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Glossary

Term	Definition
Design	All of the decisions that shape a development throughout its design and pre-construction, construction / commissioning, operation and, where relevant, decommissioning phases.
Development Consent Order (DCO)	A consent required under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to authorise the development of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, which is granted by the relevant Secretary of State following an application to the Planning Inspectorate.
Effect	An effect is the consequence of an impact when considered in combination with the receptor's sensitivity / value / importance, defined in terms of significance.
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	A process by which certain planned projects must be assessed before a formal decision to proceed can be made. It involves the collection and consideration of environmental information and includes the publication of an Environmental Statement.
Environmental Statement (ES)	A document reporting the findings of the EIA which describes the measures proposed to mitigate any likely significant effects.
Evidence Plan Process (EPP)	A voluntary consultation process with technical stakeholders which includes a Steering Group and Expert Topic Group (ETG) meetings to encourage upfront agreement on the nature, volume and range of supporting evidence required to inform the EIA and HRA process.
Expert Topic Group (ETG)	A forum for targeted technical engagement with relevant stakeholders through the EPP.
Impact	A change resulting from an activity associated with the Project, defined in terms of magnitude.
Mitigation	Any action or process designed to avoid, prevent, reduce or, if possible, offset potentially significant adverse effects of a development. All mitigation measures adopted by the Project are provided in the Commitments Register.
Project Design Envelope	A range of design parameters defined where appropriate to enable the identification and assessment of likely significant effects arising from a project's worst-case scenario. The Project Design Envelope incorporates flexibility and addresses uncertainty in the DCO application and will be further refined during the EIA process.

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Scoping Opinion	<p>A written opinion issued by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State regarding the scope and level of detail of the information to be provided in the Applicant's Environmental Statement.</p> <p>The Scoping Opinion for the Project was adopted by the Secretary of State on 02 August 2024.</p>
Scoping Report	<p>A request by the Applicant made to the Planning Inspectorate for a Scoping Opinion on behalf of the Secretary of State.</p> <p>The Scoping Report for the Project was submitted to the Secretary of State on 24 June 2024.</p>
Study Areas	<p>A geographical area and / or temporal limit defined for each EIA topic to identify sensitive receptors and assess the relevant likely significant effects.</p>
The Applicant	<p>SSE Renewables and Equinor acting through 'Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 4 Projco Limited'.</p>
The Project	<p>Dogger Bank D Offshore Wind Farm Project, also referred to as DBD in this PEIR.</p>

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1. **Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation** for the Dogger Bank D Offshore Wind Farm (herein referred to as ‘the Project’ or ‘DBD’) has been informed by consultation with the Planning Inspectorate and stakeholders following the publication of the Scoping Report (Royal HaskoningDHV, 2024) and the comments contained within the Scoping Opinion (Planning Inspectorate, 2024). This appendix contains details of the relevant comments for **Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation** and the Applicant’s responses in **Table 30.1-1**.
2. The Applicant previously submitted a Scoping Report in 2023 based on project parameters at that time. The 2024 Scoping Report (Royal HaskoningDHV, 2024) and adopted Scoping Opinion (Planning Inspectorate, 2024) have superseded the 2023 Scoping Report and as such consultation responses on the 2023 Scoping Report are not considered further in this document except where they are included in the 2024 consultee responses and remain relevant to the Project.

Table 30.1-1 Consultation Responses for Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation

Stakeholder	Document / Meeting, Date	Comment	How and Where Addressed in the PEIR
The Planning Inspectorate	Scoping Opinion (02/08/24)	<p>Loss of, disruption to or pressure on local infrastructure and services – operation</p> <p>The Scoping Report proposes to scope these matters out on the basis that any impacts would be negligible. In the absence of estimated worker numbers associated with operation for all potential design options, the Inspectorate is not in a position to agree to scope out this matter out from assessment. The Environmental Statement (ES) should include an assessment of these matters or evidence demonstrating agreement with the relevant consultation bodies and the absence of likely significant effects.</p>	<p>Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation includes an assessment of the effect of potential loss of disruption to, or pressure on local services and infrastructure resulting from the Project during the operation and maintenance (O&M) phase. This is considered in Section 30.7.2 of the chapter.</p>

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Stakeholder	Document / Meeting, Date	Comment	How and Where Addressed in the PEIR
The Planning Inspectorate	Scoping Opinion (02/08/24)	<p>Impacts on tourism, recreation assets and social infrastructure as a result of the presence of offshore infrastructure – operation</p> <p>The Inspectorate considers that impacts on tourism, recreational assets and social infrastructure as a result of the presence of offshore infrastructure during operation can be scoped out, given the spatial extent of effects associated with these matters.</p>	<p>This is noted, and the impacts on tourism, recreational assets and social infrastructure as a result of the presence of offshore infrastructure during the O&M phase have been scoped out of Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation.</p>
The Planning Inspectorate	Scoping Opinion (02/08/24)	<p>Transboundary effects associated with socioeconomic, tourism and recreation – all phases</p> <p>As noted under Table 2.2 above, the Inspectorate has not yet concluded its separate transboundary re-screening exercise. However, the Inspectorate agrees that this matter may be scoped out on the basis that any impacts would be limited and beneficial in nature and unlikely to result in significant transboundary effects.</p>	<p>This is noted, and transboundary effects have been scoped out of Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation.</p>
The Planning Inspectorate	Scoping Opinion (02/08/24)	<p>Inter-relationships with other aspects</p> <p>The Scoping Report notes that the socioeconomic, tourism and recreation assessment is likely to have key interrelationships with the aspects listed at paragraph 1612 and that these will be considered appropriately, where relevant in the EIA. The ES should clearly set out where this information will be presented and cross refer as appropriate.</p>	<p>Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation will consider inter-relationships (Section 30.10) in relation to the following chapters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume 1, Chapter 14 Commercial Fisheries; • Volume 1, Chapter 15 Shipping and Navigation;

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Stakeholder	Document / Meeting, Date	Comment	How and Where Addressed in the PEIR
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume 1, Chapter 16 Aviation, Radar and Military; • Volume 1, Chapter 18 Other Marine Users; • Volume 1, Chapter 20 Air Quality and Dust; • Volume 1, Chapter 22 Soils and Land Use; • Volume 1, Chapter 24 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage; • Volume 1, Chapter 25 Noise and Vibration; • Volume 1, Chapter 26 Traffic and Transport; and • Volume 1, Chapter 27 Landscape and Visual Impacts. <p>Residual significant adverse effects found in these chapters are considered within Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation with respect to impacts on tourism, recreational assets and social infrastructure.</p>
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC)	ETG11 (Air Quality, Noise and Vibration, Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation) Meeting 02 Minutes (meeting held on 27/08/24)	ERYC agreed with the proposed scope, study areas and methodology for the socio-economics, tourism and recreation assessment presented at the meeting.	The assessment scope, Study Areas and assessment methodology as agreed with ERYC have been used during the preparation of Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation.

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ERYC	ETG11 (Air Quality, Noise and Vibration, Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation) Meeting 02 Minutes (meeting held on 27/08/24)	ERYC agreed with the approach to baseline characterisation presented at the meeting but noted that data on tourism assets should be obtained from the local visitor economy partnership, which is Visit Hull and East Yorkshire.	The list of data sources used for the tourism and recreation assessment includes Visit Hull and East Yorkshire, as shown in Section 30.5.2 of Volume 1, Chapter 30 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation.

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List of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
DBD	Dogger Bank D
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
ERYC	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
ETG	Expert Topic Group
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report