

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF A COMPULSORY ACQUISITION REQUEST IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL LAND**  
**THE EAST ANGLIA ONE NORTH OFFSHORE WINDFARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (APPLICATION REFERENCE EN010077)**  
**REGULATION 8 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (COMPULSORY ACQUISITION) REGULATIONS 2010**



Notice is hereby given that the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) has accepted an application made by East Anglia ONE North Limited of 3rd Floor, 1 Tudor Street, London, EC4Y 0AH for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application"). The Application was made on 25 October 2019 and accepted for examination on 22 November 2019. The Examination commenced on 6 October 2020 and is ongoing.

On 2 November 2020 the Applicant submitted to the Secretary of State a request for the DCO to include authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of interests in and rights over additional land for East Anglia ONE North ("the Proposed Provision"). The Examining Authority accepted the Proposed Provision for Examination on 19 November 2020 pursuant to regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010.

**SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT**

The Application is for development consent for the construction and operation of the East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm (East Anglia ONE North). The offshore windfarm would be located in the southern North Sea approximately 36 km from the Suffolk coast at its nearest point and would occupy an area of up to 208 km<sup>2</sup>. The landfall connection works will be located north of Thorpeness in Suffolk, and the onshore substation and overhead line realignment works will be located in the vicinity of Grove Wood, Friston.

Development consent is required to the extent that the development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The Project consists of two linked NSIPs, namely (i) an offshore generating station; and (ii) overhead line realignment works, together with associated development. As the proposed offshore generating station is expected to have a capacity of over 100 MW, it is an NSIP for the purposes of section 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the 2008 Act. Pursuant to sections 14(1)(b) and 16 of the 2008 Act, the installation of an electric line above ground in England is an NSIP unless it falls within certain exclusions. It is not anticipated that any of the exclusions would apply to the overhead line realignment works, and as such these works form a second NSIP. It is for these reasons that the Project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State.

The DCO would, amongst other things, authorise:

1. Up to 67 offshore wind turbines and their foundations;
2. Up to one offshore meteorological mast and its foundations;
3. Subsea cables connecting the wind turbines and the offshore platforms;
4. Up to one offshore construction, operation and maintenance platform and its foundations;
5. Up to four offshore electrical platforms and their foundations;
6. A network of subsea platform link cables;
7. Up to two offshore subsea export cables to transmit electricity from the offshore electrical platforms to landfall located north of Thorpeness in Suffolk;
8. Landfall connection works north of Thorpeness in Suffolk;
9. Onshore cables commencing at landfall and running to the onshore substation in the vicinity of Grove Wood, Friston;
10. A new onshore substation in the vicinity of Grove Wood, Friston;
11. Accesses, ecological mitigation and landscaping;
12. Overhead line realignment works in proximity to Grove Wood, Friston including permanent realignment of a short section of the northern and southern overhead line circuits including the reconstruction and/or relocation of up to two pylons and construction of up to one additional pylon in order to realign the northern overhead lines and the reconstruction and/or relocation of up to one pylon in order to realign the southern overhead lines;
13. Temporary diversion of the northern and southern overhead line circuits;
14. Construction of up to three permanent cable sealing end compounds (one of which may include circuit breakers) and underground connections;
15. A new National Grid substation;
16. Associated development comprising such other works as may be necessary or expedient for the purposes of or in connection with the relevant part of East Anglia ONE North;
17. Associated or ancillary works including improvements to highways, verges and private access roads, construction compounds, construction of a temporary haul road, landscaping and drainage works;
18. The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and/or rights;
19. Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
20. If required, the temporary stopping up, alteration or diversion of streets;
21. The application and/or disapplication of legislation including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase; and
22. Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ADDITIONAL LAND**

The Proposed Provision seeks powers of compulsory acquisition in respect of additional land at the following locations ("the Additional Land"):

- Expansion of Order limits at Work No. 7 (Land Plot No. 8 and 8A)
- Expansion of Order limits at Work No. 15 (Land Plot No. 31)
- Expansion of Order limits at Work No. 33 (High House Farm) (Land Plot No. 130)
- Expansion of Order limits at Work No. 33 (Woodside Barn Cottages) (Land Plot No. 104, 104A, 104B and 104C).

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL LAND**

In accordance with good practice as well as the requirements of the compulsory acquisition guidance, the Applicant has continued to engage with interested parties, including affected landowners and stakeholders, since the submission of the Application.

The Additional Land included within the Proposed Provision is required as a consequence of continued refinement of the project and ongoing consultation with landowners and stakeholders.

Description of Change	Plot(s) of land requiring a change	Reason for change
Expansion of Order Limits at Work No. 7 (Land Plot No. 8 and 8A)	Plot 8 (decreased from 57,898m <sup>2</sup> to 48,021 m <sup>2</sup> ; trimmed on the western boundary, Plot 8A (new plot which is 6,497 m <sup>2</sup> added to connect water pipe from Thorpeness Road to Work No. 8).	This change to the Order Limits will facilitate the construction, use and subsequent removal of a temporary water supply from the underground water supply at Thorpeness Road, to Work No. 8.  This temporary water supply will support the trenchless technique activities undertaken at Work No. 8 which are required to bring the offshore export cables ashore.  Water supplied to Work No. 8 from this temporary water supply will reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) travelling to Work No. 8 along the public road network and temporary haul road and will reduce noise and air quality impacts from the displaced HGV movements.  The Order limit amendments have been positioned adjacent to field boundaries so as to minimise disturbance to the landowners' agricultural practices.

Expansion of Order Limits at Work No. 15 (Land Plot No 31)	Plot 31 (increased from 3,947 m <sup>2</sup> to 5,154 m <sup>2</sup> ; widened section in the middle)	This change to the Order Limits will facilitate a temporary diversion of Public Right of Way E-363/027/0.  No temporary diversion was provided for this Public Right of Way within the Application. This temporary Public Right of Way diversion has been included at the request of Suffolk County Council in order to enable continued use of the Public Right of Way (as diverted) whilst the temporary haul road at Work No. 15 is constructed, and again later when it is removed.
Expansion of Order Limits at Work No 33 (High House Farm) (Land Plot No 130)	Plot 130 (increased from 65,197 m <sup>2</sup> to 68,497 m <sup>2</sup> ; extended on north western boundary)	This change to the Order Limit will facilitate the permanent diversion of Public Right of Way E-363/027/0 and associated landscape works and will allow the re-introduction of the historic footpath and historic field boundary in the north western area of the Order Limits.  This permanent reintroduction of a section of historic footpath has been discussed with Historic England, East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council.
Expansion of Order Limits at Work No 33 (Woodside Barn Cottages) (Land Plots No 104, 104A, 104B, 104C)	Plot 104 (increased from 130 m <sup>2</sup> to 1,930 m <sup>2</sup> ; extended north); Plot 104A (new plot which is 168 m <sup>2</sup> added to cover full extent of track & verge); Plot 104B (new plot which is 125 m <sup>2</sup> added to cover full extent of track & verge); Plot 104C (new plot which is 431 m <sup>2</sup> added to cover full length of track & verge)	This change to the Order Limits will facilitate an alternative surface water outfall connection from the onshore substations and National Grid substation to the Friston Watercourse. The additional flexibility that this provides is necessary to allow for the optimal design of the surface water outfall to the Friston Watercourse. The original routing of the surface water outfall (to the east of Woodside Barn Cottages) will remain within the Order Limits and only one surface water connection route will be taken forward by the Applicant to construction. There are potential advantages to this alternative route including the avoidance of the church or chapel ruins to the east of Woodside Barn Cottages (KN0009 – Buxlow; Buxton) and the reduction or elimination of the surface water overflow that occurs along the track leading to Church Road from the fields to the north (where currently the surface water overflows along this track and over Church Road before discharging into the Friston watercourse). This would provide a wider benefit to the local community.  When determining the preferred surface water connection route post-consent, further environmental and engineering studies will be undertaken in order to establish the optimal surface water outfall route, which will consider constructability, hydraulic gradient and minimisation of disruption to the local community.  The potential exists for this overflow to be directed into the new surface water outfall for the Project via an interceptor or drain to the north of the track, and discharged to the Friston watercourse.

**COPIES OF THE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

You are encouraged to view copies of the application for the inclusion of additional land (which includes maps showing the location of the Additional Land) together with the Statement of Reasons, Book of Reference, Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference, Funding Statement, revised land plans (onshore), revised works plans (onshore) and the draft DCO and other documentation relating to the Proposed Provision ("the Additional Documents") free of charge on the following project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website under the 'Documents' tab:  
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/>

The Additional Documents will be available to view on the website for at least the duration of the Examination, which is due to be completed by no later than 6 April 2021.

The Additional Documents will also be available for inspection free of charge as set out below, but in light of the current public health situation surrounding COVID-19, if you are planning to attend to inspect the Additional Documents, this will be by appointment only. Opening times and visiting arrangements are subject to change and will be explained when making an appointment.

Inspection Location	Opening Times	Visiting Arrangements (Overview)
Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council Council Offices, Main Street, Leiston, Suffolk, IP16 4ER Telephone: 01728830388 Email: townclerk@leistoncouncil.gov.uk	By appointment only Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am – 12:30pm	Inspection of the Additional Documents will be by appointment only by telephoning or emailing in advance.  Arrangements relating to COVID-19 measures will be communicated by the venue in advance of the appointment.

Hard copies can be provided on request for a charge of £1,600 plus VAT for the full suite of Additional Documents by emailing the Applicant at [eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com](mailto:eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com). USB device copies of the Additional Documents can also be provided free of charge on request.

**REPRESENTATIONS**

Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Proposed Provision) should be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-north-offshore-windfarm/>

If you would like to request a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, this can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate by telephoning 0303 444 5000. Hard copy completed forms can be sent to the Planning Inspectorate (National Infrastructure Directorate), Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference for East Anglia ONE North (EN010077) should be quoted in any correspondence.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notice 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination (December 2016) provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>

In preparing this notice the Applicant has taken into account the changes made by the Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020. Any persons who wish to respond but do not have access to the internet and are unable or unwilling to leave their property given the current Government restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are invited to contact the Applicant or the Planning Inspectorate so that appropriate arrangements can be made for completing the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form.

The Applicant can be contacted by telephoning 07850853711 or emailing [eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com](mailto:eastangliaonenorth@scottishpower.com)

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**Any representation or response must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 13 January 2021.**

Please be aware that the Planning Inspectorate is required by law to make the information that you provide in any representation publicly available. Details published on the Planning Inspectorate's website will be restricted to your name and the text of your representation. However any copies made available for inspection at public locations will contain your contact details.