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Dear Sir/Madam

TRITON KNOLL OFFSHORE WIND FARM – NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY MEETING ON MONDAY 23 JULY 2012 TO BE HELD AT NORTH SHORE HOTEL, SKEGNESS PE25 1DN, AND AVAILABILITY OF RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

PLANNING ACT 2008 AS AMENDED (PA 2008) AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 (EPR)

I am writing to you following my appointment¹ by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 24 May 2012 as the Lead member of a Panel appointed alongside two other Panel members, Jim Claydon MRTPI and Rynd Smith LLB MA MRTPI. Together we are appointed persons who form the Examining Authority (ExA) to examine this application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The application documents are available for inspection on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and at the **deposit locations** (Annex A). We will also report and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change who will be the decision maker on the application.

The Panel is supported by a case team led by Jessica Potter, who can be contacted through the email address and phone number at the head of this letter.

1. INVITATION TO THE PRELIMINARY MEETING

You are invited to the preliminary meeting² to be held on Monday 23 July 2012 at the: North Shore Hotel, North Shore Road, Skegness PE25 1DN². Registration will begin at 10am and the meeting is scheduled to start at 10:30am.

If you wish to attend the preliminary meeting please write, email or telephone the Case Leader (Jessica Potter) as soon as possible and no later than **5pm on Monday 16 July 2012**. It will help the ExA to run the meeting for the benefit of all attendees if you can:

¹ s61 PA 2008, Rule 4, Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) & Annex G

² s88(3) PA 2008 and Rule 6 EPR. In the event that more than one day is required to complete the business of the meeting, the preliminary meeting will resume at the same venue at a time and date that will be confirmed orally at the meeting scheduled for 23 July 2012.

- confirm your attendance;
- inform the ExA if you wish to speak at the meeting; and if you do
- provide a note of the agenda items you wish to speak to and list the points you wish to make;
- if you believe any additional agenda items would enhance the discussion, provide a note of these.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PRELIMINARY MEETING

The preliminary meeting is about procedure and how the examination will be conducted. It is not about the merits of the application which will be considered once the examination of the application has commenced.³

The purpose of the meeting is to enable invitees present to express views on matters set out in the **agenda** (Annex B). The agenda for the meeting has been set following the ExA's **initial assessment of the principal issues**⁴ (Annex C) arising from the application documents and from **relevant representations**, for which the ExA is extremely grateful. The relevant representations are now available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and at the deposit locations (Annex A). Please note that these are the principal issues that the ExA has identified so far and are not definitive at this early stage. The ExA wishes to hear from Interested Parties and Statutory Parties where they consider there may be other key issues to be examined. All relevant and important matters will be taken into account.

Statements of Common Ground are important features of examinations. The applicant, other Interested Parties and Statutory Parties are encouraged (Annex E) to use the pre-examination period and the period leading up to any programmed written submissions and hearings to reach as much consensus as possible and to be clear on any disagreements that remain.

Matters relating to the possible implications for **European Sites** of this application (under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) (the Habitats Regulations) and the Offshore Marine Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 2007 (as amended) (the Marine Regulations)) are likely to be a relevant to this examination. Matrices to inform the 'Report on the implications for European Sites' will be prepared initially by the applicant, with a revised version prepared and consulted upon by the ExA, as set out in the timetable.

3. PROCEDURAL DECISION FOLLOWING THE PRELIMINARY MEETING

The ExA must, in the light of the discussion at the preliminary meeting, decide how the application is to be examined⁵. Our initial view on how the examination should be conducted is set out in the draft **timetable** attached (Annex D), this includes proposed methods of examination, deadlines for submissions to the ExA and dates for hearings. The ExA's examination of the application will principally take the form of consideration of written representations. Consideration will also be given to any oral representations made at hearings. The ExA wishes to hear from Interested Parties and Statutory

³ Further information about preliminary meetings is given in The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.4 which is enclosed. Copies are available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Advice-note-8.4.pdf>

⁴ s88(1) PA 2008 and Rule 5 EPR

⁵ s89(1) PA 2008

Parties particularly where they consider issues may need to be examined in a different way from that set out.

Following the meeting, and after considering the views expressed, the ExA will decide how the application is to be examined. The ExA will send you a copy of this procedural decision⁶ as soon as practicable after the meeting. In addition a note will be taken of the meeting which will be published on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and deposited at the locations listed at Annex A as soon as practicable⁷ after the meeting. An audio recording of the meeting will also be taken and made available on the website.

The ExA aims to run a fair, efficient and effective preliminary meeting. To reduce repetition of the same issue, we strongly encourage groups of individuals with similar concerns on agenda items to nominate a single spokesperson.

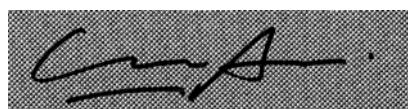
4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY MEETING

Please bring this letter with you to the preliminary meeting as proof of your invitation to the meeting. On arrival at the venue you will be asked to register your name and unique reference number if you have one with Planning Inspectorate staff. Priority will be given to accommodating those identified as Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and invited persons before seating is allocated to other members of the public. The ExA may exercise its discretion to permit any person, in addition to those who are entitled to take part, to participate in the preliminary meeting.

Please note that you are not required to attend the meeting in order to participate in the examination. If you are an Interested Party⁸ you will still be able to make written representations and participate in any hearings that are arranged⁹.

The ExA looks forward to engaging with all parties through the examination of this application.

Yours sincerely



Gideon Amos OBE RIBA MRTPI - Lead Member of the Examining Authority – on behalf of the Panel

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

⁶ s89 PA 2008 and Rule 9 EPR

⁷ Rule 7(2) EPR

⁸ s102 PA 2008

⁹ s102(1)(ca) PA 2008 notification to become an interested party

Annex A

Availability of Application Documents & Relevant Representations

On the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal's website at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/East-Midlands/Triton-Knoll-Offshore-Wind-Farm/>

For inspection and copying at:

Mablethorpe Library and Community Access Centre

Stanley Avenue,
Mablethorpe,
Lincolnshire LN12 1DP.

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Skegness Library

23 Roman Bank,
Skegness,
Lincolnshire PE25 2SA.

Opening Times: Mon – 9am - 5pm; Tues and Wed – 9am - 1pm; Thurs and Fri – 9am - 6pm; Sat – 9am - 3pm; Closed Sun.

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Skegness Customer Access Point (East Lindsey District Council)

Skegness Town Hall,
North Parade,
Skegness,
Lincolnshire PE25 1DA.

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Grimsby Library

Town Hall Square,
Grimsby DN31 1HG.

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Wells-next-the-Sea Library

Station Road,
Wells-next-the-Sea,
Norfolk NR23 1EA.

Opening Times: Mon – 2pm - 7pm; Tues – 9am - 1pm; Wed and Fri – 9am – 12.30pm, 1.30pm – 5.30pm; Sat – 9am - 1pm; Closed Sun and Thurs

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Withernsea Library

Queen Street,
Withernsea HU19 2HH.

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The Planning Inspectorate

National Infrastructure Directorate,
Temple Quay House,
Bristol BS1 6PN.

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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Annex B

Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date of Meeting: 23 July 2012

Meeting Start Time: 10:30am (Registration from 10am)

Venue: North Shore Hotel, North Shore Road, Skegness PE25 1DN¹⁰.

10:00	Registration
10:30	1. Welcome and Introductions
	2. Principal Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consideration of Initial Assessment of Principal Issues at Annex C and any submissions on other issues to be examined
	3. Methods of Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ExA's Site Inspections:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) in the company of interested parties, includes possibility of inspecting coastal viewpoints and sea views from the Lincolnshire Woldsb) unaccompanied site inspections, includes possibility of inspecting largest available/operating on and off shore wind turbines▪ Examination of Written Evidence (including application documents, and all other Examination Documents):<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Joint submissions & Statements of Common Ground (Annex E)b) Submissions from individual Interested Parties▪ Examination of Oral Evidence at Hearings (including oral answers to ExA's oral questions, other oral submissions at Hearings)
11:30	Break
12:00	4. Timetable for the Examination <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consideration of the draft Timetable at Annex D

¹⁰ Rule 6 EPR

Please note: The timings above are only indicative and anyone wishing to take part should register and make themselves available throughout the meeting. Should the consideration of the issues take less time than anticipated, the Examining authority may conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or any agenda item results in submissions that take a considerable amount of time the meeting may run for longer, the order matters are taken in may change and additional breaks may be added.

Further breaks may be taken at convenient times during the meeting.

Annex C

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the initial assessment of the principal issues by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the application for and relevant representations upon Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm. It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list and regard will be had to all important and relevant matters.

1. Assessment Approach and Policy Background

- 1.1 Implications of the emerging outer and inner east Marine Plan for the proposal, considered within the context of National Policy Statements EN-1 and EN-3 and the Marine Policy Statement, together with all other relevant policy.
- 1.2 The adequacy of the environmental impact assessment based on the Rochdale Envelope¹¹, given the development, its flexibility as currently set out in the draft DCO, and the exclusion from it of details of any marine export cable, connections to the land, landing points, onshore cable corridors and any point of grid connection.
- 1.3 Where relevant and important the adequacy and consistency of the different assessment methods, insofar as their selection would materially alter any relevant outcomes of the assessment.

2. Biodiversity, Biological Environment & Ecology

- 2.1 Adequacy of the baseline assessment and any proposed monitoring regime and mitigation measures.
- 2.2 Loss of or change to offshore and intertidal habitats consequent on changes to marine and coastal processes due to construction, operation and/or decommissioning of the application project together with its indicative cable connection.
- 2.3 Implications for designated and candidate European nature sites and their qualifying features, in particular:
 - Flamborough Head and Bempton Cliffs Special Protection Area¹²;
 - Humber Estuary Special Area of Conservation¹³;
 - North Norfolk Coast Special Protection Area; and
 - The Wash and North Norfolk candidate Special Area of Conservation.

¹¹ The term 'Rochdale Envelope' is derived from leading planning law cases and describes the practice of assessing a project with regard to its most adverse significant impacts and the establishment of performance objectives – an 'envelope' – which any permitted project must not exceed.

¹² Special Protection Areas or SPAs are sites classified in accordance with the EC Directive on the Conservation of Wild Birds.

¹³ Special Areas of Conservation or SACs are protected sites designated under the EC Habitats Directive. Candidate sites are denoted Candidate Special Areas of Conservation or cSACs.

- 2.4 Relevant proposed Marine Conservation Zones.
- 2.5 Impacts on protected fauna and flora species including but not limited to bird collision and foraging; fish; marine mammals, marine invertebrates and other marine and benthic species.
- 2.6 Timing of works and activities and potential seasonal effects.
- 2.7 Potential cumulative impacts.

3. Fisheries

- 3.1 Adequacy of the baseline assessment and any proposed monitoring regime and mitigation.
- 3.2 Impact of each phase of development (including indicative cable routes) on fishing (including traditional, specialist and licensed rights to fish).
- 3.3 Effects of any exclusion provisions during construction and operation of the proposed development.
- 3.4 Electro-magnetic fields, their location, insulation, any temperature changes and compliance with regulations, guidance and/or policy.

4. Landscape, Visual Effects and Historic Environment

- 4.1 Visual impact and public perceptions of seascape in respect of views from both sea and land, including the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 4.2 Lighting effects.
- 4.3 Approach to a Written Scheme of Offshore Archaeological Investigation.
- 4.4 Offshore Archaeological exclusion zones and mitigation.
- 4.5 Adequacy of on shore archaeological initial characterisation.

5. Marine Aggregates Industry Operations

- 5.1 Interference with licensed extraction areas.

6. Noise and Vibration and Electro-magnetic Field Impacts

- 6.1 Disturbance from construction and decommissioning vessels and equipment.
- 6.2 Construction and decommissioning noise impacts.

- 6.3 Disturbance from maintenance vessels and equipment.
- 6.4 Operational noise effects.
- 6.5 Use of assessment methodologies and mitigation.
- 6.6 The impact of electro-magnetic fields including that on offshore staff.

7. Operational and Navigational Safety

- 7.1 Location, extent and justification for safety zones during construction and operation.
- 7.2 Adequacy of baseline assessment and methodology for assessing navigational risk.
- 7.3 Obstruction and interference with shipping and marine navigation.
- 7.4 Obstruction and interference with civil and military aviation and navigation.
- 7.5 Emergency plans and procedures.
- 7.6 Human health and safety.

8. Petrochemical Industries Operations

- 8.1 Protection of existing pipeline alignment during construction, operation and decommissioning.
- 8.2 Maintenance of communications with existing offshore installations.
- 8.3 Emergency plans and procedures.

9. Sediment Dynamics, Waste and Debris

- 9.1 Waste and debris including dredging and disposal and any associated consent requirements.
- 9.2 Scouring and scour protection.
- 9.3 Turbidity.
- 9.4 Chemical pollutants.

10. Socio-Economic Effects

- 10.1 Baseline assessment methodologies and mitigation.

10.2 Proposed provision of accommodation for staff.

10.3 The impacts of the proposed development on:

- Onshore residents, offshore staff, employment, businesses and communities (other than as specified above);
- Grimsby, Boston or any other proposed primary shore base;
- Commercial effects on other nearby ports, particularly in the Humber; and
- Tourism and local recreational users.

11. Transportation and Traffic

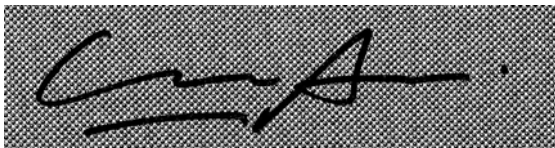
11.1 Means and effects of transporting materials and personnel to site.

11.2 Effects in relation to the proposed primary shore base.

11.3 Baseline assessment methodologies and mitigation

11.4 Workforce transportation

Please note: Any relevant and important international and/or trans-boundary effects (including cumulative effects) will be considered under all principal issues above. A number of principal issues are interrelated and this will be reflected and taken into account in the examination. This Initial Assessment is not comprehensive. All issues throughout the examination and reporting periods which the Examining authority consider relevant and important will be taken into account.

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Gideon Amos OBE RIBA MRTPI, Lead member of the Examining authority

On behalf of the Panel

30 May 2012¹⁴

¹⁴ s88(1) PA 2008 and Rule 5 EPR

Annex D

Draft Timetable for Examination of the Application for Triton Knoll OffShore Wind Farm

Planning Act 2008 as amended (PA2008), Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2012 (EPR)

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	Monday 23 July 2012
2	Issue of: <input type="checkbox"/> Procedural timetable ¹⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> Examining Authority's Questions ¹⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> Requests for Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)	Monday 30 July 2012
3	<u>STATUTORY PARTIES DEADLINE</u> for receipt of: Statutory parties (SP) written confirmation that they wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) ¹⁷ Publication of: <input type="checkbox"/> Note of Preliminary Meeting held on 23 July 2012 ¹⁸	Monday 6 August 2012
5	<u>INTERESTED PARTIES DEADLINE I</u> for receipt of: <input type="checkbox"/> Written representations (WRs) by all Interested Parties ¹⁹ <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions ²⁰ <input type="checkbox"/> Statements of Common Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Any summaries of Relevant Representations (RRs)	Friday 14 September 2012

¹⁵ Rule 8(1) and (2) EPR

¹⁶ Rule 8(1)(b)(i) and (iii) EPR

¹⁷ S89(2)(a) & s102(1ZA) PA 2008

¹⁸ Rule 7(2) The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR)

¹⁹ Rule 8(1)(a) and Rule 10(1)&(2) EPR

²⁰ Rule 8(1)(b) EPR

	<p>exceeding 1500 words²¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Any summaries of WRs exceeding 1500 words²² <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of wish to be heard at an open floor (OF) hearing by IPs²³ <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of wish to make oral representations at the hearing on the specific issue of the Development Consent Order and related matters including the principle of the development²⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of wish to attend the ExA's inspection of a site to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of Interested Parties <input type="checkbox"/> Matrices prepared by the applicant to inform the Report on the implications for European Sites 	
6	<p>Issue of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Details of date time and place of ExA's inspection of a site to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of interested parties²⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> Final notification by ExA of date, time and place for Open Floor and Issue Specific Hearings²⁶ 	Monday 1 October 2012
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> ExA's inspection of on shore site(s) to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of interested parties²⁷ 	Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 October 2012
8	<p><u>INTERESTED PARTIES DEADLINE II</u> for the receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments on Relevant Representations <input type="checkbox"/> Comments on Written Representations <input type="checkbox"/> Comments on responses to ExA's Questions 	Friday 12 October 2012

²¹ Rule 8(1)(i) EPR

²² Rule 8(1)(i) EPR

²³ s93(1) PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(f) and Rule 13(1) EPR

²⁴ s91 PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(k) EPR

²⁵ Rule 16(3) EPR

²⁶ Rule 13(3) EPR

²⁷ Rule 16 EPR

²⁸ Rule 13(6) EPR

	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments on Statements of Common Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Comments on applicant's matrices to inform the Report on the implications for European Sites <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant's deadline for posting, maintaining and publishing notices of Hearings ²⁸	
9	Time period reserved for Hearing on the Specific Issue of the Development Consent Order and Related Matters (including the principle of the development)	Tuesday 6 November 2012 (adjourning to 7 and 8 November 2012 if required)
10	Time period reserved for Open Floor Hearing in Lincolnshire	Tuesday 13 November 2012
11	Time period reserved for Open Floor Hearing in Norfolk	Wednesday 14 November 2012
12	<p><u>INTERESTED PARTIES DEADLINE III</u> for receipt of:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA ²⁹	Friday 16 November 2012
13	<p>Issue of:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> ExA's draft Development Consent Order, if any, for consultation <input type="checkbox"/> Matrices prepared by the ExA to inform Report on the implications for European Sites, for consultation	Thursday 29 November 2012
14	<p><u>INTERESTED PARTIES DEADLINE IV</u> for receipt of:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Any written comments on the ExA's draft Development Consent Order <input type="checkbox"/> Any written comments on the matrices to inform Report on the implications for European Sites	Friday 21 December 2012
<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the ExA's examination of the application by the end of a period of six months beginning with the start day.³⁰</p>		

²⁹ Rule 8(1)(k) EPR

³⁰ S98(1) PA2008

Annex E

Statements of Common Ground (SOCGs)

In relation to the Principal Issues identified in Annex C, the Examining authority will be assisted by the preparation of Statements of Common Ground between the applicant, Interested Parties, Statutory Parties and other persons. The draft timetable for the examination identifies opportunities for the preparation and submission of these.

The aim of a Statement of Common Ground is to agree factual information. It informs the Examining authority and parties by identifying where there is agreement and where differences lie; highlighting key outstanding issues and concerns at an early stage in the examination. It provides focus and saves time by identifying matters which need not be in dispute or the subject of further evidence³¹. A statement can also state where and why there may be disagreement. Parties are most commonly joined to the preparation of a statement where there is an area of substantial disagreement. They can also be joined where they have a clear interest but no strong view, to ensure that they are consulted on emerging common ground between parties whose disagreement might affect their interest.

For example, the parties may agree that a particular measurement is relevant and is a key part of the case but disagree about what it is or should be. They may agree what the difference in their respective measurements is (x for the applicant and y for the interested party). The existence of and reasons for the difference and the interpretation and implications of it can then be addressed in evidence and an interested regulator can confirm that they are (or are not) satisfied by any position reached.

Unless otherwise stated or agreed, a Statement of Common Ground should be agreed between the applicant and other relevant parties, and submitted by the applicant. Statements of Common Ground are formally requested after the preliminary meeting, when the procedural timetable is issued (see Annex D for the draft timetable). At this stage it appears there is scope for the applicant and relevant parties to work together on the following SOCGs statements to clarify areas of agreement and disagreement³²:

A. Habitats and Marine Regulations Assessments, scoping, baseline information, methodology, impacts, mitigation and overall adequate information to inform any necessary Habitats and Marine Regulations Assessment:

- The Applicant
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Natural England (NE)
- Relevant Wildlife Trust (Lincolnshire)
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

³¹ paragraphs 63-68 DCLG Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Exam Guidance)

³² paragraph 51 Exam Guidance

B. Environmentally Protected Species, baseline information, methodology, impacts, mitigation and overall, adequate information to enable environmental assessment:

- The Applicant
- Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Natural England (NE)
- Relevant Wildlife Trust (Lincolnshire)
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

C. Visual Impacts upon Land including Design and Landscape, baseline information, methodology, impacts (with particular reference to the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and designated heritage assets within the Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV), mitigation and overall, adequate information to enable environmental assessment:

- The Applicant
- Design Council - CABE³³
- English Heritage
- National Trust
- Relevant local authorities

D. Relationship between the Proposal and Existing Offshore Uses including marine aggregates and petroleum/gas production and transport uses:

- The Applicant
- Perenco
- Westminster Gravels
- Interested parties with minerals extraction interests

E. Fish Stocks and Fisheries with regard to baseline assessment, effects, appropriate monitoring and mitigation:

- The Applicant
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Relevant fishing/fisheries associations
- Interested parties with fishing interests

F. Ports, Shipping and Navigation with regard to baseline assessment, effects including cumulative, appropriate monitoring and mitigation:

- The Applicant
- Associated British Ports (Harbour Master - Humber)
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Maritime & Coastguard Agency
- Royal Yachting Association
- Trinity House
- Interested parties with ports and shipping interests

³³ Design Council – CABE is not currently an Interested Party however the ExA has invited it to the Preliminary Meeting.

G. Form and Content of the proposed Deemed Marine Licence

- The Applicant
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

Note:

The ExA has not reached its conclusions on whether these suggested Statements of Common Ground are required or that the named parties should all be involved in their production. Suggestions that they are not required, or that additional statements should be required, or suggestions that parties should be omitted or additional parties should be added will be welcomed at the Preliminary Meeting.