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Glossary of Acronyms

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
APP	Application Document
CIA	Cumulative Impact Assessment
CoCP	Code of Construction Practice
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
ETG	Expert Topic Group
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
NE	Natural England
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
OLEMS	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SoM	Schedule of Mitigation
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest



Glossary of Terminology

Applicants	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited
Cable sealing end compound	A compound which allows the safe transition of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
Cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound	A compound (which includes a circuit breaker) which allows the safe transition of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
East Anglia ONE North project	The proposed project consisting of up to 67 wind turbines, up to four 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 project	The proposed project consisting of up to 75 wind turbines, up to four 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.
Inter-array cables	Offshore cables which link the wind turbines to each other and the offshore electrical platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Jointing bay	Underground structures constructed at intervals along the onshore cable route to join sections of cable and facilitate installation of the cables into the buried ducts.
Landfall	The area (from Mean Low Water Springs) where the offshore export cables would make contact with land, and connect to the onshore cables.
Meteorological mast	An offshore structure which contains metrological instruments used for wind data acquisition.
National electricity grid	The high voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales owned and maintained by National Grid Electricity Transmission
National Grid infrastructure	A National Grid substation, cable sealing end compounds, cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound, underground cabling and National Grid overhead line realignment works to facilitate connection to the national electricity grid, all of which will be consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project Development Consent Order but will be National Grid owned assets.
National Grid substation	The substation (including all of the electrical equipment within it) necessary to connect the electricity generated by the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project to the national electricity grid which will be owned by National Grid but is being consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project Development Consent Order.
Offshore electrical platform	A fixed structure located within the windfarm area, containing electrical equipment to aggregate the power from the wind turbines 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 platforms to the landfall. These cables will include fibre optic cables.



Offshore infrastructure	All of the offshore infrastructure including wind turbines, platforms, and cables.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the construction, operation and maintenance platform and the offshore electrical platforms.
Onshore cable corridor	The corridor within which the onshore cable route will be located.
Onshore cable route	This is the construction swathe within the onshore cable corridor which would contain onshore cables as well as temporary ground required for construction which includes cable trenches, haul road and spoil storage areas.
Onshore cables	The cables which would bring electricity from landfall to the onshore substation. The onshore cable is comprised of up to six power cables (which may be laid directly within a trench, or laid in cable ducts or protective covers), up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing cables.
Onshore development area	The area in which the landfall, onshore cable corridor, onshore substation, landscaping and ecological mitigation areas, temporary construction facilities (such as access roads and construction consolidation sites), and the National Grid Infrastructure will be located.
Onshore infrastructure	The combined name for all of the onshore infrastructure associated with the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project from landfall to the connection to the national electricity grid.
Onshore preparation works	Activities to be undertaken prior to formal commencement of onshore construction such as pre-planting of landscaping works, archaeological investigations, environmental and engineering surveys, diversion and laying of services, and highway alterations.
Onshore substation	The East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North substation and all of the electrical equipment within the onshore substation and connecting to the National Grid infrastructure.
Platform link cable	Electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Project	The East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm / East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations as a result of the flow of water.
Transition bay	Underground structures at the landfall that house the joints between the offshore export cables and the onshore cables.



1 Introduction

1. This document is applicable to both the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North DCO Applications (the Applications), and therefore is endorsed with the yellow and blue icon used to identify materially identical documentation in accordance with the Examining Authority's procedural decisions on document management of 23rd December 2019 (PD-004). Whilst this document has been submitted to both Examinations, if it is read for one project submission there is no need to read it for the other project submission.

1.1 Background

2. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared between East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and Natural England (NE). 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 the parties.
3. 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.
4. The SoCG with NE comprises three separate documents covering different topic areas as follows:
 - Onshore (this document);
 - Offshore (document reference ExA.SoCG-13.D1.V1); and
 - Offshore Ornithology (document reference ExA.SoCG-15.D1.V1).
5. This onshore SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of the Applications which are of interest to NE. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed and actions to resolve between the Applicants and NE are included within this SoCG.
6. The tables presented below represent the SoCG with the Applicants and NE in respect of the following topics (each of which includes matters pertaining to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and DCO):
 - Onshore Ecology;
 - Onshore Ornithology; and
 - Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA).



7. As per NE's Relevant Representation (RR-059), this document also includes a table representing a SoCG between the Applicants and NE in respect of the following materials submitted as part of the Applications:
 - Other Documents and Plans.
8. Throughout the SoCG the phrase "Agreed" identifies any point of agreement between the Applicants and NE. The phrase "Not Agreed" identifies any point that is not agreed between the Applicant and NE.
9. The matters considered within this SoCG apply only within the context of NE's statutory remit, which covers designated sites for nature conservation within England in relation to the topics listed above. The content of this SoCG is therefore limited to such matters.

1.2 The Development

10. 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);
 - Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array, platform link and export sub-sea cables as required; and
 - Potential for one meteorological mast and its associated foundations for monitoring wind speeds during the operational phase of the windfarm.
11. 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 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 the onshore substation and National Grid substation.
12. 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

13. **Table 1.1** provides a summary of the matters agreed, not agreed and those which are outstanding between the Applicants and NE for each of the relevant SoCG topic areas. For further information on matters that are outstanding / under discussion that the Applicants and NE are working to address during the Examination period, refer to the Notes column of **Table 2.2 Table 2.4, Table 2.6** and **Table 2.7**.

Table 1.1 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters

Topic	Agreed, Not Agreed or In Discussion
Onshore Ecology	At Deadline 8, it is considered that agreement has been reached on statements in relation to the Existing Environment and Assessment Methodology. Certain statements on the Assessment Conclusions, Mitigation and the DCO remain not agreed. Refer to Table 2.2 for further detail.
Onshore Ornithology	EIA At Deadline 8, it is considered that agreement has been reached on statements in relation to the Existing Environment, Assessment Methodology and Assessment Conclusions. Certain statements on Mitigation and the DCO remain not agreed. Refer to Table 2.4 for further detail.
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Topic	Agreed, Not Agreed or In Discussion
	At Deadline 8, it is considered that agreement has been reached on statements in relation to the Existing Environment, Assessment Methodology and Assessment Conclusions. Certain statements on Mitigation remain not agreed. Refer to Table 2.4 for further detail.
LVIA	At Deadline 8, it is considered that agreement has been reached on statements in relation to the Existing Environment, Assessment Methodology and Assessment Conclusions. Therefore, certain statements on Mitigation, the DCO and Other Matters remain not agreed. Refer to Table 2.6 for further detail.
Other Documents and Plans	At Deadline 8, the other documents and plans for which agreement remains not agreed are the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (OLEMS) (APP-584) and the Onshore Schedule of Mitigation (APP-575).



2 Statement of Common Ground

14. A summary of the consultation undertaken to date with NE and the matters agreed or not agreed between the Applicants and NE (based on discussions and information exchanged between the Applicants and NE during the pre-application and Examination phases of the applications) are set out below for each of the SoCG topic areas.

2.1 Onshore Ecology

15. Each project has the potential to impact upon Onshore Ecology. **Chapter 22 Onshore Ecology** of the Environmental Statement (ES) (APP-070) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
16. **Table 2.1** provides an overview of consultation undertaken with NE regarding onshore ecology. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for Onshore Ecology can be found in the **Consultation Report** (APP-029).

Table 2.1 Summary of Consultation with NE Regarding Onshore Ecology

Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
20 th February 2018	Meeting	Survey methodologies and mitigation requirements
27 th April 2018	Meeting	Method statement, project updates and approach to the assessment (methodology, impacts, data collection, etc.)
5 th November 2018	Meeting	Presentation of assessment, impacts and mitigation in advance of publication of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
25 th January 2019	Meeting	Discussion regarding Sandlings Special Protection Area (SPA)
9 th May 2019	Meeting	Post-PEIR consultation feedback
Post-Application		
19 th February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 1
16 th July 2020	Meeting / Workshop	Workshop with multiple stakeholders to discuss the key issues relating to Onshore Ecology and Onshore Ornithology.
5 th October 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 2

17. **Table 2.2** presents the matters agreed or not agreed with NE in relation to Onshore Ecology.

Table 2.2 Onshore Ecology

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	NE position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
NE-601	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed, except for the areas adjacent to the River Hundred where NE consider there to be remaining uncertainties	Discussed at Onshore Ecology Export Topic Group (ETG) meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 which agreed the approach to the establishment of the Existing Environment. Whilst this statement had been agreed, NE's Deadline 5 submission (REP5-084) included comments regarding characterisation of the woodland west of the Hundred River crossing. The Applicants re-visited the site in February 2021 and verified the findings of the 2018 Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey (REP6-035) that the habitat in the location is semi-natural broadleaf woodland. Further comments received from NE at Deadline 7 (REP7-073) have been noted and the Applicants have submitted a response to these at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA.AS-17.D8.V1).
NE-602	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the Projects.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 which agreed the approach to the Assessment Methodology. Comments on the impact assessment methodologies adopted for the EIA were received from NE in point 7, Appendix C of their Relevant Representation (RR-059). Responses to these are provided in the



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	NE position	Notes
						Applicants Comments on Relevant Representations (AS-036). Comments from NE on the Applicants Comments on Relevant Representations (AS-036) were received on 14 th August 2020. All comments relating to assessment methodology have been resolved and therefore the Applicants consider this matter to be agreed.
NE-603	Assessment Methodology	The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 which agreed the approach to the Assessment Methodology (including defining the worst case scenario).
NE-604	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 which agreed the approach to the assessment of impacts.
NE-605	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts (in terms of onshore ecology) are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 which agreed the approach to the assessment of cumulative impacts. One comment in relation to the cumulative impacts with the proposed Sizewell C project was received

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						from NE in point 16, Appendix C of its Relevant Representation (RR-059). Following the Applicants Comments on Relevant Representations (AS-036), a review of the Sizewell C Order limits has identified no overlap with the Projects' Order limits (as noted in the Applicants response to Procedural Deadline 18 (PDA-001)). As such, there is no pathway for direct cumulative impacts upon ecological receptors and an additional or supplementary terrestrial ecology assessment of cumulative impacts with Sizewell C is not required. Point 9 of NE's Deadline 6 Risk and Issues Log (REP6-119) makes reference to cumulative impacts with Sizewell C. The Applicants note that NE's comments made at Deadline 3 (REP3-119) on the Sizewell C Cumulative Impact Assessment Note (Landscape and Visual) (REP2-010) do not relate to onshore ecology.
NE-606	Mitigation	The embedded mitigation for legally protected and notable species set out within Section 22.3.3 and Section 22.3.4 of Chapter 22 Onshore Ecology of the ES	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1. Draft applications for mitigation licences have been submitted to NE's Wildlife Licensing Team as part of a request for Letters of No Impediment relating to badger and great crested newt (GCN). NE is currently determining these applications.

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		(APP-070) is appropriate and sufficient.				The Applicants have not requested a Letter of No Impediment for water vole on the basis that no evidence of this species has been identified during the surveys undertaken to date.
NE-607	Mitigation	The embedded mitigation for the Leiston to Aldeburgh Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) set out within Section 22.3.3 and Section 22.3.4 of Chapter 22 Onshore Ecology of the ES (APP-070) is appropriate and sufficient.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 . Within points 6, 9, 10 and 12, Appendix C of their Relevant Representation (RR-059), NE requests further information and consideration of the Leiston to Aldeburgh SSSI. Responses to these are provided in the Applicants Comments on Relevant Representations (AS-036). The Applicants have prepared and submitted an Outline Landfall Construction Method Statement (document reference ExA.AS-2.D8.V3), which sets out measures for the control of landfall works and commits the Applicants to consulting with NE during the preparation of the final Landfall Construction Method Statement.
NE-608	Mitigation	The embedded mitigation for the Sandlings SPA set out within Section 22.3.3 and Section 22.3.4 of Chapter 22 Onshore	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 . The Applicants have prepared an Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (REP6-036) setting out



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		Ecology of the ES (APP-070) is appropriate and sufficient.				habitat mitigation and monitoring requirements in consultation with NE. The NE position as stated in REP5-084 is: <i>"Whilst our default position remains in support of a trenchless option to avoid impacts to SPA supporting habitats and minimise disturbance; we acknowledge that the Applicant, through project design, has chosen a crossing location that would be the least impactful i.e. the narrowest part and currently of lower ecological value than the surround areas of the SPA.</i> <i>We also note that if done correctly an open trench option, which involves installing ducts for both cables simultaneously, could enable the SPA habitats to recover within the short to medium term. This could also potentially further reduce disturbance to breeding birds and notified features of the Aldeburgh to Leiston Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) when compared to the greater temporal and spatial impacts of the trenchless techniques."</i> The Applicants have also produced an Outline Watercourse Crossing Method Statement (REP3-048; REP6-041) that considers mitigation measures required as a result of potential (downstream) impacts on the Sandlings SPA arising from crossing the Hundred River.

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NE-609	Mitigation	The embedded mitigation for hedgerows set out within Section 22.3.3 and Section 22.3.4 of Chapter 22 Onshore Ecology of the ES (APP-070) is appropriate and sufficient.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	Discussed at Onshore Ecology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.1 . It is noted that Requirement 15 of the draft DCO (REP7-006) requires that any tree or shrub planted as part of the approved landscape management plan that fails within 5-years (and 10-years within Works Nos. 19, 24, 29 and 33) must be replanted.
Draft Development Consent Order						
NE-610	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 21 provided within the draft DCO (REP7-006) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to development of an Ecological Management Plan for the mitigation and monitoring of potential impacts to Onshore Ecology is	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	The Applicants do not agree with NE's view that the seasonal restriction referred to within the Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (REP6-036) should appear within the wording of Requirement 21. The Applicants note that NE is named as a statutory consultee on the final Ecological Management Plan within the wording of Requirement 21 of the draft DCO (REP7-006) and that construction of the onshore works cannot commence until the approval of the Ecological Management Plan by the relevant planning authority.

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		appropriate and adequate.				
NE-611	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 22 provided within the draft DCO (REP7-006) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to development of a Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) for the mitigation and monitoring of potential impacts to Onshore Ecology is appropriate and adequate.	Agreed	Agreed	Provisionally Agreed – subject to NE reviewing the D8 submission.	The Applicants have updated the Outline CoCP (an updated version has been submitted at Deadline 8, document reference 8.1) to include NE as a consultee on the relevant ecological plans referred to in Requirement 22.
Other Matters as Required						
NE-612	Construction Methodology	The preferred construction option to cross the Sandlings SPA using an open-cut trench technique is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	Within point 3, Appendix C of its Relevant Representation (RR-059) and as emphasised during SoCG meeting 1 and the 16 th July workshop, NE expressed its preference for a trenchless Sandlings SPA crossing technique. However, within its Deadline 5 submission (REP5-084) NE acknowledges the measures committed to by the Applicants to minimise



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						the impact of an open trench crossing of the Sandlings SPA (refer to row NE-608 above). NE made further representations at Deadline 7. The Applicants have prepared an Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (REP6-036) with commitments for both a trenched and trenchless SPA crossing technique in consultation with NE.
NE-613	Seasonal Restriction	A seasonal restriction from 1 st February to 31 st August, applicable to Works No. 12 and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of Work No. 12, under an open trench SPA crossing technique is acceptable.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants note that the seasonal restriction relates specifically to the SPA crossing (Works No. 12) and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of the SPA crossing.
NE-614	Seasonal Restriction	A seasonal restriction from 14 th February to 31 st August, applicable to Works No. 12 and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of Work No. 12, under a trenchless SPA	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants note that the seasonal restriction relates specifically to the SPA crossing (Works No. 12) and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of the SPA crossing.

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		crossing technique is acceptable.				
NE-615	Hundred River crossing	The assessment of potential impacts upon the Sandlings SPA and Leiston-Aldeburgh SSSI arising from the crossing of the Hundred River, together with the mitigation proposed within the Outline Watercourse Crossing Method Statement, is acceptable.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants have provided an assessment of potential impact pathways to designated sites arising from the upstream crossing of the Hundred River using an open trench technique, which is presented within the Outline Watercourse Crossing Method Statement submitted at Deadline 6 (REP6-041).
NE-616	Monitoring of SPA crossing	The monitoring to be undertaken following completion of the works and proposed reinstatement is acceptable.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants have submitted an updated Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement at Deadline 6 with further commitments to monitoring (REP6-036) and adaptive management measures.



2.2 Onshore Ornithology

18. Each Project has the potential to impact upon Onshore Ornithology. **Chapter 23 Onshore Ornithology** of the ES (APP-071) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
19. **Table 2.3** provides an overview of consultation undertaken with NE regarding Onshore Ornithology. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for Onshore Ornithology can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).
20. **Table 2.4** presents the matters agreed or not agreed with NE in relation to Onshore Ornithology.

Table 2.3 Summary of Consultation with NE Regarding Onshore Ornithology

Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
20 th February 2018	Meeting	Survey methodologies and mitigation requirements.
27 th April 2018	Meeting	Method statement, project updates and approach to the assessment (methodology, impacts, data collection, etc.)
5 th November 2018	Meeting	Presentation of assessment, impacts and mitigation in advance of publication of the PEIR
25 th January 2019	Meeting	Discussion regarding Sandlings SPA.
9 th May 2019	Meeting	Post-PEIR consultation feedback.
Post-Application		
19 th February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting one.
16 th July 2020	Meeting / Workshop	Workshop with multiple stakeholders to discuss the key issues relating to Onshore Ecology and Onshore Ornithology.
5 th October 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 2

Table 2.4 Onshore Ornithology

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	NE position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
NE-701	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	This matter was discussed at the Onshore Ornithology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.3 . The ETG agreed the approach to the establishment of the Existing Environment.
NE-702	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the Projects.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	This matter was discussed at the Onshore Ornithology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.3 . The ETG agreed that the Assessment Methodology applied is appropriate.
NE-703	Assessment Methodology	The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	This matter was discussed at the Onshore Ornithology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.3 . The ETG agreed the Assessment Methodology applied, and definition of worst case scenario are appropriate.
NE-704	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	NE position	Notes
NE-705	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative impacts are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-706	Mitigation	The embedded mitigation for Onshore Ornithology and habitats set out within Section 23.3.3 and Section 23.3.4 of Chapter 23 Onshore Ornithology in the ES (APP-071) is appropriate and sufficient.	In discussion	In discussion	Not Agreed	This matter was discussed at the Onshore Ornithology ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.3. The Applicants have prepared an Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (REP6-036) setting out habitat mitigation and monitoring requirements in consultation with NE. The Applicants have amended the OLEMS submitted at Deadline 8 (document reference 8.7) to reflect the measures in the Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement and the timing of implementing compensatory habitat measures within the wider onshore development area. Please also refer to the notes in roe NE-608 and NE-612.
Information to Support Appropriate Assessment Report						
NE-707	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	No comments on Existing Environment were received from NE in its Relevant Representation (RR-059).

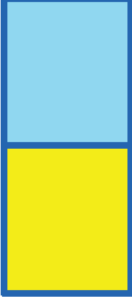
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NE-708	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the Information to Support Appropriate Assessment Report provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the Projects.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-709	Assessment Methodology	The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-710	Assessment Conclusions	The Information to Support Appropriate Assessment Report adequately characterises the baseline environment in terms of Onshore Ornithology.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-711	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of effects for construction, operation and	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	NE position	Notes
		decommissioning presented are appropriate.				
NE-712	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of in-combination effects are appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-713	Mitigation	The mitigation measures in relation to onshore ornithology receptors set out within Section 3.3.2.6 of the Information to Support Appropriate Assessment Report (APP-043) are appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	Within point 3, Appendix C of its Relevant Representation (RR-059) and as emphasised during SoCG meeting 1 and the 16th July workshop, NE expressed its preference for a trenchless Sandlings SPA crossing technique. However, within its Deadline 5 submission (REP5-084) NE acknowledges the measures committed to by the Applicants to minimise the impact of an open trench crossing of the Sandlings SPA (refer to row NE-608 above). The Applicants have prepared an Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (REP6-036) with commitments regarding the timing of compensatory habitat mitigation in consultation with NE. The Applicants have submitted an updated Outline Landfall Construction Method Statement at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA-AS-2.D8.V3) with

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						measures in relation to bentonite breakout in consultation with NE
NE-714	Mitigation	The mitigation measures regarding the reinstatement of land temporarily affected during construction presented within the Information to Support Appropriate Assessment Report (APP-043) and Chapter 22 of the ES (APP-070) are appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	The Applicants have submitted an Ecological Enhancement Clarification Note Addendum at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA-AS-16.D8.V1) to reflect the various design changes made during the Examinations.
Draft Development Consent Order						
NE-715	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 21 provided within the draft DCO (REP7-006) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to development of an Ecological Management Plan for the mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	The Applicants do not agree with NE's view that the seasonal restriction referred to within the Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (REP6-036) should appear within the wording of Requirement 21. The Applicants note that NE is named as a statutory consultee on the final Ecological Management Plan within the wording of Requirement 21 of the draft DCO (REP7-006) and that construction of the onshore works cannot commence until the approval of the

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		and monitoring of potential impacts to Onshore Ornithology is appropriate and adequate.				Ecological Management Plan by the relevant planning authority.
NE-716	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 22 provided within the draft DCO (REP7-006) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to development of a CoCP for the mitigation and monitoring of potential impacts to Onshore Ornithology is appropriate and adequate.	Agreed	Agreed	Provisionally Agreed – subject to reviewing the D8 submission	The Applicants have updated the Outline CoCP submitted at Deadline 8 (document reference 8.1) to include NE as a consultee on relevant ecological plans referred to in Requirement 22 where this is appropriate.
Other Matters as Required						
NE-717	Construction Methodology	The preferred construction option to cross the Sandlings SPA via an open-cut	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	Within point 3, Appendix C of its Relevant Representation (RR-059) and as emphasised during SoCG meeting 1 and the 16 th July workshop, NE expressed its preference for a trenchless Sandlings SPA crossing technique. However, within its Deadline

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		trench technique is appropriate.				5 submission (REP5-084) NE acknowledges the measures committed to by the Applicants to minimise the impact of an open trench crossing of the Sandlings SPA (refer to row NE-608 above). The Applicants have prepared an Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement (REP6-036) with commitments for both a trenched and trenchless SPA crossing technique in consultation with NE.
NE-718	Seasonal restriction	A seasonal restriction from 1 st February to 31 st August, applicable to Works No. 12 and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of Work No. 12, under an open trench SPA crossing technique is acceptable.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants note that the seasonal restriction relates specifically to the SPA crossing (Works No.12) and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of the SPA crossing.
NE-719	Seasonal restriction	A seasonal restriction from 14 th February to 31 st August, applicable to Works No. 12 and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of Work No. 12,	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants note that the seasonal restriction relates specifically to the SPA crossing (Works No.12) and works associated with the SPA crossing within 200m of the SPA crossing.



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		under a trenchless SPA crossing technique is acceptable.				
NE-720	Monitoring of SPA crossing	The monitoring to be undertaken following completion of the works and proposed reinstatement is acceptable.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants have submitted an updated Outline SPA Crossing Method Statement at Deadline 6 with further commitments to monitoring (REP6-036) and adaptive management measures.



2.3 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

21. Each Project has the potential to result in Landscape and Visual effects. **Chapter 29 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment** of the ES (APP-077) provides an assessment of the significance of these effects.
22. **Table 2.5** provides an overview of consultation undertaken with NE regarding Landscape and Visual effects. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for the LVIA can be found in the Consultation Report (APP-029).
23. **Table 2.6** presents the matters agreed or not agreed with NE in relation to Landscape and Visual effects.

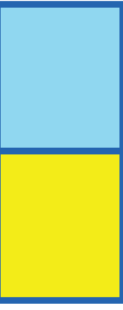
Table 2.5 Summary of Consultation with NE Regarding Landscape and Visual Effects

Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
27 th April 2018	Meeting	Method statement, project updates and approach to the assessment (methodology, effects, data collection, etc.)
24 th January 2019	Meeting	Pre-PEIR consultation
23 rd May 2019	Meeting	Post-PEIR consultation feedback
Post-Application		
19 th February 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting one
30 th July 2020	Meeting / Workshop	Workshop with multiple stakeholders to discuss the key issues relating to the Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity assessment (SLVIA) and LVIA
5 th October 2020	Meeting	SoCG meeting 2
30 th July 2020	Meeting / Workshop	Workshop with multiple stakeholders to discuss the key issues relating to SLVIA and LVIA.

Table 2.6 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

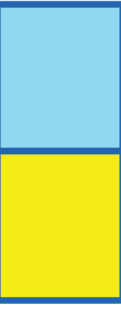
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Environmental Impact Assessment						
NE-901	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to appropriately characterise the baseline environment in terms of Landscape and Visual amenity and inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	This matter was discussed at LVIA ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.5 . The approach establishment of the of the Existing Environment was agreed.
NE-902	Existing Environment	The viewpoints selected for the LVIA are adequate and appropriate to understand and assess the likely significant effects.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	This matter was discussed at LVIA ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.5 . Whilst NE was involved in the ETG process, it deferred to the local planning authority (East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council) regarding the agreement of LVIA viewpoint locations.
NE-903	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the EIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential effects of the Project.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.

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NE-904	Assessment Methodology	The worst case scenario presented in the assessment is appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-905	Assessment Methodology	The study area defined for the LVIA is appropriate for the effects considered.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-906	Assessment Methodology	The photomontages produced for the LVIA meet appropriate standards and are suitable to inform judgements on the visual effects of the onshore infrastructure, while recognising that all photomontages have limitations (as set out in Appendix 29.2 - LVIA Methodology (APP-566)).	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.

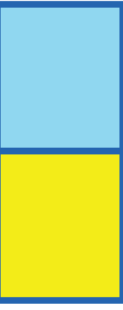


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NE-907	Assessment Conclusions	The assessment of effects for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are consistent with the agreed assessment methodologies.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-908	Assessment Conclusions	The potential effects of the landfall and onshore cable route identified in the LVIA are accurate for the relevant receptors.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-909	Assessment Conclusions	The potential effects of the onshore substations identified in the LVIA are accurate for the relevant receptors.	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.

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NE-910	Assessment Conclusions	The East Anglia ONE North, East Anglia TWO and National Grid substations have no significant effects on the natural beauty/special qualities of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).	Agreed	Agreed	In agreement that this matter is closed	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed.
NE-911	Assessment Conclusions	Significant effects on AONB special qualities are limited to the temporary construction activities associated with the onshore cable route, occurring within or close to Section 1 of the onshore development area (Figure 6.2a).	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	This matter was discussed at LVIA ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.5 and the approach to the Assessment Conclusions was agreed. Following NE's Relevant Representation (RR-059), the Applicants provided additional information on the programme of onshore works within the immediate setting of the AONB within the Applicants Comments on Relevant Representations (AS-036). In addition, within the Project Update Note submitted at Deadline 2 (REP2-007) the Applicants committed that should both the East Anglia ONE North project and the East Anglia TWO project be consented and then built sequentially, when the first project goes into construction, the ducting for the second project will be installed along the whole of the onshore cable route in

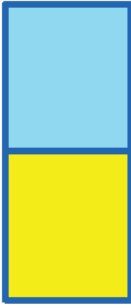


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						parallel with the installation of the onshore cables for the first project. This will include installing ducting using a trenchless technique at the landfall for both Projects at the same time.
NE-912	Assessment Conclusions	On the basis that the onshore cable corridor's reinstatement is fully achieved, the landscape and visual effects associated with the onshore cable route are considered temporary, with no significant long-term operational effects on AONB natural beauty/special qualities arising.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
NE-913	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the assessment of cumulative effects are agreed.	Agreed	Agreed	Provisionally Agreed – subject to reviewing the D8 submission	NE has no further comments on this statement. Therefore, both parties consider that no further action is required and that this matter is closed. NE has requested further consideration is given to potential cumulative landscape and visual between the



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						Projects and Sizewell C's proposal for a new jetty based on the Norfolk Vanguard Judicial Review. The Applicants will be providing this information at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA.AS-33.D8.V1).
NE-914	Mitigation	On the basis that the onshore cable corridor's reinstatement is fully achieved, the undergrounding of the onshore cabling in its entirety provides appropriate mitigation of potential permanent, operation phase Landscape and Visual effects.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
NE-915	Mitigation	The Applicants have proposed appropriate re-planting proposals and further pre-construction surveys to facilitate restoration of hedgerows and	Agreed	Agreed	This is only Agreed in relation to offsetting impacts from construction	This matter was discussed at LVIA ETG meetings as outlined in Table 2.5 and the approach to mitigation was agreed. NE has asked that consideration be given to opportunities for landscape enhancement and biodiversity net gain.

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		hedgerow trees within the onshore cable route.				The Applicants position is that net gain is not applicable to the Projects (as NSIPs). The Applicants have however submitted an Ecological Enhancement Clarification Note Addendum at Deadline 8 which reflects the various design changes made during the Examinations (document reference ExA.AS-16.D8.V2).
NE-916	Mitigation	The Applicants have proposed all reasonable mitigation measures to minimise the Landscape and Visual effects of the permanent onshore substations.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	NE raised concerns in terms of a sequential construction programme. Within the Project Update Note submitted at Deadline 2 (REP2-007) the Applicants committed that should both the East Anglia ONE North project and the East Anglia TWO project be consented and then built sequentially, when the first project goes into construction, the ducting for the second project will be installed along the whole of the onshore cable route in parallel with the installation of the onshore cables for the first project. This will include installing ducting using a trenchless technique at the landfill for both Projects at the same time.
NE-917	Mitigation	The species for hedgerow planting within the onshore cable corridor set out in the OLEMS (APP-584) are	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None



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		suitable for the proposed mitigation planting.				
Draft Development Consent Order						
NE-918	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 14 provided within the draft DCO (REP7-006) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to development of a Landscape Management Plan and associated work programme for the mitigation and monitoring of potential landscape and visual effects is appropriate and adequate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	NE requests that the wording of Requirement 14 is updated to name NE as a consultee on the final Landscape Management Plan (for only the works that fall within the AONB). The Applicants has updated the OLEMS (REP6-007) to include NE as a consultee on the preparation of the final Landscape Management Plan in respect of works that fall within the AONB.
NE-919	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 15	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None



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		provided within the draft DCO (REP7-006) (and supporting certified documents) is appropriate and adequate for securing the measures provided within the Landscape Management Plan secured through Requirement 14 and management measures for such landscaping.				
NE-920	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 22 provided within the draft DCO (REP7-006) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to development of a CoCP for the mitigation and monitoring of potential effects on Onshore	Agreed	Agreed	Provisionally Agreed – subject to NE reviewing the D8 submission.	The Applicants have updated the Outline CoCP submitted at Deadline 8 (document reference 8.1) to include NE as a consultee on relevant ecological plans referred to in Requirement 22 where this is appropriate.

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		Ecology is appropriate and adequate.				
Other Matters as Required						
None						



2.4 Other Documents and Plans

24. In their Relevant Representation (RR-059), NE provided comments on a number of other documents and plans that were submitted with the Applications. These were as follows:
- OLEMS; and
 - Onshore Schedule of Mitigation (SoM).
25. **Table 2.7** presents the matters agreed or not agreed with NE in relation to other documents and plans.

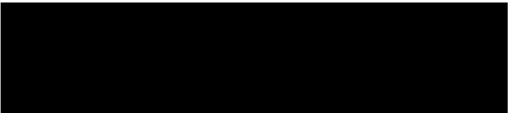
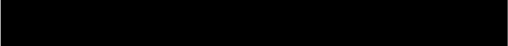
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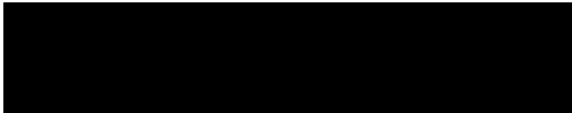
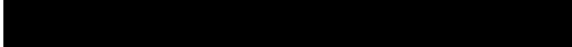
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Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy						
NE-1005	OLEMS (APP-584)	Ecological enhancement / net gain.	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	NE has asked that consideration be given to opportunities for landscape enhancement and biodiversity net gain. The Applicants position is that net gain is not applicable to the Projects (as NSIPs). NE agreed with this position within their Deadline 2 submission (REP2-054). The Applicants have however submitted an Ecological Enhancement Clarification Note Addendum at Deadline 8 (document reference ExA.AS-16.D8.V2) reflects the various design changes made during the Examinations.
Onshore Schedule of Mitigation (SoM)						
NE-1006	Onshore SoM (APP-575)	The mitigation measures presented within the Onshore SoM (APP-575) are appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The Applicants submitted a Changes to Mitigation Measures Tracking List at Deadline 7 (REP7-040), which captures all mitigation measures and commitments and flags those which have been added or changed since submission of the Applications.

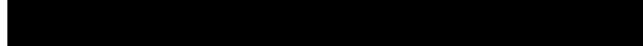


3 Signatures

26. The above Statement of Common Ground is agreed between the Applicant and NE on the day specified below.

Signed:	
Print Name:	
Job Title:	Natural England Senior Responsible Officers for EA1N and EA2
Date:	25 th March 2021
Duly authorised for and on behalf of Natural England	

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Print Name:	
Job Title:	<u>Senior Project Manager</u>
Date:	<u>25th March 2021</u>
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