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FIVE ESTUARIES OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECT

Response to Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm's response to Secretary of State request
for information (part 2)

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1 **RESPONSE TO FIVE ESTUARIES OFFSHORE WIND FARM'S RESPONSE TO SECRETARY OF STATE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (PART 2)**

1.1 NGET's response is as follows:

Question To:	Question:	Response:
<p>The Applicant, North Falls Offshore Windfarm and National Grid</p>	<p>Substation Design and landscaping</p> <p>The Secretary of State notes that during the examination issues were raised in relation to Applicant and North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (NFOWF) regarding coordination and good design, due to both developers having different landscape designs for the substation. Therefore, the Applicant, NFOWF, and National Grid are requested to provide an update on their respective Substations and EACN design and landscaping.</p>	<p>NGET have been engaging with North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (NFOWF) Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (FEOWF) and throughout the development process, to ensure that wherever there is design overlap (e.g. within the Order Limits) this is (and will continue to be) considered as the designs are progressed to avoid conflict (e.g. one projects installing planting only for the other project to remove it at a later date to undertake works). NGET has confirmed that it will engage with the NFOWF and FEOWF Joint Design Guide (JDG) process as a key stakeholder.</p> <p>Indicative landscape proposals within the Environmental Area around the EACN form part of the Outline Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Plan (LEMP) for the Norwich to Tilbury Project. The habitats to be created and/or enhanced in this area have been designed to provide landscape and visual mitigation while also offering ecological value. The landscape proposals would be subject to detailed design post-consent. NGET are committed to the EACN landscape proposals taking into account and complementing the landscape proposals for NFOWF and FEOWF substations, as set out in their draft JDG. This would include the consideration of the underground cable connection between the NFOWF and FEOWF substations and the EACN, for example by not planting trees above the proposed cable route.</p> <p>NGET will continue ongoing coordination with NFOWF throughout their Examination process once the application for Development Consent is submitted (expected Q3 2025).</p>

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For and on behalf of National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

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