

**Section 56 Planning Act 2008
Regulation 9 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009**

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE
THE PROPOSED EAST ANGLIA THREE OFFSHORE WINDFARM ORDER (Application Reference EN010056)**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change) has accepted an application made by East Anglia THREE Limited (the **Applicant**) of 3rd Floor, 1 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0AH for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 (the **Application**). The Application was made on 18 November 2015 and accepted for examination on 15 December 2015 (Reference: EN010056).

The Application relates to the construction and operation of an offshore windfarm within the East Anglia Zone of the North Sea (the **Project**). The proposed windfarm is approximately 69km from the coast at Lowestoft, Suffolk at its closest point to land. It will connect to the National Grid via underground cables to the substation at Bramford, Suffolk.

The Development Consent Order would, amongst other things, authorise:

1. up to 172 offshore wind turbines and associated foundations, with an installed capacity of up to 1,200 MW;
2. Up to two meteorological masts and foundations;
3. Up to twelve buoys;
4. Up to six offshore electrical stations;
5. Up to one offshore platform housing accommodation facilities;
6. Subsea inter-array cables between the wind turbines and offshore electrical stations;
7. Up to four subsea export cables to transmit electricity from the offshore electrical stations to shore;
8. Up to four interconnector cables between the East Anglia ONE and East Anglia THREE Projects;
9. Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array and export cables as required;
10. Landfall at Bawdsey with onshore transition bays to join the offshore and onshore cables;
11. Up to four onshore underground circuits (each containing up to three cables) pulled through existing ducting to be laid by East Anglia ONE or directly laid, running for approximately 37 km from landfall to the connection point at Bramford, Suffolk, with jointing pits, to transmit electricity to up to two new onshore substations;
12. Up to two onshore substations at Bramford, Suffolk, to connect the offshore windfarm to the National Grid;
13. The permanent and / or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and / or rights for the proposed Project;
14. Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the proposed Project;
15. The application and / or disapplication of legislation relevant to the proposed Project including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase; and
16. Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and / or convenient.

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 and accordingly an Environmental Statement accompanied the Application.

A copy of the Application form and accompanying plans, maps and other documents may be inspected free of charge from 3rd March 2016 until at least 22nd April 2016 at the following locations and during the hours set out below:

	Mid Suffolk District Council Council Offices 131 High Street Needham Market Ipswich IP6 8DL	Suffolk Coastal District Council Melton Hill Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1AU	Woodbridge Library New Street Woodbridge IP12 1DT	Felixstowe Library Crescent Road Felixstowe IP11 7BY	Lowestoft Library Clapham Road South Lowestoft NR32 1DR	Ipswich Library County Library Northgate Street Ipswich IP1 3DE
Monday	8.30am – 5pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	Closed	9am – 6pm
Tuesday	8.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9.30am – 7.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 7pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 7.30pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm
Thursday	8.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 6pm
Friday	8.30am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 7.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 7pm
Saturday	Closed	Closed	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9.30am – 5pm	8.30am – 5pm
Sunday	Closed	Closed	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm	10am – 4pm

Copies of the documents will also be available online through the Planning Inspectorate's website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/East-Anglia-THREE-Offshore-Wind-Farm/> as well as through the Applicant's website www.eastanglia3.co.uk from 3rd March 2016. Paper copies will be deposited in Ipswich, Lowestoft, Woodbridge and Felixstowe libraries, as well as Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Coastal District Council Offices. Paper copies can be provided on request from Eastangliathree@scottishpower.com or EA3 Senior Project Manager, ScottishPower Renewables, 4th Floor, Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8JB for a charge of £1000 for the full suite of documents. DVD copies will be provided free of charge and are available on request.

Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which is available online at: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/Eastern/East-Anglia-THREE-Offshore-Wind-Farm/>

If you would like to request a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be returned to: East Anglia Three Case Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference number for the Application (EN010056) should be quoted in any correspondence. As well as standard contact information any representation submitted will need to include a summary of the main points you intend to make regarding the application.

The Planning Inspectorate has produced guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation, which is available online at: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/application-process/participating-in-the-process/>

If you are not an affected landowner, please note that if you want to remain informed of the examination process and entitled to make representations, you must fill in a Registration and Relevant Representation Form to register as an interested party even if you do not wish to make a substantive representation at this point.

Any representation must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 22nd April 2016 23:59.

Representations will be made public.