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Electricity System Operator (ESO) Open Letter on the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR)

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your letter dated 6th October 2021. I am pleased to hear your positive feedback on the work undertaken to date and I can confirm that we are happy to continue to engage in future. I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter and provide a list of projects in the East of England considered to potentially be in scope of the Early Opportunities workstream. This can be found in Figure 1 below, but it is worth noting important caveats in relation to the information.

- This is solely an ESO view based on our interpretation of the criteria which have previously been set out by BEIS and Ofgem¹ and as such the list may not be definitive.
- This is solely information collated from publicly available sources and as such the list may not be comprehensive.
- A project being included as potentially in scope of the Early Opportunities workstream doesn't indicate that the developer has opted in to explore co-ordination, or that we are in dialogue with the developer in relation to potential co-ordination, nor that there is necessarily any viable potential for co-ordination.
- Based on the above caveats this list therefore remains subject to change.

Figure 1

	Offshore Wind	Interconnectors
Status Quo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dogger Bank 1,2 & 4• East Anglia 3• Hornsea 2 & 3• Sofia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Viking Link
Early Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boreas• East Anglia 1 North & 2• Dudgeon extension• Sheringham Shoal extension• Five Estuaries• North Falls• Race Bank Extension• Vanguard East & West• Hornsea 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aminth• Eurolink• Nautilus• Continental Link• SENECA• The Superconnection• Cronos• Kulizumboo• Southernlink• Tarchon

As a final point of clarification, whilst demand and multi-purpose interconnectors are within the scope of the wider OTNR, they may not necessarily be included within the Holistic Network Design being developed within Pathway to 2030.

If you have any further questions in relation to the above or the ESO work within the OTNR more generally please let me know, including if a discussion would be beneficial in future.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/consultation-changes-intended-bring-about-greater-coordination-development-offshore-energy-networks>