



East Anglia ONE North and East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarms

Applicants' Responses to Examining Authority's Written Questions 3

Volume 2 – 3.0 Overarching, general and cross-topic questions

Applicants: East Anglia ONE North Limited and East Anglia TWO Limited

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Glossary of Acronyms

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	
DCO	Development Consent Order	
ESC	East Suffolk Council	
ExA	Examination Authority	
PD	Procedural Decision	
SCC	Suffolk County Council	
SCHAONB	SCHAONB Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	





Glossary of Terminology

Applicants	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited
The Councils	East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council
Development area	The area comprising the onshore development area and the offshore development area (described as the 'order limits' within the Development Consent Order).
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.





ExA. Question Ref.	Question addressed to		ExA. Question	Applicants' Response
3.0 Overar	ching, general ar	nd cros	ss-topic questions	
3.0.2	The Applicants, East Suffolk Council		Section 111 Agreement The ExAs note that East Suffolk Council states in its response to ExQ2.0.5 [REP6-079] that the s111 Agreements will secure funding in order to provide compensatory measures to help address the residual adverse impacts identified within the ESs, but that the Council itself "notes that the Applicants will not be asking the Examining Authority to attach weight to this compensation in its decision-making", even though the Council themselves have moved to a predominantly neutral position on the overall balance of adverse impacts against benefits, partly by taking "into account the compensation secured in the agreements". Compensation sums that are not secured in the dDCO or accompanying certified documents or in another appropriate and enforceable instrument cannot be accorded weight and may not be able to be taken into account by the ExAs when considering their recommendations. To the Applicants: a) Do you agree with the Council's statement that "the Applicants will not be asking the Examining Authority to attach weight to this compensation [the S111 Agreements] in its decision-making"? To the Council:	a) The Applicants agree with the statement from East Suffolk Council (ESC) and will not be asking the Examining Authority (ExA) to attach weight to the S111 Agreements in its decision making. The Applicants would also note that measures are likely to be delivered through the S111 funding which are beyond the order limits of the Projects. As a result, the S111s can assist in delivering wider placemaking in line with emerging infrastructure guidance (see ID37 in <i>Commentaries on the draft Development Consent Orders</i> (PD-048). This is also the case with the environmental Memorandum of Understanding that the Applicants have entered with ESC. The Applicants consider that contributions for Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (SCHAONB) could meet the relevant 'tests' applicable to planning obligations, as the contributions will provide measures which strengthen the existing qualities of the AONB and support the delivery of the SCHAONB Management Plan.
			TO the Council.	

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ExA. Question Ref.	Question addressed to	ExA. Question	Applicants' Response
		 b) Why has the Council moved to this position when the s111 Agreements do not seek to secure mitigation in relation to specific impacts? c) In circumstances where s111 Agreements do not secure benefits that should (in the Council's view) be weighed in the Planning Balance, is the Council content with a position in which no weight can be ascribed to any mitigation measure provided by or to any broader community benefit emerging from these agreements? 	