



**DOGGER BANK
TEESSIDE A & B**

**March
2014**

Habitats Regulations Assessment Report




Information for Appropriate Assessment


Document Reference: 5.2

Document Title Dogger Bank Teesside A & B
Environmental Statement
Habitats Regulations Assessment Report

Forewind Document Reference F-OFC-HRA-009 Issue 10

Date March 2014

Drafted by	Royal HaskoningDHV (Peter Thornton / Dr Richard Cottle)		
Checked by	Angela Lowe		
Date / initials check		March 2014	
Approved by	Gareth Lewis		
Date / initials approval		March 2014	
Forewind Approval			
Date / Reference approval	Gareth Lewis	March 2014	

Title: Habitats Regulations Assessment Report - Information for Appropriate Assessment		Contract No. (if applicable) Onshore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Offshore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Document Number: F-OFC-RP-009	Issue No: 10	Issue Date: March 2014
Status: Issued for 1st. Technical Review <input type="checkbox"/> Issued for PEI3 <input type="checkbox"/> Issued for 2nd. Technical Review <input type="checkbox"/> Issued for DCO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Prepared by: Royal HaskoningDHV (Peter Thornton / Dr Richard Cottle)		Checked by: Angela Lowe
Approved by: Gareth Lewis	Signature / Approval (Forewind) 	Approval Date: March 2014

Revision History

Date	Issue No.	Remarks / Reason for Issue	Author	Checked	Approved
13 September 2013	1	1st Technical Review Sections 1 and 2	PT	RC	PT
16 September 2013	2	1st Technical Review Section 3	PT	RC	PT
23 September 2013	3	1st Technical Review Section 4	PT	RC	PT
26 September 2013	4	1st Technical Review Section 6	RC	PT	RC
26 September 2013	5	1st Technical Review Section 5	PT	RC	PT
30 September 2013	6	1st Technical Review Section 7	PT	RC	PT
02 October 2013	7	1st Technical Review Section 8	PT	RC	PT
03 Octpber 2013	8	2nd Technical Review Sections 1 to 3	PT	RC	PT
11 October 2013	9	Issued for PEI 3	PT	RC	GL
20 March 2014	10	1st Technical Review for Final	PT	RC	AL

Contents

1. Habitats Regulations Assessment Report.....	1
1.1. Introduction	1
1.2. This HRA Report.....	1

APPENDICES

Appendix A - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report

Appendix B - Information for Appropriate Assessment Report

Appendix C – Consultation comments and responses

Appendix D – Final LSE

**Appendix E – PBR work for Flamborough and Filey Coast pSPA
populations of black-legged kittiwake and northern gannet**

**Appendix F – Summary of appropriate assessment outcomes for SPAs
and Ramsar sites**

**Appendix G – Summary of screening of other projects for the in-
combination assessment**

Appendix H – Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Matrices

Appendix I – Habitats Regulations Assessment Integrity Matrices

1. Habitats Regulations Assessment Report

1.1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. The European Commission's 2001 guidance on Planning for the Protection of European Sites: Appropriate Assessment identifies a four-stage process to the assessment of the effects of plans or projects on European sites. Cumulatively these stages are referred to as Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). The four stages are:
- Stage 1 Screening;
 - Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment;
 - Stage 3 Consideration of Alternative Solutions; and
 - Stage 4 Assessment of 'Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest' (IROPI).

1.2. This HRA Report

- 1.2.1. This is the HRA Report for Dogger Bank Teesside A & B. It reports on stages one and two of the HRA process, as identified above, and consists of the following documents:

Stage1:

- **Appendix A** - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report (and appendices): sets out the steps taken to determine the designated sites and features that could be affected by the proposed wind farm development and the results of the Likely Significant Effect test.

Stage 2:

- **Appendix B** - Information for Appropriate Assessment Report – relevant information required by the Competent Authority to undertake an appropriate assessment of the project with respect to its potential implications for European sites of nature conservation importance.
- **Appendix C** – Consultation responses to comments received on the HRA Screening Report and on the Draft HRA Report (submitted as part of the PEI3 consultation);
- **Appendix D** – Conclusions for screening of Likely Significant Effect;
- **Appendix E** – Potential Biological Removal (PBR) for Flamborough and Filey Coast pSPA populations of black-legged kittiwake and northern gannet;
- **Appendix F** - Summary of appropriate assessment outcomes for SPAs and Ramsar sites;

- **Appendix G** – Summary of screening of other projects for the in-combination assessment.

1.2.2. In addition, the PINS screening and integrity matrices are also submitted alongside this HRA Report for Dogger Bank Teesside A & B. These comprise and are presented in the following:

- **Appendix H** - Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Matrices: summarise the likely significant effects of the project on the European sites in question. The matrices are those developed by the Planning Inspectorate to assist the Competent Authority in fulfilling the requirements of the Habitats Directive and the Habitats Regulations in the context of the 2008 Planning Act process; and
- **Appendix I** - Habitats Regulations Assessment Integrity Matrices: as above for the screening matrices, but summarising the information required for the appropriate assessment.