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Glossary of Acronyms

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
DCO	Development Consent Order
DIO	Defence Infrastructure Organisation
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPP	Evidence Plan Process
ES	Environmental Statement
ETGs	Expert Topic Groups
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
MoD	Ministry of Defence
NPS	National Policy Statements
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RYA	Royal Yachting Association
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation

Glossary of Terminology

The Project Or 'North Falls'	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.
The Applicant	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NFOW)

7 Technical Consultation

7.1 Introduction

1. This chapter of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) outlines the approach taken to consultation relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (hereafter referred to as 'technical consultation') for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter 'North Falls' or 'the Project').
2. Consultation is a key feature of the EIA process and continues throughout the lifecycle of a project.
3. Consultation in relation to the EIA includes statutory consultation (see Section 7.4) and non-statutory consultation (e.g. through the Evidence Plan Process (EPP), see Section 7.5). The PEIR has been produced to support stakeholder and public consultation under Sections 42 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The Applicant will have regard to feedback from the consultation and where appropriate use it to inform the ongoing design of North Falls and the scope of the final impact assessment which will be reported in the Environmental Statement (ES).
4. Further details on the consultation undertaken to inform the Project's EIA, will be presented in the updated version of this chapter in the ES and in the Consultation Report, which will be submitted as part of the Project's Development Consent Order (DCO) application. The ES will include details of regard had to the feedback received on the PEIR and any further additional consultation prior to DCO submission.

7.2 Community and landowner consultation

5. In addition to the technical EIA consultation, consultation with communities, landowners and other stakeholders is ongoing by the Applicant and will be detailed in the Consultation Report to be submitted with the DCO application.
6. Informal public consultation has been undertaken to date via the Project website (www.northfallsoffshore.com), public notices, newspaper advertisements and newsletters.
7. A Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) was published in the Daily Gazette on 29 March 2023 in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The SoCC was prepared in consultation with the local Councils.
8. A series of community consultation exercises are taking place throughout the EIA process. To date, this has included the following:
 - 25 October to 10 December 2021 - Informal introductory consultation via the Project website, providing an introduction to the Project, the scoping report and an early opportunity for the community to provide feedback;
 - May to June 2022 – Initial consultation with landowners potentially affected by the Project;
 - 17 October to 9 December 2022 – Non-statutory pre-application consultation, which included:

- 3 November to 12 November 2022 – In person events in Frinton-on-Sea; Clacton-on-Sea; Thorpe Le Soken; Great Bromley; and Ardleigh; and
 - 15 November and 24 November – Online webinars.
9. Further pre-application community consultation is being planned to take place in 2023, as part of the Project’s statutory consultation exercise. Further details of this consultation will be provided within the ES.

7.3 Legislation, policy and guidance

10. As detailed in Chapter 3 Policy and Legislative Context (Volume I), the Project is defined under Part 3, Section 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008 as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The Applicant is therefore undertaking pre-application consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008, the Infrastructure Planning (Applications, Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (herein known as ‘the EIA Regulations’).

7.3.1 The Planning Act

11. The relevant Sections of Part 5, Chapter 2 of the Planning Act 2008 are outlined in Table 7.1.

Table 7.1 Key sections of the Planning Act related to consultation

Section	Provision	Relevant requirements
Section 42	Duty to consult;	The applicant must consult the following about the proposed application— (a) such persons as may be prescribed, (aa) the Marine Management Organisation (where development would or is likely to affect the marine area), (b) each local authority that is within section 43, (c) the Greater London Authority if the land is in Greater London, and (d) each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44.
Section 45	Timetable for consultation under section 42;	(1) The applicant must, when consulting a person under section 42, notify the person of the deadline for the receipt by the applicant of the person's response to the consultation. (2) A deadline notified under subsection (1) must not be earlier than the end of the period of 28 days that begins with the day after the day on which the person receives the consultation documents. (3) In subsection (2) “the consultation documents” means the documents supplied to the person by the applicant for the purpose of consulting the person.
Section 46	Duty to notify the Secretary of State of proposed application;	(1) The applicant must supply the Secretary of State with such information in relation to the proposed application as the applicant would supply to the Secretary of State for the purpose of complying with section 42 if the applicant were required by that section to consult the Secretary of State about the proposed application. (2) The applicant must comply with subsection (1) on or before commencing consultation under section 42.
Section 47	Duty to consult local community;	(1) The applicant must prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land.

Section	Provision	Relevant requirements
		<p>(2) Before preparing the statement, the applicant must consult each local authority that is within section 43(1) about what is to be in the statement.</p> <p>(3) The deadline for the receipt by the applicant of a local authority's response to consultation under subsection (2) is the end of the period of 28 days that begins with the day after the day on which the local authority receives the consultation documents.</p> <p>(4) In subsection (3) "the consultation documents" means the documents supplied to the local authority by the applicant for the purpose of consulting the local authority under subsection (2).</p> <p>(5) In preparing the statement, the applicant must have regard to any response to consultation under subsection (2) that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by subsection (3).</p> <p>(6) Once the applicant has prepared the statement, the applicant must— (za) make the statement available for inspection by the public in a way that is reasonably convenient for people living in the vicinity of the land, (a) publish, in a newspaper circulating in the vicinity of the land, a notice stating where and when the statement can be inspected, and (b) publish the statement in such manner as may be prescribed.</p> <p>(7) The applicant must carry out consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the statement.</p>
Section 48	Duty to publicise	<p>(1) The applicant must publicise the proposed application in the prescribed manner.</p> <p>(2) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (1) must, in particular, make provision for publicity under subsection (1) to include a deadline for receipt by the applicant of responses to the publicity.</p>
Section 49	Duty to take account of responses to consultation and publicity	<p>(1) Subsection (2) applies where the applicant — (a) has complied with sections 42, 47 and 48, and (b) proposes to go ahead with making an application for an order granting development consent (whether or not in the same terms as the proposed application).</p> <p>(2) The applicant must, when deciding whether the application that the applicant is actually to make should be in the same terms as the proposed application, have regard to any relevant responses.</p> <p>(3) In subsection (2) "relevant response" means — (a) a response from a person consulted under section 42 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed by section 45 in that person's case, (b) a response to consultation under section 47(7) that is received by the applicant before any applicable deadline imposed in accordance with the statement prepared under section 47, or (c) a response to publicity under section 48 that is received by the applicant before the deadline imposed in accordance with section 48(2) in relation to that publicity.</p>

7.3.2 EIA Regulations

- The EIA Regulations set out a process by which statutory stakeholders are to be notified about the intention to submit a planning application and consulted on the information to be provided in the ES. It places a duty on these stakeholders to enter into consultation with the Applicant and to provide any environmental information they hold that is relevant to the preparation of the ES. The EIA Regulations also make provisions for the local community to be informed and consulted about the EIA development.

13. For the Project, the relevant sections of the EIA Regulations relating to pre-application consultation are:
- Regulation 8(1)(b) - Notify the Secretary of State in writing that the applicant proposes to provide an ES;
 - Regulation 10 - Application for a Scoping Opinion;
 - Regulation 11- Procedure to facilitate preparation of ES;
 - Regulation 12 - Consultation statement requirements including in relation to PEIR;
 - Regulation 13 - Pre-application publicity under section 48 (duty to publicise); and
 - Regulation 32 - Development with significant transboundary effects.

7.3.3 National Policy Statements

14. Consultation has been undertaken with reference to the relevant National Policy Statements (NPS) which form the primary national guidance documents for NSIPs. These documents encourage applicants to carry out pre-application consultation with a range of stakeholders. The relevant NPS (and their updated drafts) for the Project are:
- EN-1 - Overarching NPS for Energy (DECC, 2011a);
 - EN-3 - Renewable Energy Infrastructure (DECC, 2011b);
 - EN-5 - Electricity Networks, which covers the electrical infrastructure in conjunction with EN-1 (DECC, 2011c);
 - Draft EN-1 - Overarching NPS for Energy (BEIS, 2021a);
 - Draft EN-3 - Renewable Energy Infrastructure (BEIS, 2021b); and
 - Draft EN-5 - Electricity Networks (BEIS, 2021c).

7.3.4 Planning Inspectorate Advice Notes

15. The Planning Inspectorate has published a series of advice notes in relation to NSIPs. The advice notes are non-statutory but provide advice and information on a range of issues arising throughout the whole life of the application process.
16. The Applicant's approach to consultation has been informed by a range of the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Notes, with particular reference to:
- Advice Note Three: EIA Consultation and Notification (Planning Inspectorate, 2017);
 - Advice Note Seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: Preliminary Environmental Information, Screening and Scoping (Planning Inspectorate, 2020a);
 - Advice Note Ten: Habitat Regulations Assessment relevant to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (Planning Inspectorate, 2022); and
 - Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts and Process (Planning Inspectorate, 2020b)

- Advice Note Fourteen: Compiling the Consultation Report (Planning Inspectorate, 2021).

7.4 Statutory technical consultation

7.4.1 Scoping

17. Regulation 10(1) of the EIA Regulations allows the Applicant to request a written opinion (the Scoping Opinion) from the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State), regarding the scope and level of detail of the information proposed to be provided in the ES.
18. A request for a Scoping Opinion was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2021, accompanied by the North Falls Scoping Report (Royal HaskoningDHV, 2021) which outlined the Project as it was understood at that time and described the likely significant effects to be assessed as part of the EIA, as well as the methodology for these assessments.
19. A Scoping Opinion (Planning Inspectorate, 2021c) was received in August 2021. The Scoping Opinion collated and considered comments from consultees and provided the Planning Inspector's opinion on what could be scoped in or out of the EIA.
20. Where effects have been scoped in, as detailed in the Scoping Opinion, these are presented within each relevant technical chapter (Chapters 8 to 33, Volume I).
21. A response to relevant comments from the Scoping Opinion is provided within the relevant chapters of this PEIR.

7.4.2 Preliminary Environmental Information

22. This PEIR has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations, which requires the Applicant to publicise and consult on preliminary environmental information.
23. Preliminary environmental information is information compiled by the applicant which is reasonably required for consultation bodies to develop an informed view of the likely significant effects of the relevant project, including any associated development.
24. A consultation period of 60 days has been offered by the Applicant, which exceeds the statutory requirement of 28 days.

7.5 Non-statutory technical consultation

7.5.1 Pre-scoping consultation

25. The Applicant proactively engaged with key stakeholders from an early stage in the Project, in relation to site selection and survey planning. Details of this early consultation is provided in Table 7.2. Further information regarding each meeting / consultation activity is provided in the relevant chapter of the PEIR.

Table 7.2 Consultation to date (pre-scoping)

Dates	Activity	Detail	Organisation(s) Consulted	Relevant chapter of the PEIR
September 2018	External workshop	A consultation event held with marine consultees around the initial array boundary, facilitated by Anatec Ltd.	MCA Trinity House	Chapter 15 Shipping and Navigation (Volume I)
November 2018	Environmental constraint consultation	A consultation event (led by The Crown Estate) appraising constraints around the area sought for the array areas from North Falls	Chamber of Shipping Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Historic England Ministry of Defence (MoD) National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations Natural England Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Suffolk County Council The Wildlife Trusts Whale and Dolphin Conservation	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
September 2020 – February 2021	Presentation	An introductory session to North Falls was provided to the County Council and District Council	Essex County Council Tendring District Council	N/A
September 2020 – February 2021	External workshop	National Grid outlining the technical basis of the East Anglia substation	National Grid	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
December 2020	Written consultation	Consultation on onshore overwintering bird survey methodologies	Natural England	Chapter 24 Onshore Ornithology (Volume I)
February – March 2021	Written consultation	Consultation on five shortlisted offshore export cable corridor options. Offered opportunity for a collective workshop/ or individual presentations to selected stakeholders	Harwich Haven Authority Historic England MCA Marine Management Organisation (MMO) MoD (Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)) Natural England	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)

Dates	Activity	Detail	Organisation(s) Consulted	Relevant chapter of the PEIR
			Port of Felixstowe Port of London Authority Royal Yachting Association (RYA) RSPB The Wildlife Trusts Trinity House	
February 2021	Presentation	An introductory session to North Falls	Historic England	N/A
February 2021	Online meeting	Progress meeting	Natural England	N/A
February 2021	Presentation	A session was held regarding cable landfall options on the Tendring peninsula	Essex County Council	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
February 2021	Presentation/workshop	Presentation on background to offshore export cable corridor site selection and shortlist options (provided individually)	MCA (17 February 2021) Natural England (25 February 2021) Trinity House (22 February 2021)	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
February 2021	Written consultation	Consultation on Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Methodology	Essex County Council Natural England RSPB Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts	Chapter 23 Onshore Ecology (Volume I)
March 2021	Consultation update	Updated shipping and navigation consultees on route refinements based on consultation responses received and selection of final corridor for survey	Harwich Haven Authority MCA Port of Felixstowe Port of London Authority Trinity House	Chapter 15 Shipping and Navigation (Volume I)
March 2021	Presentation/workshop	Workshop meeting to discuss specific aspects of the preferred offshore export cable corridor	Harwich Haven Authority	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)

Dates	Activity	Detail	Organisation(s) Consulted	Relevant chapter of the PEIR
March 2021	Written consultation	Consultation on Phase 2 surveys of Holland Haven Marshes SSSI	Essex County Council Natural England RSPB Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts	Chapter 23 Onshore Ecology (Volume I)
April 2021	Presentation	An update meeting was held to inform the Council of project progress	Essex County Council	N/A
April 2021	Presentation	An introductory session to North Falls	Essex Wildlife Trust The Wildlife Trusts	N/A
April 2021	Online meeting	Progress meeting	Natural England	N/A
April – May 2021	Written consultation	Consultation on terms for the North Falls EIA/HRA EPP	Affinity Water Anglian Water East Suffolk Council Environment Agency Essex Coast Organisation Essex County Council Essex Wildlife Trust Highways England Historic England Kent County Council Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA)MMO/Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) Natural England RSPB Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB	N/A

Dates	Activity	Detail	Organisation(s) Consulted	Relevant chapter of the PEIR
			Suffolk County Council Tendring District Council Whale and Dolphin Conservation The Wildlife Trusts	
April – June 2021	Workshop	Meetings to discuss project proposals for benthic ecology site characterisation and associated survey licensing requirements	The Crown Estate Natural England Marine Management Organisation	Chapter 10 Benthic and Intertidal Ecology (Volume I)
June 2021	Online meeting	Progress meeting	Natural England	N/A
June 2021	Presentation	An introductory session to North Falls	East Suffolk Council Suffolk County Council	N/A
June – July 2021	Workshops (Expert Topic Group (ETG) meetings)	Pre-scoping ETG meetings undertaken in accordance with the North Falls EPP. See Table 7.5 for further details.	East Suffolk Council Environment Agency Essex County Council Essex Wildlife Trust Highways England (now National Highways) Historic England Kent & Essex IFCA MMO/Cefas Natural England RSPB Suffolk County Council Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts	See Table 7.5

7.5.2 Post-scoping consultation

26. The Applicant continued to engage with key stakeholders following the publication of the Scoping Opinion, in order to review the contents of the Scoping Opinion, agree the approach to PEIR and continue discussion regarding site selection. Details of this consultation are presented in Table 7.3. Further information regarding each meeting / consultation activity is provided in the relevant chapter of the PEIR.

Table 7.3 Consultation to date (post-scoping)

Dates	Activity	Detail	Organisation(s) Consulted	Relevant chapter of the PEIR
November 2021 – November 2022	Online meeting	Quarterly progress meetings	Natural England	N/A
December 2021	Workshops (ETG meetings)	Post- scoping ETG meetings undertaken in accordance with the North Falls EPP. See Table 7.5 for further details.	East Suffolk County Council Essex County Council Natural England Suffolk County Council Tendring District Council National Highways	See Table 7.5
January 2022	Presentation/workshop	Consultation on the ‘Golden Rules’ for basis of site selection process and the landfall site selection process	Natural England Essex County Council Environment Agency	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
January-March 2022	Written consultation	Consultation on North Falls Golden Rules (to those not present at workshop)	Essex Wildlife Trust Historic England Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
March 2022	Written consultation	Consultation on Phase 2 Ecology Survey Methodologies	Environment Agency Essex County Council Essex Wildlife Trust Natural England Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts RSPB	Chapter 23 Onshore Ecology (Volume I)

Dates	Activity	Detail	Organisation(s) Consulted	Relevant chapter of the PEIR
April 2022	Presentation/workshop	Consultation on the onshore substation site selection process	Environment Agency Essex County Council Historic England Natural England Tendring District Council	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
June 2022	Presentation/workshop	Consultation on the onshore cable corridor site selection process	Environment Agency Essex County Council Essex Wildlife Trust Historic England National Highways Natural England RSPB Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts	Chapter 4 Site Selection and Assessment of Alternatives (Volume I)
July 2022	Site visit	Consultation on settings assessment for archaeology	Essex County Council Historic England	Chapter 25 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (Volume I)
March 2022 to February 2023	Workshops (Expert Topic Group meetings)	Pre-PEIR ETG meetings undertaken in accordance with the North Falls EPP. See Table 7.5 for further details.	East Suffolk Council Environment Agency Essex County Council Essex Wildlife Trust Historic England Kent & Essex IFCA MMO/Cefas National Highways Natural England RSPB	See Table 7.5

Dates	Activity	Detail	Organisation(s) Consulted	Relevant chapter of the PEIR
			Suffolk County Council Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts	

7.5.3 The Evidence Plan Process

7.5.3.1 Overview of Evidence Plan Process

27. In order to ensure that the Project is subject to full and open consultation during the EIA process, targeted engagement with regulators and interested stakeholders is undertaken through the EPP and its associated ETGs.
28. The EPP is a mechanism to help agree the information to be supplied to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO application for the Project to ensure compliance with the EIA Regulations and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.
29. The EPP aims to assist all parties in the process during the evolution of the proposed DCO application, by:
 - Giving greater certainty to all parties on the amount and range of evidence to be presented within the application;
 - Providing structure and efficiency to discussion and sequential identification of key environmental and consenting issues;
 - Enabling time and resource requirements to be planned and optimised for all parties;
 - Helping address and agree issues earlier in the pre-application stage where possible so that robust, streamlined decisions can be taken and additional data can be collected as required; and
 - Providing a platform to debate advice on one topic between multiple agencies / stakeholders.
30. The EPP is a non-statutory, voluntary process and there are no legal obligations associated with it. It does not replace or duplicate existing requirements, the plans are formulated to fit with the DCO application process, including the statutory pre-application consultation processes.
31. The EPP is a framework within which statutory consultees and the Applicant ensure that the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) process and agreed elements of the EIA process are completed in a way that is satisfactory to all parties involved. It is comprised of topic and issue-specific ETGs, which bring together relevant technical experts from each organisation in order to ensure that key issues can be discussed and where possible resolved as part of a collaborative process.

7.5.3.2 North Falls Evidence Plan Process

32. The ETGs which have been convened to date are shown in Table 7.4 below. These groups are designed to streamline the process and ensure that the most relevant technical experts from each organisation are represented on the ETGs and attend ETG meetings.

Table 7.4 ETG structure for the Project EPP

Topic	Invited members
Seabed	Cefas Environment Agency Essex Coast Organisation Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority MMO Natural England Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts
Offshore Ornithology	Natural England RSPB
Marine Mammal Ecology	Natural England MMO The Wildlife Trusts
Onshore Site Selection	Environment Agency Essex County Council Essex Wildlife Trust Historic England National Highways Natural England RSPB Tendring District Council The Wildlife Trusts
Onshore Ecology	Environment Agency Essex County Council Essex Wildlife Trust Natural England Tendring District Council
Seascape, Landscape and Visual impact Assessment (SLVIA) & Land Use, Health, Socio-economics & Tourism	East Suffolk Council Essex County Council Kent County Council Natural England Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB Suffolk County Council Tendring District Council
Traffic & Transport, Air Quality and Noise & Vibration	Essex County Council National Highways Tendring District Council
Water Resources & Flood Risk, Land Quality & Geology	Affinity Water Anglian Water Environment Agency Essex County Council Tendring District Council
Historic environment (onshore and offshore)	Essex County Council Historic England Tendring District Council

33. ETG meetings commenced in June/July 2021 and are being held at relevant milestones for each topic. A summary of consultation meetings held under the EPP (to date) is provided in Table 7.5.
34. Where appropriate, consultation is also undertaken with the ETGs via written exchange of information, such as review of methodologies for surveys and data analysis.
35. A summary of all technical consultation feedback received via meetings and written exchange, and the account taken of it by the Applicant is provided in each relevant technical chapter of the PEIR.

Table 7.5 Overview of meetings under the EPP (to date)

Date	Activity	PEIR chapter reference (Volume I)
June 2021	Water Resources and flood risk, Land quality and geology ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 19 Ground Conditions and Contamination • Chapter 21 Water Resources and Flood Risk
July 2021	Archaeology and cultural heritage ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 16 Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage • Chapter 25 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
July 2021	Marine mammals ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 12 Marine Mammals
July 2021	Offshore ornithology ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 13 Offshore Ornithology
July 2021	Onshore ecology and ornithology ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 23 Onshore Ecology • Chapter 24 Onshore Ornithology
July 2021	Seabed topics ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 8 Marine Geology Oceanography and Physical Processes • Chapter 9 Marine Water and Sediment Quality • Chapter 10 Benthic and Intertidal Ecology • Chapter 11 Fish and Shellfish Ecology
July 2021	SLVIA, Land use, Human health, Socio-economics, and Tourism and Recreation ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 22 Land Use and Agriculture • Chapter 29 SLVIA • Chapter 30 LVIA • Chapter 31 Socio-Economics • Chapter 32 Tourism and Recreation
July 2021	Traffic and transport, Noise and vibrations, Air quality, Climate change ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 20 Onshore Air Quality • Chapter 26 Noise and Vibration • Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport • Chapter 33 Climate Change
December 2021	Traffic and transport, Noise and vibrations, Air quality, Climate change ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 20 Onshore Air Quality • Chapter 26 Noise and Vibration • Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport • Chapter 33 Climate Change
December 2021	SLVIA ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 29 SLVIA • Chapter 30 LVIA

Date	Activity	PEIR chapter reference (Volume I)
March 2022	Archaeology and cultural heritage ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 25 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
March 2022	Offshore ornithology ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 13 Offshore Ornithology
May 2022	LVIA ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 25 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Chapter 30 LVIA
May 2022	Traffic and transport and Noise ETG meeting	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 26 Noise and Vibration Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport
June 2022	Seabed topics ETG meeting (Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit)	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 10 Benthic and Intertidal Ecology. <p>In addition, this meeting is discussed in Appendix 3 In Principle Measures of Equivalent Environmental Benefit Review (Volume III) of the Marine Conservation Zone Assessment.</p>
June 2022	Traffic and transport ETG	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport
August 2022	Archaeology and cultural heritage ETG	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 25 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
November 2022	Onshore ecology and ornithology ETG	Further details are discussed in chapters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 23 Onshore Ecology Chapter 24 Onshore Ornithology
February 2023	Archaeology and cultural heritage ETG	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 25 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
March 2023	Offshore ornithology ETG	Further details are discussed in chapter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 13 Offshore Ornithology

7.5.3.3 Other topics not included in the EPP

36. There are also EIA topic areas for which there are established consultation processes which stand outside the EPP, namely:

- Commercial fisheries (discussed further in Section 14.2 of Chapter 14, Volume I);
- Shipping and navigation (discussed further in Section 15.2 of Chapter 15, Volume I); and
- Aviation and radar (discussed further in Section 17.2 of Chapter 17, Volume I).

7.6 References

BEIS (2021a) Draft National Policy Statement EN-1 - Overarching NPS for Energy
BEIS (2021b); Draft National Policy Statement EN-3 - Renewable Energy Infrastructure
BEIS (2021c) Draft National Policy Statement EN-5 - Electricity Networks
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