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To all Interested Parties

Our Ref: EN010080

Date: 19 December 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13**

### **Application by Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm**

#### **Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)**

In accordance with Rule 13(1) and (6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended), we are required to give a 21 day notice period for hearings. We request that the Applicant publicly notifies and advertises the Hearings and ASI arrangements no later than 21 days before the events.

We write to advise you that the following Hearings and ASI will be held between Monday 28 January and Friday 1 February 2019. Important details about the hearings are set out below as well as the arrangements for the ASI. A draft list of locations to be visited is set out at **Annex A** to this letter.

#### **Notification of Hearings under Section 91, 92 and 96 of the Planning Act 2008**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Access and Parking</b>
<b>Monday 28 January 2019</b>	<b>Open Floor Hearing</b>	<b>Doors open 6.30pm</b>  <b>Hearing starts 7.00pm</b>	<b>North Norfolk District Council, Council Chambers, Council Offices, Holt Rd, Cromer NR27 9EN</b>	<b>Free parking is available at the Council offices</b>

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue	Access and Parking
<b>Tuesday 29 January 2019</b>	<b>Issue Specific Hearing on Offshore Ecology</b>	<b>Doors open 09:00</b>  <b>Hearing starts 09:30</b>	<b>Mercure Norwich Hotel, Presidential Suite, 121-131 Boundary Road, Norwich, NR3 2BA</b>	<b>Free parking is available at the hotel</b>
<b>Wednesday 30 January 2019</b>	<b>Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order</b>	<b>Doors open 09:00</b>  <b>Hearing starts 09:30</b>	<b>Mercure Norwich Hotel, Presidential Suite, 121-131 Boundary Road, Norwich, NR3 2BA</b>	<b>Free parking is available at the hotel</b>
<b>Thursday 31 January 2019 (continuing on Friday 1 February if necessary)</b>	<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</b>	<b>Doors open 09:00</b>  <b>Hearing starts 09:30</b>	<b>Mercure Norwich Hotel, Presidential Suite, 121-131 Boundary Road, Norwich, NR3 2BA</b>	<b>Free parking is available at the hotel</b>

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our letter of 9 October 2018, those Interested Parties who wish to speak at the Hearings should notify the Case Manager Kay Sully at the postal or email address above by **14 January 2019**. We should be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend a Hearing even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special needs you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence.

Please note that the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing scheduled for Friday 1 February 2019 will only be used if necessary. Anyone wishing to attend this hearing should ensure they are available from the start of the hearing on Thursday 31 January 2019. The hearing will only continue on Friday 1 February if all agenda items have not been adequately covered on the Thursday.

### **Notification and Itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection**

Further to the procedural decision and timetable enclosed with our letter of 9 October 2018, we confirm that we will be undertaking an ASI.

Date	Meeting place	Time	Address of Meeting Place
<b>Monday 28 January 2019</b>	<b>The car park at Lakenham Hewett Rugby Football Club</b>	<b>Arrival 09:00  Commence at 09:30</b>	<b>Lakenham Hewett RFC, Main Rd, Swardeston, Norwich NR14 8DU</b>

A draft list of the locations we intend to visit is included at Appendix A. There will be a further day of ASI on 5 March 2019 which will cover locations in the northern part of the onshore cable route and the proposed main construction compound.

Please note that the ExA's inspection of sites is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

### **Clothing**

It will be necessary for all parties to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weatherproof clothing. It is recommended that participants bring and wear high visibility jackets when walking on the public highway.

### **Joining the site inspection**

It is not possible to predict precisely how long each part of the inspection will last. Parties wishing to join the inspection should attend the advertised start point in good time.

The ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start point at the notified time. Parties intending to join en route should notify the Planning Inspectorate, giving a contact telephone number.

### **Sites on private land**

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

### **Notifications**

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, any changes in attendance should be notified to the Case Manager Kay Sully at the postal or email address above by 14 January 2019. Please provide contact details for the day and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

### **Cancellations**

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI has to be cancelled because of unforeseen circumstances, we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand but we would advise that you should regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website

which can be viewed here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/hornsea-project-three-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=overview>

An agenda for each of the hearings, and the ASI itinerary, will be published on our website as soon as possible and in any event in the week before the events.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

*David Prentis*

**David Prentis**  
**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

**Annexes:**

**Annex A** – -Draft list of locations to be visited

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## **Annex A**

### **Draft list of locations to be visited**

1. Proposed HVDC Converter/HVAC Substation
2. House on the Hill
3. "Option C"
4. Gowthorpe Manor
5. Mangreen Hall
6. "Option B"
7. "Option D"
8. Keswick Hall
9. Intwood Hall