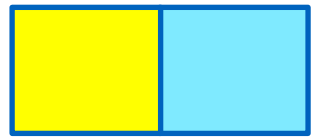




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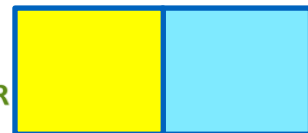


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Glossary of Acronyms

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
APP	Application Document
DCO	Development Consent Order
ESC	East Suffolk Council
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
LCT	Landscape Character Type
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground



Glossary of Terminology

Applicants	East Anglia TWO Limited / East Anglia ONE North Limited
AFA Report	A report commissioned by the Suffolk Coast & Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from Alison Farmer Associates to undertake a review of the East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment documents in light of a revised layout and in the context of the AONB designation.
AONB Partnership	The AONB Partnership was formed in 1993 and is comprised of public, private and voluntary organisations committed to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB.
Cable sealing end compound	A compound which allows the safe transition of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
Cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound	A compound (which includes a circuit breaker) which allows the safe transition of cables between the overhead lines and underground cables which connect to the National Grid substation.
The Councils	Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council
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.
East Anglia TWO windfarm site / East Anglia ONE North windfarm site	The offshore area within which wind turbines and offshore platforms will be located.
Inter-array cables	Offshore cables which link the wind turbines to each other and the offshore electrical platforms, these cables will include fibre optic cables.
Jointing bay	Underground structures constructed at intervals along the onshore cable route to join sections of cable and facilitate installation of the cables into the buried ducts.
Landfall	The area (from Mean Low Water Springs) where the offshore export cables would make contact with land, and connect to the onshore cables.
Meteorological mast	An offshore structure which contains metrological instruments used for wind data acquisition.
National electricity grid	The high voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales owned and maintained by National Grid Electricity Transmission



National Grid infrastructure	A National Grid substation, cable sealing end compounds, cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound, underground cabling and National Grid overhead line realignment works to facilitate connection to the national electricity grid, all of which will be consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project Development Consent Order but will be National Grid owned assets.
National Grid substation	The substation (including all of the electrical equipment within it) necessary to connect the electricity generated by the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project to the national electricity grid which will be owned by National Grid but is being consented as part of the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project Development Consent Order.
Offshore electrical platform	A fixed structure located within the windfarm area, containing electrical equipment to aggregate the power from the wind turbines and convert it into a more suitable form for export to shore.
Offshore infrastructure	All of the offshore infrastructure including wind turbines, platforms, and cables.
Offshore platform	A collective term for the construction, operation and maintenance platform and the offshore electrical platforms.
Onshore cable corridor	The corridor within which the onshore cable route will be located.
Onshore cable route	This is the construction swathe within the onshore cable corridor which would contain onshore cables as well as temporary ground required for construction which includes cable trenches, haul road and spoil storage areas.
Onshore cables	The cables which would bring electricity from landfall to the onshore substation. The onshore cable is comprised of up to six power cables (which may be laid directly within a trench, or laid in cable ducts or protective covers), up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing cables.
Onshore infrastructure	The combined name for all of the onshore infrastructure associated with the proposed East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North project from landfall to the connection to the national electricity grid.
Onshore substation	The East Anglia TWO / East Anglia ONE North substation and all of the electrical equipment within the onshore substation and connecting to the National Grid infrastructure.
Platform link cable	Electrical cable which links one or more offshore platforms. These cables will include fibre optic cables.
Scour protection	Protective materials to avoid sediment being eroded away from the base of the foundations as a result of the flow of water.
Transition bay	Underground structures at the landfall that house the joints between the offshore export cables and the onshore cables.



1 Introduction

1. This document is applicable to both the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North DCO Applications (the Applications), and therefore is endorsed with the yellow and blue icon used to identify materially identical documentation in accordance with the Examining Authority's procedural decisions on document management of 23rd December 2019 (PD-004). Whilst this document has been submitted to both Examinations, if it is read for one project submission there is no need to read it for the other project submission.

1.1 Background

2. This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared by East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited (the Applicants) and the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership in relation to the East Anglia TWO project and the East Anglia ONE North project (the Projects). It identifies areas of the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North Development Consent Order (DCO) applications where matters are agreed or not agreed between the parties.
3. The Applicants have had regard to the guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Department for Communities and Local Government, 2015) when compiling this SoCG.
4. This SoCG has been structured to reflect topics of the Applications which are of interest to the AONB Partnership. Topic specific matters agreed, not agreed and actions to resolve between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership are included within this SoCG.
5. The tables presented below represent the SoCG with the Applicants and the AONB Partnership in respect of the following topics (each of which includes matters pertaining to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and DCO):
 - Offshore Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity; and
 - Onshore Landscape and Visual Amenity.
6. Throughout the SoCG the phrase "Agreed" identifies any point of agreement between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership. The phrase "Not Agreed" identifies any point that is not yet agreed between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership.
7. The matters considered within this SoCG apply only to AONB Partnership's remit, which encompasses the area within and views from the boundary of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB (the AONB). Matters that are not yet agreed will be the subject of ongoing discussion between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership



to reach agreement on each matter wherever possible, or refine the extent of disagreement between parties. The notes column of the SoCG tables provides commentary on these matters.

1.2 The AONB Partnership

8. The AONB Partnership was formed in 1993 and is comprised of public, private and voluntary organisations committed to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB. The AONB Partnership's role is to oversee delivery of the AONB Management Plan. It meets at least twice a year to discuss significant issues in the AONB, and delivery of the Plan. The AONB Partnership consists of: Suffolk County Council (SCC) , Essex County Council, Babergh District Council, East Suffolk Council (ESC) (formerly Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council), Tendring District Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Country Land and Business Association, The Crown Estate, Defra, Historic England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Haven Gateway Partnership, National Farmers' Union, National Trust, Natural England, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk Coastal Business Forum, Suffolk Coast Limited, Suffolk Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, Suffolk Preservation Society, Suffolk Coast Against Retreat, and Suffolk Wildlife Trust.
9. The Applicants are developing separate SoCGs with a number of member organisations which represent the views of these organisations.
10. The AONB Partnership's views in this SoCG have been informed from AONB team and chairmen knowledge before consultation and agreement with all members of the AONB Partnership. Furthermore, it draws on two reports commissioned by the AONB from Alison Farmer Associates:
 - AFA Report; and
 - AFA Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity (SLVIA) Review.
11. These works were commissioned to inform the AONB Partnership of the expected impacts of the Applicants' proposals. Individual AONB Partnership organisations are expected to agree their own SoCG with the Applicants and for avoidance of any doubt, this SoCG relates to the AONB Partnership and does not reflect the views of individual members of the AONB Partnership who may agree their own SoCGs.

1.3 The Development

12. The key offshore components of each project will comprise:
 - Offshore wind turbines and their associated foundations;



- Offshore platforms - up to four offshore electrical platforms and their associated foundations supporting some of the windfarm's electrical equipment, and up to one construction, operation and maintenance platform and associated foundations that may cater for personnel and activities required during the construction phase and operation and maintenance of the windfarm;
- Sub-sea cables between the wind turbines and offshore electrical platforms (inter-array), between separate offshore platforms (platform link cables) and between offshore electrical platforms and the landfall (export cables);
- Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array, platform link and export sub-sea cables as required; and
- Potential for one meteorological mast and its associated foundations for monitoring wind speeds during the operational phase of the windfarm.

13. The key onshore components of each project will comprise:

- The landfall site with up to two transition bays to connect the onshore and offshore cables;
- Up to six onshore cables, up to two fibre optic cables and up to two distributed temperature sensing cables installed underground (some or all of which may be installed in ducts) and associated jointing bays installed underground;
- Onshore substation; and
- Electrical cable connection between the onshore substation and National Grid substation.

14. National Grid infrastructure will also be required to connect each project to the national electricity grid. Key components of the National Grid infrastructure which is common to both Projects will comprise:

- National Grid substation;
- Cable sealing end compounds and a cable sealing end (with circuit breaker) compound; and
- Realignment of the existing overhead lines; including the reconstruction or replacement of up to three existing overhead pylons in proximity to the National Grid substation and the addition of up to one new pylon in close proximity to existing overhead pylons.

1.4 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters

15. **Table 1** provides a summary of the matters agreed, not agreed and those which are outstanding between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership for each of



the relevant SoCG topic areas. For further information on matters that are outstanding / under discussion which the Applicants and the AONB Partnership are working to address during the examination period, refer to the Notes column of **Table 3** and **Table 5**.

Table 1 Summary of Agreed, Not Agreed and Outstanding Matters

Topic	Summary
Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity	Outstanding
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	Outstanding
DCO	Outstanding



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16. A summary of the consultation undertaken to date with the AONB Partnership and the matters agreed or not agreed between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership (based on discussions and information exchanged between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership during the pre-Application and post-Application phases of the Applications) are set out below for each of the SoCG topic areas.

2.1 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity

17. The offshore components of the projects have the potential to impact upon seascape, landscape and visual amenity. **Chapter 28 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity** of the Environmental Statement (ES) (APP-076) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
18. In particular, an assessment of the project alone effects of each Project's offshore infrastructure on the special qualities of the AONB are described in **Section 28.7.3.2** and summarised in **Table 28.10** of each Project's ES (**Chapter 28** (APP-076)). A full assessment of effects on AONB special qualities is provided in **Section 28.2.2** and **Table A28.3** of **Appendix 28.4** (APP-559).
19. Visual effects on viewpoints within the AONB are assessed in full in **Section 28.2.1** within **Appendix 28.5** (APP-560) and summarised in **Chapter 28** (APP-076), **Section 28.8.3.2** and **Table 28.11**.
20. An assessment of the cumulative effect of the construction and operation of the Projects' offshore infrastructure on the special qualities of the AONB is provided in **Section 28.2.2.2** of **Appendix 28.7** (APP-562) and summarised in **Section 28.9.1.3.2** of **Chapter 28** of the ES (APP-076).
21. **Table 2** provides an overview of consultation undertaken with the AONB Partnership regarding seascape, landscape and visual amenity. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for seascape, landscape and visual amenity can be found in the **Consultation Report** (APP-029).

Table 2 Summary of Consultation with the AONB Partnership Regarding SLVIA

Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
27 th April 2018	Meeting (face to face)	Method statement, assessment methodology and study area



Date	Contact Type	Topic
24 th January 2019	Meeting (face to face)	Presentation and discussion of assessment within Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
23 rd May 2019	Meeting (face to face)	Presentation and discussion of updated design decisions regarding orientation and extent of the East Anglia TWO turbine array
Post-Application		
27 th February 2020	Meeting (face to face)	SoCG Meeting 1
14 th April 2020	Written Correspondence	Updated SoCG issued to the AONB Partnership for comment
5 th October 2020	Written Correspondence	The AONB Partnership provided comments on the SoCG

22. The Applicants have been progressing matters raised by the AONB Partnership within their Relevant Representation (RR-083) and submitted the ***Applicants' Comments on the Relevant Representations*** (AS-036) in response to Procedural Decision 11. Following this, a workshop on SLVIA was held on the 30th of July with the AONB Partnership, Natural England, and the Councils.
23. The Relevant Representations submitted by the AONB Partnership, and subsequent engagement, has confirmed that there are some outstanding matters remaining. A number of these matters are aligned with those presented in SoCGs with Natural England, the Councils, and the AONB Partnership has deferred their position to these organisations for some statements. As a result of this, the Applicants see benefit in further engagement on SLVIA matters with the AONB Partnership, Natural England, the Councils.
24. A key step with regard to progressing these outstanding matters is the Natural England response to the ***Applicants' Comments on the Relevant Representations*** (AS-036), which Natural England will submit to the Examining Authority at Deadline 1. This submission will take account of the engagement and progression of matters between Natural England and the Applicants since submission of the ***Applicants' Comments on the Relevant Representations*** (AS-036). This is particularly relevant to agreement on matters where the AONB Partnership has deferred to Natural England and the Councils.



25. Following submission of written representations to the Examining Authority at Deadline 1, the Applicants intend to continue engagement on the outstanding matters with the AONB Partnership, Natural England, the Councils, and intends to submit an updated SoCG with the AONB Partnership to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.
26. The Applicants are also preparing a note on the Statutory Purpose of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to address a number of comments raised by the AONB Partnership. This note will be submitted into the Examination at Deadline 2.
27. The Applicants' position in relation to outstanding agreement areas in **Table 3** reflects paragraphs 24 and 25 above.
28. **Table 3** presents the matters agreed, not agreed or in discussion between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership in relation to seascape, landscape and visual amenity.



Table 3 Offshore Seascape, Landscape and Visual Amenity

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	AONB Partnership Position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
AONB-001	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to appropriately characterise the baseline environment in terms of seascape, landscape and visual amenity and to inform the assessment.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership does not concur with the statement in 6.1.28 EA2 ES para 137 as it considers policy dictates development and other decisions will seek to pay regard to the purpose of the AONB, to conserve and enhance natural beauty. The exception is of the new nuclear site at Sizewell.</p> <p>6.1.28 EA2 ES para 138 considers that the AONB designation 'generally seek to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area, while recognising the need to adapt to inevitable change over time, particularly in such a dynamic coastal landscape shaped by coastal processes, and the need to respond to development pressures that reflect the changing needs of society. However, the AONB Partnership recognise that current legislation states that <i>In exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or</i></p>



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						<p><i>so as to affect, land in an area of outstanding natural beauty, a relevant authority shall have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area of outstanding natural beauty, so does not agree with sentiment of para 138</i></p> <p>6.1.28 EA2 para 141 when referring to the statutory Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB management plan it should refer to current plan not a previous version here and for other references.</p> <p>6.1.28 EA2 para 142 does not acknowledge the introduction of large scale industrial development into the views from the northern stretches of the AONB that are currently free of such views of infrastructure.</p> <p>6.1.28 EA2 para 144 does not acknowledge development proposals will be considered against the purpose of the AONB, to conserve and enhance natural beauty.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p>



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						<p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-002	Existing Environment	The viewpoints selected for the SLVIA are appropriate to describe and understand the existing environment.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils. Progress has been made with Natural England on this matter and a SoCG with Natural England in relation to SLVIA will be submitted at Deadline 3.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>



ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	AONB Partnership Position	Notes
AONB-003	Existing Environment	The existing seascape character from some southern stretches of the AONB coastline comprises views of existing wind farms, including Scroby Sands in the nearshore waters near Great Yarmouth; Galloper and Greater Gabbard in the offshore waters of the southern part of the study area; and other windfarms such as London Array and Gunfleet Sands (I, II and III) also being visible in the seascape outside the seascape study area to the south, off the north Essex coastline.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that the existing offshore wind arrays have been judged as either minor or negligible and therefore not significant and therefore do not have a significant adverse impact on the AONB, unlike the acknowledged significant adverse impact of EA2 on the AONB and the spread of impacted views northwards.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-004	Existing Environment	The existing seascape character from northern stretches of the AONB coastline have no views of existing wind farms.			Agreed	<p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>



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AONB-005	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the SLVIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	Agreed	Agreed	Not Agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership notes that the approach to impact assessment appears acceptable but will defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the impacts of the project have been assessed appropriately.</p> <p>In addition, the AONB notes an apparent inconsistency in judgements of impacts as set out in section 3.1.6 of the AFA Report.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-006	Assessment Methodology	The viewpoints selected for the seascape, landscape and visual impact assessment (SLVIA) are adequate and appropriate to understand and assess the potential impacts.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the</p>



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						<p>aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-007	Assessment Methodology	The sensitivity and importance of the receiving environment is accurately described within the ES.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The ES refers to the 2013-18 statutory AONB Management Plan and not the current 2018-2023 plan, at eg 6.1.29 EA2 para 135, 6.1.29 EA2 29.11</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-008	Assessment Methodology	The worst case scenario in relation to the project design parameters and in terms of	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and</p>



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		visibility presented is appropriate for the purposes of the SLVIA.				<p>Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils. Progress has been made with Natural England on this matter and a SoCG with Natural England in relation to SLVIA will be submitted at Deadline 3.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-009	Assessment Methodology	The study area defined for the SLVIA is appropriate to assess the potential impacts of the project.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p>



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						<p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils. Progress has been made with Natural England on this matter and a SoCG with Natural England in relation to SLVIA will be submitted at Deadline 3.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-010	Assessment Methodology	The photomontages produced for the SLVIA meet appropriate standards and are suitable to inform judgements on the visual impact of the offshore infrastructure, while recognising that all photomontages have limitations as set out in section 6.3.28.2 of ES Appendix 28.2 (APP-557).	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>This statement recognises that photomontages are just one of a suite of tools used in the assessment of impacts presented within the SLVIA.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils.</i></p>



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						<p><i>Progress has been made with Natural England on this matter and a SoCG with Natural England in relation to SLVIA will be submitted at Deadline 3.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-011	Assessment Conclusions	The assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are consistent with the agreed assessment methodologies.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership does not consider it helpful to assess the impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning together and considers that the three elements should be treated as separate issues.</p> <p>i) The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the assessment of impacts for construction are consistent with the agreed assessment methodologies</p> <p>ii) The AONB Partnership recognises the impacts of operation for EA2 mitigated</p>



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						<p>scheme to still have a significant impact on the AONB landscape as outlined in section 3 of the AFA Report</p> <p>iii) The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the assessment of impacts for decommissioning are consistent with the agreed assessment methodologies</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-012	Assessment Conclusions	The potential impacts identified in the SLVIA are accurate for each of the relevant receptors.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>As identified in section 3.1.6 of AFA Report. In terms of Landscape Character Type (LCT) 05D there appears to have been an inconsistency in judgements. For this landscape, the magnitude of change remains unchanged from the PEIR assessment i.e. medium. The sensitivity of this landscape is increased to high,</p>



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						<p>and yet the overall significance is no longer regarded as significant. This is not consistent with the SLVIA methodology nor the assessment for LCT 05C which is also regarded as high sensitivity, medium magnitude and significant effect. Furthermore, the EA2 mitigated scheme does not dramatically alter the magnitude of effect on landscape character in the SLVIA.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-013	Assessment Conclusions	The construction and operation of the East Anglia ONE North offshore infrastructure has no significant effects on landscape and visual amenity, or natural beauty/special qualities of the AONB.	Not Applicable	Agreed	Not Agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership does not consider it helpful to assess the impacts for construction and operation together to be helpful and that the two elements should be treated as separate issues.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that there will be significant short term impacts</p>



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						<p>on the AONB's natural beauty qualities such as landscape quality, scenic quality, relative wildness and relative tranquillity during construction.</p> <p>Furthermore, Section 8.1.8 of the AFA SLVIA Review states: Wind turbines are not a special quality of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB nor a key characteristic, and the proposed development would not further the purpose of designation. On the contrary, the proposed developments, either individually or cumulatively, would undermine the special qualities and perceptions which are a fundamental component of this nationally valued landscape.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-014	Assessment Conclusions	The Suffolk Heritage Coast (shown on Figure 28.13 (APP-327)), which overlaps	Agreed	Not Applicable	Not agreed	AONB Partnership Position



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		<p>with the coastal areas and estuaries of the AONB represents the part of the AONB most likely to experience significant effects from the East Anglia TWO project. Areas of the AONB outside the Suffolk Heritage Coast are unlikely to be subject to significant effects.</p>				<p>The AONB Partnership does not consider conflating Suffolk Heritage Coast impacts and AONB impacts as helpful and suggests separation of the two designations and impacts on those designations. This statement of Common Ground relates is between the AONB and The Applicants. The AONB Partnership will, if requested, make comments on the impacts on Heritage Coast designation separately to that of the AONB.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that EA2 will continue to cause a substantial 'curtain' effect of turbines on skyline views from the AONB and would not conserve and enhance its special qualities. See section 5.3.2 of AFA Report.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>



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AONB-015	Assessment Conclusions	Within the AONB area covered by the Suffolk Heritage Coast, the spatial extent of potential significant effects of the East Anglia TWO windfarm site on views and perceived character is geographically focused along the coastal edge landscape of the AONB, approximately between Covehithe in the north and Aldeburgh/Orford Ness in the south.	Agreed	Not Applicable	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership does not consider conflating Suffolk Heritage Coast impacts and AONB impacts as helpful and suggests separation of the two designations and impacts on those designations.</p> <p>The language of this statement is confusing as it implies that the nationally designated (by Government) AONB lies within the 'defined' (by agreement between Natural England and the Councils) Suffolk Heritage Coast. It is not. AONBs are conserved and enhanced by national legislation, Heritage Coasts by the planning system.</p> <p>This Statement of Common Ground is between the AONB Partnership and the Applicants The AONB Partnership will, if requested, make comments on the impacts on Heritage Coast designation separately to that of the AONB.</p> <p>The AONB Partnership considers that for agreement to be reached/useful comment</p>



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						<p>to be made that the term coastal edge needs to be defined. It is not clear if the assessment is from the beach, the existing Suffolk Coast Path, the route of the proposed England Coast Path or any point within the AONB from where the offshore infrastructure can be seen. See AFA SLVIA Review, section 8.1.4 Para 162 of EA2 Chapter 28 missed the inextricable link between the land and sea which is fundamental to the special qualities and enjoyment of the AONB. The open, unfettered sea views, their expansive and natural qualities are highly susceptible to the introduction of vertical structures which will stretch for c30km. The proposed development may be sited some distance from the coast but the degree of impact is also dependant on the height of the structures and the value placed on the open, wild and natural characteristics of the sea and the extent to which this gives rise to special qualities along the coast.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p>



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						<i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i>
AONB-016	Assessment Conclusions	Effects of the East Anglia TWO project's offshore infrastructure on the character and special qualities of the AONB are indirect. Due to their location at distance outside the AONB, the projects offshore infrastructure effects the perception of certain special qualities (focused on the 'natural beauty' indicators), relating to changes in perception of the landscape where views offshore are an aspect of the special qualities.	Agreed	Not Applicable	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership does not agree that the effects are indirect due to the distance of the proposed offshore infrastructure. EA2 will continue to cause a substantial 'curtain' effect of turbines on skyline views from the AONB and would not conserve and enhance its special qualities. See section 5.3.2 of AFA Report and section 8.1.4 of AFA SLVIA Review: Para 162 of EA2 Chapter 28 missed the inextricable link between the land and sea which is fundamental to the special qualities and enjoyment of the AONB. The open, unfettered sea views, their expansive and natural qualities are highly susceptible to the introduction of vertical structures which will stretch for c. 30km. The proposed development may be sited some distance from the coast but the</p>



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						<p>degree of impact is also dependant on the height of the structures and the value placed on the open, wild and natural characteristics of the sea and the extent to which this gives rise to special qualities along the coast.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-017	Assessment Conclusions	The effects of the East Anglia TWO windfarm site will be not significant on other AONB special qualities (those that are not categorised as 'natural beauty' indicators and are intangible for the purpose of assessment of seascape, landscape and visual effects) where the seascape setting is not a factor and the existing characteristics / special qualities will continue to define the character and distinctiveness of the AONB.	Agreed	Not Applicable	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Special qualities such as access to a semi natural landscape, an economy based on outstanding landscapes will be negatively impacted.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>



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AONB-018	Assessment Conclusions	As per Section 28.2.1 to Section 28.2.4 of Appendix 28.3 to the ES (APP-558), effects of the East Anglia TWO windfarm site on the perception of specific landscape, scenic and relative wildness qualities that derive from changes to views from the AONB out to sea are of medium or medium-low level of magnitude and in no cases are its effects on the AONB considered to be high magnitude.	Agreed	Not Applicable	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Section 8.1.7 of AFA SVLIA Review notes: The ‘curtaining’ effect of the proposed windfarm development cannot be assessed simply by the extent of the horizon affected by windfarm development from a specific viewpoint. It must also take account the extent of the coast which has sequential views of the proposed development such that it would not be possible to get away from this type of development when experiencing the vast majority of the AONB coastal landscapes.</p> <p>The Applicants’ Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-019	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the SLVIA assessment accurately reflect the	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Section 3.1.8 of the AFA Report states: Overall, the EA2 mitigated scheme is</p>



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		potential impacts on the receiving environment within the study area.				<p>considered to make little difference to the effects on landscape character within the AONB and the significance of effect is still considered to have been underestimated in a number of cases.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-020	Assessment Conclusions	The cumulative effects have been adequately and appropriately described within the SLVIA assessment and the conclusions are appropriate.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Section 5.3.2 of the AFA Report states: Whilst the SLVIA for the mitigated scheme shows a reduction in effect from viewpoints due to reduced lateral spread, this does not alter the fact that when taken in association with EA1N and Galloper, Greater Gabbard, EA2 will continue to cause a substantial 'curtain' effect of turbines on skyline views from the AONB and would not conserve and enhance its special qualities.</p>



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						<p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-021	Mitigation	The embedded mitigation set out within Section 28.3.3 and Section 28.3.4 of the ES (APP-076) is appropriate and sufficient.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Section 5.3.2 of the AFA report states: Whilst the SLVIA for the mitigated scheme shows a reduction in effect from viewpoints due to reduced lateral spread, this does not alter the fact that when taken in association with EA1N and Galloper, Greater Gabbard, EA2 will continue to cause a substantial 'curtain' effect of turbines on skyline views from the AONB and would not conserve and enhance its special qualities.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated</i></p>



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						<i>SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i>
AONB-022	Mitigation	A significant reduction in the East Anglia TWO windfarm site boundary from that presented in the Preliminary Environmental Information has reduced seascape, landscape and visual amenity effects of the East Anglia TWO windfarm site on the setting and key coastal viewpoints of the AONB, primarily due to the reduction in the lateral spread of the revised layout on the sea skyline, in key viewpoints from the AONB.	Agreed	Not Applicable	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Impacts are not only due to lateral spread. Section 5.3.2 of the AFA Report states: Whilst the SLVIA for the mitigated scheme shows a reduction in effect from viewpoints due to reduced lateral spread, this does not alter the fact that when taken in association with EA1N and Galloper, Greater Gabbard, EA2 will continue to cause a substantial ‘curtain’ effect of turbines on skyline views from the AONB and would not conserve and enhance its special qualities.</p> <p>The Applicants’ Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-023	Mitigation	The potential cumulative effect of the projects windfarm sites has been reduced	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p>



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		<p>as a result of the revised East Anglia TWO windfarm site layout, through the creation of a clear gap in the seascape between the two projects. This has effectively removed the possibility that a 'curtaining' effect would be apparent from certain viewpoints located on the coastline of the AONB.</p>				<p>It may be considered that the curtaining effect is reduced at some locations, the statement appears to overestimate that positive impacts of the mitigation: Section 5.3.2 of the AFA report states: Whilst the SLVIA for the mitigated scheme shows a reduction in effect from viewpoints due to reduced lateral spread, this does not alter the fact that when taken in association with EA1N and Galloper, Greater Gabbard, EA2 will continue to cause a substantial 'curtain' effect of turbines on skyline views from the AONB and would not conserve and enhance its special qualities.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
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AONB-024	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 2 provided within the draft DCO (APP-023) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to detailed offshore design parameters of wind turbine generators is appropriate in terms of seascape, landscape and visual amenity.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-025	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 3 provided within the draft DCO (APP-023) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to detailed offshore design parameters of offshore electrical platforms is appropriate in terms of seascape, landscape and visual amenity.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils and in discussion with Natural England.</i></p>



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						<p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
<p>Other Matters as Required</p>						
AONB-026	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	The Projects (East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North) do not affect the statutory purpose of the AONB.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Section 8.1.8 of AFA SLVIA Review states: Wind turbines are not a special quality of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB nor a key characteristic, and the proposed development would not further the purpose of designation. On the contrary, the proposed developments, either individually or cumulatively, would undermine the special qualities and perceptions which are a fundamental component of this nationally valued landscape.</p> <p>Furthermore, the AONB Partnership does not agree that the effects on the AONB special qualities, such as 'big Suffolk</p>



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						<p>skies' are assessed as not significant. As described in ES 6.1.28 EA2 ES para 332</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>



2.2 Onshore Landscape and Visual Amenity

29. The onshore components of the projects have the potential to impact upon landscape and visual. **Chapter 29 Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment** of the ES (APP-077) provides an assessment of the significance of these impacts.
30. An assessment of the Project-alone construction effects of the onshore infrastructure on the special qualities of the AONB are described in each Project's ES, in **Chapter 29** (APP-077), **Section 29.5.3**, **Section 29.6.1.1** (Landfall), **Section 29.6.1.2** (onshore cable route) and **Section 29.6.1.3** (onshore substations).
31. An assessment of the Project-alone operational effects of the onshore substations on the special qualities of the AONB are described in each Project's ES, in **Chapter 29** (APP-077), **Section 29.6.2.2** (*paragraph 184, Table 29.10*).
32. **Table 4** provides an overview of consultation undertaken with the AONB Partnership regarding landscape and visual. Further details on the stakeholder engagement process for landscape and visual matters can be found in the **Consultation Report** (APP-029).

Table 4 Summary of Consultation with the AONB Partnership Regarding LVIA

Date	Contact Type	Topic
Pre-Application		
27 th April 2018	Meeting	Method statement, assessment methodology and study area
24 th January 2019	Meeting	Presentation and discussion of assessment within Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
23 rd May 2019	Meeting	Confirmation of assessment methodology and approach to mitigation for the ES
Post-Application		
27 th February 2020	Meeting	SoCG Meeting 1
14th April 2020	Written Correspondence	Updated SoCG issued to the AONB Partnership for comment
5 th October 2020	Written Correspondence	The AONB Partnership provided comments on the SoCG



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33. **Table 5** presents the matters agreed, not agreed or in discussion between the Applicants and the AONB Partnership in relation to onshore landscape and visual matters.



Table 5 Onshore Landscape and Visual Amenity

ID	Topic	Statement	East Anglia TWO Limited Position	East Anglia ONE North Limited Position	AONB Partnership position	Notes
Environmental Impact Assessment						
AONB-101	Existing Environment	Sufficient survey data has been collected to appropriately characterise the baseline environment in terms of landscape and visual amenity and to inform the assessment.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-102	Existing Environment	The viewpoints selected for the landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA) are appropriate to describe and understand the existing environment.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p>



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						<p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils and Natural England.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-103	Assessment Methodology	The impact assessment methodologies used for the LVIA provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts of the project.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils, and considered closed with Natural England.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will</i></p>



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						<i>submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i>
AONB-104	Assessment Methodology	The viewpoints selected for the LVIA are adequate and appropriate to understand and assess the potential impacts.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-105	Assessment Methodology	The worst case scenario in relation to the project design parameters presented in the LVIA is appropriate.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on</p>



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						<p>whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils, and considered closed with Natural England.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-106	Assessment Methodology	The study area defined for the LVIA is appropriate to assess the potential impacts of the project.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with</i></p>



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						<p><i>the Councils, and considered closed with Natural England.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-107	Assessment Methodology	The sensitivity and importance of the receiving environment is accurately described within the ES.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-108	Assessment Conclusions	The assessment of impacts for construction, operation and decommissioning presented are	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p>



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		consistent with the agreed assessment methodologies.				<p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils, and considered closed with Natural England.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-109	Assessment Conclusions	The potential impacts identified in the LVIA are accurate for each of the relevant receptors.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p>



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						<i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i>
AONB-110	Assessment Conclusions	The onshore substations and National Grid infrastructure associated with the East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North projects have no significant effects on the natural beauty/special qualities of the AONB.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
AONB-111	Assessment Conclusions	Significant effects on AONB special qualities are limited to the temporary construction activities associated with the onshore cable route within or close to Section 1 of the onshore cable corridor and the landfall area (as shown on Figure 6.2a (APP-097)).	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None



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AONB-112	Assessment Conclusions	Landscape and visual effects associated with the onshore cable route and landfall are considered temporary and will be reinstated, with no significant long-term operational effects on AONB natural beauty/special qualities arising.	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	None
AONB-113	Assessment Conclusions	The conclusions of the LVIA assessment accurately reflect the potential impacts on the receiving environment within the study area.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-114	Assessment Conclusions	The cumulative effects have been adequately and appropriately described within	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	AONB Partnership Position



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		the LVIA assessment and the conclusions are appropriate.				<p>The AONB defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-115	Mitigation	The embedded mitigation set out within Section 29.3.3 and Section 29.3.4 of the ES (APP-077) is appropriate and sufficient.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the</i></p>



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						<i>Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i>
AONB-116	Mitigation	The undergrounding of the onshore cabling in its entirety provides appropriate and necessary mitigation of potential landscape and visual impacts during operation of the projects.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>It is requested that a further row relating to mitigation for the construction phase is inserted below AONB-116.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants will include a new statement for mitigation during the construction phase and engage with the AONB Partnership on this matter following Deadline 1.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to AONB-116, the Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils and Natural England.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>



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AONB-117	Mitigation	The proposed pre-construction surveys and hedgerow re-planting proposals (including planting of hedgerow trees) within the onshore cable route is appropriate.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership will agree this position if it can be explicitly assured that where hedgerows have been removed as part of the works to implement the cable route within the AONB they are reinstated to an appropriate specification and the loss of any standard trees within the hedgerow are compensated elsewhere within the AONB.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
Draft Development Consent Order						
AONB-118	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 14 provided within the draft DCO (APP-023) (and supporting certified documents) with	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the</p>



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		reference to development of a written landscape management plan and associated work programme for the mitigation and monitoring of potential impacts to landscape and visual is appropriate and adequate.				<p>Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-119	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 15 provided within the draft DCO (APP-023) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to the implementation and maintenance of landscaping secured through Requirement 14 is appropriate and adequate.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants note that this matter is agreed in the SoCG with the Councils and Natural England.</i></p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will</i></p>



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						<i>submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i>
AONB-120	Wording of Requirement(s)	The wording of Requirement 32 provided within the draft DCO (APP-023) (and supporting certified documents) with reference to development of a Public Right of Way strategy for the mitigation of potential impacts to public rights of way during construction of the projects is appropriate and adequate.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>The AONB Partnership defers to statutory partners such as the Councils, Highways Authorities and Natural England on whether the aspirations of this statement have been met.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
Other Matters as Required						
AONB-121	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	The Projects (East Anglia TWO and East Anglia ONE North) do not affect the statutory purpose of the AONB.	Agreed	Agreed	Not agreed	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>Section 8.1.8 of AFA SLVIA Review states: Wind turbines are not a special quality of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB nor a key</p>



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						<p>characteristic, and the proposed development would not further the purpose of designation. On the contrary, the proposed developments, either individually or cumulatively, would undermine the special qualities and perceptions which are a fundamental component of this nationally valued landscape.</p> <p>The Applicants' Position</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i></p>
AONB-122	Access to Sizewell Beach	The selection of a trenchless technique for the installation of cables at the landfall is appropriate mitigation to ensure continued access to the beach (via PRoWs) around the landfall area is maintained at all times.	In discussion	In discussion	In discussion	<p>AONB Partnership Position</p> <p>It is not understood if land take for a trenchless technique will include publicly accessible land</p> <p><i>The Applicants intend to continue engagement on this matter following Deadline 1 and will submit an updated SoCG to the</i></p>



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						<i>Examining Authority at Deadline 3.</i>



3 Signatures

34. The above Statement of Common Ground is agreed between East Anglia TWO Limited, East Anglia ONE North Limited and the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership on the day specified below.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Date: _____

Duly authorised for and on behalf of the **Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Partnership**

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Date: _____

Duly authorised for and on behalf of **East Anglia TWO Limited**

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Date: _____

Duly authorised for and on behalf of **East Anglia ONE North Limited**

