



FIVE ESTUARIES OFFSHORE WIND FARM

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DEFINITION OF ACRONYMS

Term	Definition
DCO	Development Consent Order
ExA	Examining Authority
MW	Megawatts
NSIP	National Significant Infrastructure Project
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
VE	Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm



1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 1.1.1 The Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as VE) is the proposed extension to the operational Galloper Offshore Wind Farm. The project includes provision for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm located approximately 37 kilometres off the coast of Suffolk at its closest point in the southern North Sea; including up to 79 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure making landfall at Sandy Point between Frinton-on-Sea and Holland-on-Sea, the installation of underground cables, and the construction of an electrical substation and associated infrastructure near to the existing Lawford Substation to the west of Little Bromley in order to connect the development to National Grid's proposed East Anglia Connection Node substation, which would be located nearby.
- 1.1.2 All onshore connection infrastructure would be located in the administrative area of Tendring District Council, within Essex County Council. VE will have an overall capacity greater than 100 Megawatts (MW) and therefore constitutes a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Section 15 (3) of the Planning Act 2008.
- 1.1.3 A full Project description is included in the Environmental Statement, in particular 6.2.1 Offshore Project Description [APP-069] and 6.3.1 Onshore Project Description [AS-004].

1.2 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

- 1.2.1 This Statement of Commonality has been prepared at the request of the Examining Authority.
- 1.2.2 This document sets out the progress of the various Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) the Applicant was requested to enter into by the Examining Authority (ExA). The topics set out in this Statement of Commonality are broader than the ones addressed in the specific SoCGs, which include more details on the specific positions of each party.
- 1.2.3 The issues listed in this document have been taken from Relevant Representations general topics, the Environmental Statement chapters, the Project Wide chapters and supporting plans.

1.3 LIST OF STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 1.3.1 The Applicant was requested by the ExA to progress a Statement of Common Ground with the parties listed in the table below by the Examining Authority. The table sets out the list of parties and the status of each agreement.



Table 1: List of Statements of Common Ground Requested

Party	Status of SoCG
Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust	Final version signed 23 August 2024. Submitted at Deadline 1.
East Suffolk Council	Final version signed 8 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Environment Agency	Final version signed 18 December 2024. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Essex County Council & Tendring District Council	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Essex County Fire and Rescue	Final version signed 19 December 2024. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Essex Police	Final version approved 2 December 2024. Submitted at Deadline 4.
Essex Wildlife Trust	Signed version submitted at Deadline 6.
Harwich Haven Authority	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Harwich Harbour Fishermen's Association	Draft version submitted at Deadline 5. Awaiting position to be completed by Interested Party.
Historic England	Comments received from Interested Party, revised and unsigned version provided in draft at Deadline 5. A meeting to discuss the draft is arranged for 13 February 2025.
London Gateway Port Limited	Final version signed 9 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Marine Management Organisation	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.



Party	Status of SoCG
Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Final version signed 9 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
National Highways	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Port of London Authority	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Port of Tilbury London Limited	Interested party requested SoCG. Comments received on introductory text however awaiting input on positions. Applicant to engage with Interested Party to complete SoCG.
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Suffolk County Council	Final version signed 10 January 2025. Submitted at Deadline 5.
Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscape Partnership	Signed version submitted after Deadline 5 and accepted by the ExA
United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping	Comments received from Interested Party. However, IP would like to leave unsigned at this time. Draft and unsigned version submitted at Deadline 5. Applicant will engage with Interested Party to complete SoCG.

- 1.3.2 As stated in 10.3 Statements of Common Ground – Position Statement [PD2-002], the German Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency and the Ministry of Defence have stated that they are not seeking to agree a SoCG. Therefore, they have not been included in Tables 1 and 3.



- 1.3.3 Also stated in PD2-002, National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC and the Applicant have agreed that the Tripartite Position Statement with North Falls Offshore Wind Farm adequately addresses the issues between the parties and a SoCG is not being progressed. Therefore, it has not been included in Tables 1 and 3.
- 1.3.4 As stated in 10.10 Statement of Commonality [REP1-052], following discussions between the Applicant and National Trust a SoCG is not being progressed.
- 1.3.5 Discussions have continued between the Applicant and Affinity Water Limited, Anglian Water, Cadent Gas and Network Rail during the Examination including detailed negotiation on protective provisions. The Applicant considers that through agreement of Protective Provisions that all of the points between the parties will be appropriately addressed. Therefore Statements of Common Ground have not been progressed with these parties as they would not provide the ExA with any additional information. An update on the protective provisions was provided at Issue Specific Hearing 7 and it is contained in 10.41 Applicant's Summaries of Oral Submissions - ISH6, CAH3 and ISH7 included at Deadline 6. A further update will be provided at Deadline 7.
- 1.3.6 The Applicant shared a draft Statement of Common Ground with Harwich Harbour Fishermen's Association and is waiting for the Interested Party to complete their position.



2 STATEMENT OF COMMONALITY

- 2.1.1 The following section set out the level of agreement between the Applicant and the Interested Parties for each relevant topic. Table 3 details the positions of the Applicant alongside those of the other parties and whether the matters are agreed, not agreed, an ongoing point of discussion or not an issue.
- 2.1.2 In order to easily identify the status of each matter, Table 3 is colour coded according to the criteria below. Colours were chosen in order to ensure inclusivity for the visibility of data.
- 2.1.3 The latest updates in positions will be marked with an asterisk (*) to clarify the colour has changed for that specific topic due to further discussions with the Interested Parties.

Table 2: Position Status Key

POSITION STATUS	COLOUR CODE
The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.	Agreed
The matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed' and is a matter where further discussion is required between the parties, for example where relevant documents are being prepared or reviewed.	Ongoing point of discussion
The matter is not agreed between the parties.	Not agreed
The matter is not an issue between the parties.	Not an issue

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