Appendix 2: Matrix 1 - Assessment matrix

Matrix 2 is an example assessment matrix that provides a means of summarising the potential adverse or beneficial cumulative effects of the project with 'other development'. It can be used to demonstrate that a systematic approach to CEA has been adopted. When cross referencing to evidence documents to support the conclusions, the specific document and section/paragraph number should be provided. The populated boxes below illustrate the type of information that could be included, which may be supported by further detailed assessments/appendices as required.

ID	Tier	Application Reference	Applicant for 'other development' and brief description	Assessment of cumulative effect with NSIP	Proposed mitigation applicable to NSIP including any apportionment	Residual cumulative effect
Insert name of topic being cumulatively assessed						
ID Number to be carried through from Matrix 1	Tier Number to be carried through from Matrix 1	Details to be carried through from Matrix 1	Details should build on information provided in Matrix 1 and Stage 3 evidence gathering as relevant	Provide relevant baseline description and assessment of effects, cross reference to any detailed information provided as supporting appendices to the CEA, where relevant. Set out any potential likely significant cumulative effects.	Set out proposed mitigation measure(s) to address cumulative effect(s). Cross reference to how stated mitigation is proposed to be secured e.g. reference DCO requirement number. Provide a statement regarding the contribution of each proposed development to the cumulative effect. If developments contribute equally to an effect, it may be reasonable to propose shared mitigation. If another development would contribute the majority of a cumulative effect, it may be appropriate to apportion the main burden of mitigation to that 'other development'. However, this should not be used as the basis for avoiding the need to provide appropriate mitigation measures in accordance with the EIA Regulations, and it is expected that appropriate mitigation for the proposed NSIP's effects would be incorporated within the application documents. Set out any joint mitigation proposals that have been achieved through consultation with 'other development' promoters	State residual significance of effect and whether beneficial or adverse. Provide brief commentary on the effectiveness of mitigation e.g. if mitigation reduces but does not avoid an impact or the residual effect is the same as the pre-mitigation effect