

# East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms

# Draft Statement of Common Ground

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# Glossary of Acronyms

DCO	Development Consent Order
DML	Deemed Marine Licence
DTS	Distributed Temperature Sensing
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
ETG	Expert Topic Group
MHWS	Mean High Water Springs
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
TH	Trinity House



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# Glossary of Terminology

Applicants	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited
Construction, operation	A fixed offshore structure required for construction, operation, and
and maintenance	l · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	maintenance personnel and activities.
platform	
East Anglia TWO	The proposed project consisting of up to 75 wind turbines, up to four
project	offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction operation and
	maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one
	operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre
	optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore
	substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia ONE North	The proposed project consisting of up to 67 wind turbines, up to four
project	offshore electrical platforms, up to one construction operation and
	maintenance platform, inter-array cables, platform link cables, up to one
	operational meteorological mast, up to two offshore export cables, fibre
	optic cables, landfall infrastructure, onshore cables and ducts, onshore
	substation, and National Grid infrastructure.
East Anglia TWO / East	The offshore area within which wind turbines and offshore platforms will
Anglia ONE North	be located.
windfarm site	
Evidence Plan Process	A voluntary consultation process with specialist stakeholders to agree the
Evidence Flan Frocess	approach to the EIA and the information required to support HRA.
Generation Deemed	The deemed marine licence in respect of the generation assets set out
Marine Licence (DML) within Schedule 13 of the draft DCO.	
Horizontal directional	A method of cable installation where the cable is drilled beneath a feature
drilling (HDD)	without the need for trenching.
	Offshore cables which link the wind turbines to each other and the
Inter-array cables	offshore electrical platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Londfall	
Landfall	The area (from Mean Low Water Springs) where the offshore export
0".1	cables would make contact with land and connect to the onshore cables.
Offshore	Area to seaward of nearshore in which the transport of sediment is not
	caused by wave activity.
Offshore cable corridor	This is the area which will contain the offshore export cables between
	offshore electrical platforms and landfall.
Offshore development	The East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North windfarm site and offshore
area	cable corridor (up to Mean High Water Springs).
Offshore electrical	A fixed structure located within the windfarm area, containing electrical
platform	equipment to aggregate the power from the wind turbine generators and
	convert it into a more suitable form for export to shore.
Offshore export cables	The cables which would bring electricity from the offshore electrical
<u> </u>	platforms to the landfall. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the construction, operation and maintenance platform
·	and the offshore electrical platforms.
Platform link cable	Electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms, these cables
	will include fibre optic cables.

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Safety zone	A marine area declared for the purposes of safety around a renewable energy installation or works / construction area under the Energy Act 2004.
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations as a result of the flow of water.
Transmission DML	The deemed marine licence in respect of the transmission assets set out within Schedule 14 of the draft DCO.



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### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

- This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited (the Applicants) and Trinity House (TH). It identifies areas of the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Development Consent Order (DCO) applications (the Applications) where matters are agreed or not agreed between parties.
- 2. The Applicants have had regard to the guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015) when compiling this SoCG.
- 3. This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of interest to TH on the Applications. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed and actions to resolve between the Applicants and TH are included within this SoCG.
- 4. Throughout the SoCG the phrase "Agreed" identifies any point of agreement between the Applicants and TH.
- 5. The phrase "Not Agreed" identifies any point that is not yet agreed between the Applicants and TH. Points that are not yet agreed will be the subject of ongoing discussion between the Applicants and TH to reach agreement on the point wherever possible or refine the extent of disagreement between parties. The notes column of the SoCG tables provides commentary on these matters.
- 6. The tables in **section 2.1** are based upon discussions and information exchanged between the Applicants and TH during the pre-application and examination phases of the application regarding **Shipping and Navigation**.

#### 1.2 The Development

- 7. The key offshore components of each project will comprise:
  - Offshore wind turbines and their associated foundations;
  - Offshore platforms up to four offshore electrical platforms and their associated foundations supporting some of the windfarm's electrical equipment, and up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform and associated foundations that may cater for personnel and activities required during the construction phase and operation and maintenance of the windfarm;
  - Sub-sea cables between the wind turbines and offshore electrical platforms (inter-array), between separate offshore platforms (platform link cables) and between offshore electrical platforms and the landfall (export cables);

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- Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array, platform link and export sub-sea cables as required; and
- Potential for one meteorological mast (met mast) and its associated foundations for monitoring wind speeds during the operational phase of the windfarm.
- 8. The key onshore components of each project will comprise:
  - The landfall site with up to two transition bays to connect the onshore and offshore cables:
  - Up to six onshore cables, up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing (DTS) cables installed underground (some or all of which may be installed in ducts) and associated jointing bays installed underground;
  - Onshore substation; and
  - Electrical cable connection between onshore substation and National Grid substation.
- 9. National Grid infrastructure will also be required to connect each project to the national electricity grid. Key components of the National Grid infrastructure which is common to both projects will comprise:
  - National Grid substation;
  - Cable sealing end compounds and a cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound; and
  - Realignment of the existing overhead lines; including the reconstruction or replacement of up to three existing overhead pylons in proximity to the National Grid substation and the addition of up to one new pylon in close proximity to existing overhead pylons.

#### 1.3 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters

10. **Table 1.1** provides a summary of the matters agreed, not agreed and those which are outstanding between the Applicants and TH for each of the relevant receptor topics. For further information on agreements that are outstanding / under discussion and for which the Applicants and the TH are working to address during the examination period, see the detailed agreement **Table 2.2.** 

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Table 1.1 Summary of Areas of Agreed, Not Agreed or those which are Outstanding for Receptor Topic Areas Raised by TH

Topic	Agreed, Not Agreed or Outstanding
Shipping and Navigation	Outstanding.
Development Consent Order	Outstanding.



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## 2 Statement of Common Ground

11. The areas of agreement and disagreement between the Applicants and TH are set out below.

#### 2.1 Shipping and Navigation

- 12. Each project has the potential to impact upon shipping and navigation. *Chapter*14 Shipping and Navigation of the Environmental Statement (ES) (APP-062) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
- 13. **Table 2.1** provides an overview of meetings and correspondence undertaken with TH regarding shipping and navigation.
- 14. **Table 2.2** provides areas of agreement and disagreement with TH regarding shipping and navigation.
- 15. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for shipping and navigation can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).

Table 2.1 Summary of Consultation with TH regarding Shipping and Navigation

Date	Contact Type	Topic			
Pre-Application					
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Meeting	EA2/EA1N Project Introduction meeting.			
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Briefing Note	Agreement sought on need for additional hazard workshop following East Anglia TWO reverting to a maximum of 75 x 250m turbines plus platforms and met mast.			
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	ch 2019 Meeting Project updates including stakeholder engagement, with discussion around shipping and navigation.				
Post-Application					
18 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Meeting	To discuss agreements in the SoCG			
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Meeting	Second meeting to discuss agreements in the SoCG.			
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020	Meeting	Third meeting to discuss agreements in SoCG.			

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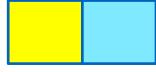




Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Trinity House Position	Notes
ronmental Impa	ct Assessment				
Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
	The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
Assessment Conclusions	The assessment is appropriate and has reached acceptable results.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
	The assessment of cumulative impacts has reached acceptable results.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
Mitigation	Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Offshore Schedule of Mitigation (APP-574) and section 14.3.3 of ES Chapter 14 Shipping and Navigation (APP-052) is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
	Existing Environment  Assessment Methodology  Assessment Conclusions  Mitigation	Assessment Methodology  The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.  The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.  Assessment Conclusions  The assessment is appropriate and has reached acceptable results.  The assessment of cumulative impacts has reached acceptable results.  Mitigation  Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Offshore Schedule of Mitigation (APP-574) and section 14.3.3 of ES Chapter 14 Shipping and Navigation (APP-052) is	Existing Environment Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.  Assessment Methodology Sused for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.  The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.  Assessment Conclusions The assessment is appropriate and has reached acceptable results.  The assessment of cumulative impacts has reached acceptable results.  Mitigation Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Offshore Schedule of Mitigation (APP-574) and section 14.3.3 of ES Chapter 14 Shipping and Navigation (APP-052) is appropriate.	Fronmental Impact Assessment  Existing Environment Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.  Assessment Methodology Sued for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.  The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.  Assessment Conclusions  The assessment is appropriate and has reached acceptable results.  The assessment of cumulative impacts has reached acceptable results.  Mitigation  Given the impacts of the project, the proposed mitigation outlined in the Offshore Schedule of Mitigation (APP-574) and section 14.3.3 of ES Chapter 14 Shipping and Navigation (APP-052) is appropriate.	Formmental Impact Assessment  Existing Environment  Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.  Agreed  Agreed

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ID	Торіс	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	Trinity House Position	Notes
TH- 105	Wording of Deemed Marine Licence (DML) Requirement(s)	The wording of the following requirements and conditions and requirements pertaining to shipping and navigation are appropriate and adequate:	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	Subject to Trinity House review of the next iteration of the Draft DCO.
	and Conditions and DCO Requirement(s)	<ul> <li>Conditions 11 and 12 of the generation DML and Conditions 7 and 8 of the transmission DML with reference to aids to navigation;</li> </ul>				
		Condition 17(1)(i) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(i) of the transmission DML with reference to the aids to navigation management plan;				
		<ul> <li>Condition 18(5) of the generation DML and Condition 14(5) of the transmission DML with reference to commencement and MMO consultation with MCA;</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Condition 17(1)(a) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(a) of the transmission DML with reference to the design plan.</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Condition 17(1)(d)(ii)(bb) of the generation DML and Condition 13(1)(d)(ii)(bb) of the transmission DML with reference to the cable laying plan.</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Condition 10 of the generation DML and Condition 6 of the transmission</li> </ul>				

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		DML with reference to notifications and inspections;				
		Conditions 21 and 22 of the generation DML and Conditions 17 and 18 of the transmission DML with reference to construction and post construction traffic monitoring;				
		Requirement 10 within DCO Schedule 1, Part 3 with reference to the decommissioning programme.				
		Condition 20 of the generation DML and Condition 16 of the transmission DML with reference to Pre-construction monitoring and surveys.				
Othe	er Matters as Re	quired		-		<u> </u>
TH- 106	Arbitration		n/a	n/a	TH support the MMOs position on arbitration.	None
	'Order Limits' GIS files	The Order Limits GIS files will be issued to TH whenever they change	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None

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# 3 Signatures

16. The above Statement of Common Ground is agreed between East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and Trinity House on the day specified below.

Signed:	
Print Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Duly authorised	for and on behalf of Trinity House
Signed:	
Print Name:	
Job Title:	
Date:	
Duly authorised	for and on behalf of East Anglia TWO Limited
Signed:	
Print Name:	
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