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Glossary

Term	Definition
DBD	Dogger Bank D (DBD) Offshore Wind Farm, also referred to as the Project in this PEIR.
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.
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.
Offshore	Area seaward of nearshore in which the transport of sediment is not caused by wave activity.
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>
The Applicant	SSE Renewables and Equinor acting through 'Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 4 Projco Limited'.
The Project	Dogger Bank D Offshore Wind Farm Project, also referred to as DBD in this PEIR.

3.1 Consultation Responses for Policy and Legislative Context

1. **Volume 1, Chapter 3 Policy and Legislative Context** for the Dogger Bank D Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter 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 Chapter 3, Policy and Legislative Context and the Applicant’s responses in **Table 3.1-1**.
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 The 2024 Scoping Report (Royal HaskoningDHV, 2024) and adopted Scoping Opinion (Planning Inspectorate, 2024) have superseded the 2023 Scoping Report and as such consultation responses on the 2023 Scoping Report are not considered further in this document except where they are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 3.1-1 Consultation Responses for Policy and Legislative Context

Stakeholder	Document / Meeting, Date	Comment	How and Where Addressed in the PEIR
Marine Management Organization (MMO)	Scoping Opinion (18/07/24)	The MMO defers to Natural England as the Statutory Nature Conservation Body (SNCB) on the suitability of the scope of the assessment with regards to MPAs.	Noted.
Natural England	Scoping Opinion (18/07/24)	We welcome the consideration of National Policy Statements and their associated revisions. In particular, the Project should be cognisant of policies in the draft NPS around coordination and work of the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) pathways to 2030 – these will need to be factored into ES development.	Noted. The National Policy Statements are considered in Chapter 3 Policy and Legislative Context .

References

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Planning Inspectorate (2024). Scoping Opinion: Proposed Dogger Bank D Wind Farm. Available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010144/EN010144-000071-EN010144%20-%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>

List of Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
DCO	Development Consent Order
DBD	Dogger Bank D Offshore Wind Farm
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
OTNR	Offshore Transmission Network Review
SNCB	Statutory Nature Conservation Body