

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

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1 Introduction and Document Purpose

1.1 Purpose of Draft Statement of Commonality

1. This document provides the Examining Authority (ExA) with the position of each Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) that the Applicant intends to enter into with interested parties. This document will be updated and submitted at the requested deadlines outlined in the proposed Examination timetable as per the ExA's Rule 6 Letter (PD-009).

Table 1 Status of SoCG

I.D.	Party	Requested by ExA	Status at Procedural Deadline	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 2	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6
1	Anglian Water Services	NO	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	SoCG concluded	Signed SoCG submitted into Examination	
2	Boston Borough Council East Lindsey District Council South Holland District Council	YES	The Applicant and the local planning authorities have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course. The local planning authorities have requested one SoCG to be entered into to cover the interests of all three parties.	Draft submitted into Examination	SoCG concluded				
3	Chamber of Shipping	YES	The Applicant and Chamber of Shipping have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Signed SoCG submitted into Examination	
4	Environment Agency	YES	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	A signed SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 5 but discussions are ongoing regarding finalisation of a side agreement. A final SoCG will be provided at Deadline 6 after outstanding matters are further discussed.	Signed SOCG has submitted into Examination
5	Historic England	YES	The Applicant and Historic England have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	SoCG concluded. Signed SoCG submitted into Examination	
6	Lincolnshire County Council (LCC)	YES	The Applicant and LCC have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	SoCG concluded. Signed SoCG submitted into Examination	
7	Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)	YES	The Applicant and the MCA have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Signed SoCG submitted into Examination	

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8	Defence Infrastructure Organisation (MOD)	YES	The Applicant is progressing a SoCG with the MOD subject to confirmation that the MOD are agreeable and if so a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Unsigned SoCG submitted into Examination.
9	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	YES	The Applicant and the MMO have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	MMO confirmed on 12 March 2025 that they were not content to finalise the SoCG. The Applicant is organising a meeting to discuss outstanding issues.	Signed SOCG has submitted into Examination.
10	Natural England	YES	The Applicant continues to engage with Natural England who have advised a SoCG may be progressed later in the process if requested by the ExA.		Draft submitted into Examination	Natural England informed the Applicant on 9 th December 2024 that they had not yet reviewed the draft SoCG and did not intend to do so until later in Examination.	Natural England have not engaged with the drafting of the SoCG or reviewed the draft to date. The Applicant met with Natural England on the 13 th January and discussed a timeline for review of a draft SoCG for Deadline 5.	Natural England has agreed to the Applicant's request for a SoCG which will be provided at Deadline 6. This SoCG will comprise a number of separate documents each representing a topic area.	Natural England partially reviewed the Applicant's suite of draft SoCG for Deadline 6. The SoCG remain in draft and are unsigned.
11	National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)	YES	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Signed SOCG submitted into examination
12	The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	YES	The Applicant and the RSPB have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft SoCG submitted at Deadline 5. RSPB were not able to complete and sign off all sections of the SoCG. SoCG will be provided at Deadline 6.	Signed SOCG has submitted into Examination
13	Trinity House	YES	The Applicant and Trinity House have agreed to enter into a SoCG and a draft will be submitted into the Examination in due course.	Draft submitted into Examination	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Draft in progress. Discussions ongoing	Signed SoCG submitted into Examination	
14	National Trust	YES	The Applicant does not intend to enter into a SoCG with National Trust						

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			as there are no substantive issues being discussed between the parties.						
15	Forestry Commission	YES	The Applicant does not intend to enter into a SoCG with the Forestry Commission as there are no issues being discussed between the parties						
16	National Highways	YES	The Applicant does not intend to enter into a SoCG with National Highways as there are no issues being discussed between the parties						

2 Summary of Commonality of Each Topic

2. This section provides a summary of the topics the Applicant intends to cover across the SoCGs to be entered into and identifies where there is a commonality in the topics being discussed with the stakeholders.
3. Table 3 sets out the Applicant's summary of commonality that it expects will be presented in the draft SoCGs to be produced and submitted into Examination on each overarching topic or matter discussed in accordance with the colour coding set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Key of Commonality

	Matter agreed
	Matter not agreed
	Matter not agreed but no material impact
	Matter is still in discussion
	Topic not relevant

Table 3 Summary of expected Commonality with each stakeholder

I.D.	Stakeholder	Marine Physical Processes	Marine Water and Sediment Quality	Benthic and Intertidal Ecology	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Marine Mammals	Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology	Marine and Intertidal Archaeology	Commercial Fisheries	Shipping and Navigation	Aviation, Radar, Military and Communication	Marine Infrastructure and other Users	Onshore Air Quality	Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Onshore Ecology	Onshore Ornithology	Geology and Ground Conditions	Hydrology and Flood Risk (Water Quality and Resources)	Land Use	Noise and Vibration	Traffic and Transport	Landscape and Visual (Onshore)	Socioeconomics	draft DCO and dMLs	Protection of plant/assets	Cumulative effects	Outline Management Plans	Habitats Regulations Assessment
1	Anglian Water Services																											
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4	Environment Agency																											
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6	Lincolnshire County Council																											
7	MCA																											
8	MOD																											
9	MMO																											
10	NATS																											
11	Natural England																											
12	National Grid																											
13	RSPB																											
14	Trinity House																											

¹ As outlined in Table 1 the local planning authorities have agreed to submit one SoCG to cover all three parties' interests