 2020</p> <p>5pm</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>NEW Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA’s preferred dDCO or dDCO commentary 	<p>Monday 16 March 2020</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>NEW Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on ExA’s preferred dDCO or dDCO commentary 	<p>Friday 20 March 2020</p> <p>12pm</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.</p> <p>The ExA may close the examination before the end of the six-month period if he is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24 March 2020</p>