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Dear Sir/Madam

Application by DONG Energy Burbo Extension (UK) Ltd for Burbo Bank Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) ('PA 2008') and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 ('EPR 2010')

Notice of Preliminary Meeting and availability of relevant representations

Rule 6 EPR 2010

I am writing to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State on 1 July 2013 as a single appointed person who will be the Examining authority (ExA) for the above application.

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the examination procedure. It contains a number of supporting Annexes.

I would like to thank everyone who submitted relevant representations. These representations have helped me to prepare proposals for the examination of this application.

The Preliminary Meeting

**The Preliminary Meeting will take place on:
Registration will begin at:
The meeting is scheduled to start at:
It will be held at:**

**Thursday 26 September 2013
9:30am**

10:30am

The Floral Pavilion

Marine Promenade

New Brighton CH45 2JS

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The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting¹ is to enable views to be put to me about the way in which the application is to be examined. It is important to understand that this meeting deals only with procedure and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered when the examination starts, after the Preliminary Meeting has closed. **Annex A** below provides information about participating in the meeting.

The ExA must decide on the procedure for the examination after the meeting. I want to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that I can hear all relevant views. I strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on Examination procedure to choose one representative to speak for their group at the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is in **Annex B**. This has been set following my initial assessment of the principal issues arising from the application, set out in **Annex C**. As a result of this assessment I have also made some early procedural decisions set out in **Annex F**.

You will find my examination procedure proposals in **Annex D**. This sets a draft timetable, proposing dates for each part of the examination and deadlines for information to be submitted to me.

At the Preliminary Meeting I will wish to hear from the Applicant, interested parties, statutory parties and local authorities where they consider changes may be needed to the proposals set out in **Annex D**. After the Preliminary Meeting has ended, I will take all the views I have heard about the procedure for this examination into account. I will issue a procedural decision and a confirmed timetable that will govern how the examination is run.

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting please write, email or telephone the Planning Inspectorate, using the address and contact details set out at the front of this letter and marking the communication for the attention of Mrs Jackie Anderson, Case Manager. We need to receive your confirmation by **5pm on Tuesday 10 September 2013**. Please also refer to **Annex A** for administrative arrangements for this meeting.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if you:

- let us know in advance if you will be attending;
- let us know whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- bring the covering letter/email with you if you are attending the Preliminary Meeting as proof of your identity and unique reference number.

Please note that you are **not** required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the examination. If you are an interested party you will still be able to make written representations and participate in the examination. (Statutory parties should note that, as a consequence of amendments to the Planning Act 2008 made by the Localism Act 2011, they are no longer treated as interested parties automatically. They will need to register to participate in the examination.)

¹ Further information about Preliminary Meetings is given in The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.4 which is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website.

Should you no longer wish to be an interested party and do not wish to be involved in the examination process, you should notify us of this in writing.

My examination of the application will primarily be a consideration of written representations about the application together with oral representations made at any hearings that may be held. All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when I make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, who will take the final decision in this case.

Finally, there is a home page for this application on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/north-west/burbo-bank-extension-offshore-wind-farm/>

You can use this home page to track the progress of the examination and access all relevant documents and correspondence from the links it contains. As the examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful to become familiar with this resource.

I look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Rynd Smith

**Rynd Smith LLB MA MRTPI FRSA
Examining Authority**

Annexes:

- A. Administrative arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting
- B. Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
- C. Initial assessment of principal issues
- D. Draft timetable for examination of the application
- E. Availability of relevant representations and application documents
- F. Procedural decisions made by ExA under s89(3) PA 2008
- G. Notice of appointment of the Examining authority

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.

Annex A

Administrative arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting and details about how to suggest additional agenda items

On arrival at the venue you will be asked to register your name and unique reference number with staff of the Planning Inspectorate. Priority will be given to the Applicant and those registered as interested parties, statutory parties, local authorities and invited persons before seating is allocated to other members of the public. The Examining authority may exercise its discretion to permit any person, in addition to those who are entitled to take part, to participate in the meeting.

If you wish to make any submissions on matters not set out in the agenda, please write to Mrs Jackie Anderson (Case Manager) setting out the submissions that you wish to make **by 5pm on Tuesday 10 September 2013**. I will attempt to accommodate reasonable requests and will alter the agenda on opening the Preliminary Meeting if I consider this will assist the discussion of the procedure for the examination.

A written note will be taken of the Preliminary Meeting. This will be published on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website and deposited at the locations listed in **Annex E** as soon as practicable after the meeting. An audio recording of the meeting will also be taken and made available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

The Planning Inspectorate will send you a copy of the procedural decision about how the application is to be examined as soon as practicable after the meeting.

Annex B

Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date: Thursday 26 September 2013

Registration: 9:30am

Meeting Start: 10:30am

Venue: The Floral Pavilion, Marine Promenade, New Brighton, CH45 2JS

09:30	Registration
10:30	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Examining authority's (ExA) remarks on the examination process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Initial assessment and principal issues▪ Parties' update on relevant work in progress▪ Related applications in Wales / Denbighshire▪ Examination approach <p>Draft timetable for the examination – see Annex D</p> <p>Need for and deadlines for submission of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Written representations▪ Local Impact Reports (if required)▪ Responses to ExA's written questions▪ Statements of Common Ground <p>Site visits and hearings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Unaccompanied site visit to application area▪ Need for and possible date(s) of accompanied site visit(s)▪ Date(s) reserved for open-floor hearing(s)▪ Dates reserved and topics proposed for issue-specific hearings▪ Notifications relating to hearings <p>Any other Business</p> <p>Close</p>

Please note: The timings above are only indicative; please register and be available from the start and throughout the meeting. If the discussion takes less time than anticipated, the ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, or submissions take a considerable amount of time, the meeting may run for longer and the order of items may change. If the meeting runs beyond 1pm, a break will be taken between 1pm and 2pm, after which the meeting may resume. Time has been reserved for the meeting to continue on 27 September 2013, but only should this prove necessary.

Annex C

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This initial assessment of the principal issues arising from a first consideration by the Examining authority (ExA) of the application documents and relevant representations on 4 July 2013 is not a comprehensive list of all matters. Regard will be had to all important and relevant matters in reaching a recommendation after the examination is concluded, including to matters that arise in the examination process but are not identified here.

The identified principal issues are listed in alphabetical order. The list imports no judgement as to their weight. However, a number that are listed separately are interrelated. Such relationships will be taken into account in the examination.

Where a principal issue is identified, it should be understood also to include consideration of:

- responses to the issue throughout the lifecycle of the project, including during construction, operation (including any necessary maintenance) and during decommissioning; and
- means of, proposals for and adequacy of mitigation,

to the extent that these may be relevant and important.

Matters, such as relevant legislation, relevant policy and other consenting requirements are not identified in detailed terms but they will be considered in the examination.

1. Biodiversity, Ecology and Natural Environment

- Adequacy of baseline survey methodology and assessment, with particular reference to ornithology.
- Adequacy of proposed monitoring.
- Loss of or change to the ecological value of habitats and their species, including impacts on ecological value and water quality.
- Implications for European/international nature sites and their qualifying features.
- Impacts on marine and avian species.
- Timing of works and potential seasonal effects.
- Potential cumulative and in-combination impacts, including effects in England and in Wales.

2. Construction

- Temporary work sites and storage.
- Exclusion zones.
- Cable laying and foundation installation.

3. Draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

- The structure of the DCO.
- The appropriateness of proposed requirements.
- Relationships with other consents, including those for cables in the marine environment in Wales and onshore within Wales in Denbighshire.

4. Debris, Waste and Contamination

- Management of waste, debris and potential contaminants in marine sediments.

- Effects on environmental receptors.
- 5. Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMFs)**
- Compliance with regulatory policy and guidelines.
 - Effects on environmental receptors.
- 6. Historic Environment**
- Effects on the terrestrial historic built environment.
 - Archaeological effects.
 - Monitoring.
- 7. Marine and Coastal Physical Processes**
- Scouring and scour protection.
 - Effects on the coast (wave climate, deposition, erosion and flooding).
- 8. Navigation – Air and Marine**
- Maintenance of safe air and marine navigation during construction and operation.
 - Effects on shipping lanes, anchorages, ports, airways and airports.
 - Effects on emergency planning, search and rescue operations.
 - Effects and effectiveness of proposed lighting and marking.
 - Changes to bathymetry.
 - Radar effects for shipping and aircraft.
- 9. Noise**
- Construction, maintenance and decommissioning noise.
 - Operational noise effects.
- 10. Other Projects and Proposals**
- The effects of the application on other constructed and proposed major projects nearby including but not limited to offshore wind farms.
 - In-combination effects with other major projects and proposals.
 - The effects of other major projects on the application.
- 11. Socio-Economic Effects**
- Economic and employment effects of the construction and operation of the proposed offshore wind farm.
 - Tourism, fishing, boating, oil and gas extraction and other economic and employment effects on land and at sea.
- 12. Townscape, Landscape and Visual**
- Seascape, townscape, landscape and visual impact.
 - Adequacy of assessment methodology and approach.
- 13. Transportation and Traffic**
- Means and effects of transporting construction materials and personnel to site by sea.
 - Effects on transport networks on land.

Annex D

Draft timetable for examination of the application

The Examining authority's (ExA) examination of the application takes the form of consideration of written representations about the application. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings. The ExA is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	Thursday 26 September 2013
2	Issue by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examination timetable Examining authority's first written questions 	Monday 7 October 2013
3	Issue by ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for issue-specific hearings and open-floor hearings 	Wednesday 23 October 2013
4	<p>DEADLINE I</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on relevant representations (RRs) Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words Written representations (WRs) by all interested parties Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by ExA (see Annex F) Responses to ExA's first written questions Local Impact reports (if required) Changes to the Applicant's draft matrices summarising effects on European sites (if required) Notice of wish to be heard at an open-floor hearing Notice of wish to be heard at issue-specific hearings Nominations of locations to be inspected during accompanied site visits and the features to be observed there, with reasons for each nomination 	Monday 28 October 2013

Item	Matters	Due Dates
5	<p>DEADLINE II</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on RRs • Comments on WRs • Comments on responses to ExA's written questions • Comments on Applicant's draft matrices summarising effects on European sites • Comments on Local Impact reports (if submitted) 	<p>Wednesday 13 November 2013</p>
6	<p>Issue-specific Hearings relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural environment impacts and Habitats Regulation Assessment 	<p>Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 November 2013</p>
7	<p>Time reserved for accompanied site visits (if required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied site visits are proposed to be provided for within the hearing days or on the day immediately following hearings 	<p>Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 & Friday 22 November 2013</p>
8	<p>DEADLINE III</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of all submissions and evidence provided during the issue-specific hearing at timetable item 6 • Any additional evidence requested by the ExA during the issue-specific hearing at timetable item 6 • Responses to questions raised by the ExA during the issue-specific hearing at timetable item 6 that were unable to be answered during the hearing. 	<p>Thursday 5 December 2013</p>
9	<p>Issue-specific Hearings relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft Development Consent Order (DCO) • Seascape, landscape and visual impact assessment and mitigation • Shipping, boating, port and aviation operations • Economic impacts and mitigation 	<p>Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 December 2013</p>

Item	Matters	Due Dates
10	Time reserved for Open-floor Hearings (if requested)	Evening of Wednesday 11 December 2013
11	Time reserved for further accompanied site visits (if required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accompanied site visits are proposed to be provided for within the hearing days or on the day immediately following hearings 	Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11, Thursday 12 & Friday 13 December 2013
12	DEADLINE IV Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of all submissions and evidence provided during the issue-specific and/or Open-floor hearings at timetable items 9 or 10 • Any additional evidence requested by the ExA during the issue-specific and/or Open-floor hearings at timetable items 9 or 10 • Responses to questions raised by the ExA during the issue-specific or Open-floor hearings at timetable items 9 or 10 that were unable to be answered during the hearing 	Tuesday 7 January 2014
13	Time period reserved for Issue-specific hearings relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Development Consent Order and • Natural environment and Habitats Regulation Assessment 	Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 January 2014

Item	Matters	Due Dates
14	<p>DEADLINE V</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of all submissions and evidence provided during any issue-specific hearings at timetable item 13 • Any additional evidence requested by the ExA during any issue-specific hearings at timetable item 13 • Responses to questions raised by the ExA during any issue-specific hearings at timetable item 13 that were unable to be answered during the hearing • Applicant's revised draft DCO taking account of issues raised in all hearings and WRs to date 	<p>Wednesday 5 February 2014</p>
15	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) taking issues raised and comments into account 	<p>Wednesday 19 February 2014</p>
16	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised draft DCO taking issues raised and comments into account • Second written questions (if required) 	<p>Wednesday 26 February 2014</p>
17	<p>DEADLINE VI</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExA's second written questions • Comments on ExA's revised draft DCO • Comments on ExA's RIES 	<p>Thursday 13 March 2014</p>
18	<p>DEADLINE VII</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions • Responses to comments on ExA's revised draft DCO 	<p>Tuesday 25 March 2014</p>

Annex E

Availability of relevant representations and application documents

On the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website at:
<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/north-west/burbo-bank-extension-offshore-wind-farm/>

For inspection and copying:

Sefton Council

Bootle Town Hall,
Oriental Road,
Bootle,
L20 7AE;

Opening times: Monday - Friday 8am –6pm

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Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council,

Wallasey Town Hall,
Brighton Street,
Wallasey,
CH44 8ED;

Opening times: Monday - Friday 9am – 5:30pm

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Rhuddlan Library,

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LL18 2UE;

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Annex F

Procedural decisions made by the Examining authority (ExA) under s89(3) Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008)

The ExA has made the following procedural decisions under s89(3) of the PA 2008.

1. Examination Method

Having reviewed the submitted application and relevant representations and made an initial assessment of principal issues, subject to consideration at the Preliminary Meeting the ExA has formed a view that this application is likely to require examination by a process involving two rounds of written questions in the draft timetable (see **Annex D**).

That being said, in the interests of efficiency in the examination process, the Applicant and interested parties are requested to provide clear, full and inclusive answers to all written questions issued by the ExA. The ExA will only proceed with a second round of questions if there are matters that still require to be clarified. The ExA reserves the right to amend the timetable to include additional rounds of questioning, should answers to questions be insufficient to enable a recommendation to be made.

The ExA has identified principal issues to a level of detail that will enable the Applicant and interested parties to understand the likely scope of written questions (see **Annex C**). However, this should not be viewed as a definitive list of subject matters for written questions at this stage, as it is a purpose of the Preliminary Meeting to enable the ExA to consider whether there are issues that do or do not warrant inclusion in the list of written questions at this stage.

It is possible to indicate at this stage that answers in respect of questions on natural environment issues and the Habitats Regulations Assessment process will be of considerable significance. It is for this reason that the ExA has proposed an early issue specific hearing on these issues, at which high level questions bearing on assessment methodology can be put.

2. Statements of Common Ground

In relation to some of the principal issues identified in **Annex C**, the ExA would be assisted by the preparation of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and certain interested and /or statutory parties. The draft timetable for the examination therefore provides a deadline for submission of SoCGs.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters that are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence. It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and the interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant interested party or parties, and submitted by the Applicant.

Subject to consideration at the Preliminary Meeting but in the interests of providing maximum notice for the preparation process, SoCGs are requested to be prepared as follows:

Natural environment and Habitats Regulation Assessment

A. the Applicant, Environment Agency, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales/Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru, Marine Management Organisation/Cefas, RSPB, relevant local authorities and any other interested/statutory party responsible for the management of the natural environment, habitats and species to include:

- the adequacy of base data, impact assessment methodologies, construction, operational and decommissioning effects on or in respect of:
 - marine sediment characterisation, turbidity and water quality;
 - coastal processes;
 - marine fish stocks;
 - shellfish stocks;
 - aquatic organism migratory routes into the Mersey and Dee river systems;
 - marine mammals;
 - marine and terrestrial bird species, including the calculation of prospective bird strike mortality effects;
- the relevance of impacts in individual European protected sites;
- the adequacy of specific assessments of impact on individual European protected sites and the qualifying features / species contained in those sites, taking account of the recent formal designation of the North Wirral SPA and Ramsar Site;
- the need for and adequacy of particular approaches to impact mitigation and the mechanism for securing any mitigation through the draft DCO or Marine Licence;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Access, highways and transportation effects

B. the Applicant and relevant local authorities, to include:

- the adequacy of access, highway, other transport and harbour-front provision for construction and decommissioning;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Other consequential onshore effects

C. the Applicant and relevant local authorities, to include:

- the employment effects of the project;
- the tourism effects of the project;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Air navigation

D. the Applicant, the Civil Aviation Authority, NATS en route plc, Liverpool John Lennon Airport any other interested/statutory party responsible for air navigation or aviation services to include:

- the degree to which air navigation and the integrity of navigation systems have been adequately protected by the project;

- the need for and adequacy of particular approaches to impact mitigation;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Ports and commercial sea navigation

E. the Applicant, the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company Ltd., UK Chamber of Shipping, the Marine Management Organisation, Trinity House, the Maritime & Coastguard Agency and any other interested/statutory party responsible for marine navigation and shipping services to include:

- the degree to which the operational needs of commercial ports and harbours have been adequately protected by the project;
- the degree to which marine shipping channels, access to navigable rivers and canal navigations, anchorages, navigational aids and systems at sea have been adequately protected by the project;
- the effect of the project on commercial shipping movements during construction, operation and decommissioning;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Boating and yachting

F. the Applicant, the Royal Yachting Association, the Marine Management Organisation, Trinity House, the Maritime & Coastguard Agency and any other interested/statutory party involved in recreational boating to include:

- the degree to which the needs of recreational sea and river navigation have been adequately protected by the project;
- the need for and adequacy of particular approaches to impact mitigation;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Fishing

G. the Applicant, the Marine Management Organisation/Cefas, the National Federation of Fisherman's Organisations and any other interested/statutory party involved in fishing to include:

- the degree to which access to commercial and recreational fisheries has been adequately protected during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the project;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Historic environment

H. the Applicant, English Heritage, Cadw, Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust, relevant local authorities, relevant historic and amenity societies and any other interested/statutory party involved in the historic environment or archaeology to include:

- the adequacy of base data, impact assessment methodologies, construction, operational and decommissioning effects on the historic marine environment;
- the adequacy of base data, impact assessment methodologies, construction, operational and decommissioning effects on the setting of terrestrial heritage assets;
- the need for and adequacy of particular approaches to impact mitigation;

- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Offshore oil & gas infrastructure

I. the Applicant and BHP Billiton to include:

- adequacy of measures to protect and safeguard access and communications to offshore oil and gas industry assets;
- the protection of pipelines;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Seascape, landscape and visual impact assessment

J. the Applicant, relevant local authorities, relevant historic and amenity societies and Natural England, to include:

- agreed approaches to seascape, landscape and visual impact assessment;
- the adequacy of mitigation;
- a summary statement of matters agreed; and
- a summary statement of matters not agreed or outstanding.

Military affairs

K. The ExA notes that there is no relevant representation from the **Ministry of Defence** in respect of the armed services involved in air or sea navigation and is considering whether it is necessary to seek engagement on these topics.

3. Habitats Regulations / Offshore Regulations

The examination must include a process that provides sufficient information to enable the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to meet his statutory duties as the competent authority under the Habitats Regulations / Offshore Regulations relating to European protected sites and species. In order to inform the ExA's report and recommendation to the Secretary of State on this application and to provide stand alone information for the Secretary of State, the Applicant has already been requested to complete two matrices, to:

- summarise the screening for likely significant effects for each European protected site assessed; and
- summarise the implications for the integrity of each European protected site assessed, where a likely significant effect either alone or in combination with other plans and projects has been identified.

These matrices can be found at Annex 4 of the Applicant's Habitats Regulation Assessment Report and are available to download from the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website at the following address:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010026/2.%20Post-Submission/Application%20Documents/Reports/4.3%20Habitat%20Regulations%20Assessment%20Report.pdf>

Whether any amendments to these matrices are likely to be required and if so the date by which these must be received will be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting.

The Planning Inspectorate has published advice about the use of such matrices which is available to download from the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal

website at the following address:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Advice-note-10-HRA.pdf>

Annex G

Application by DONG Energy Power (UK) Ltd for Burbo Bank Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Notice of appointment of Examining authority under Rule 4, Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

On 1 July 2013 a Single Examining Inspector was appointed to hold the examination of the application under s61 and s78 of the PA 2008 as amended by the Localism Act 2011. The Examining Inspector ("the Examining authority") appointed is

Rynd Smith

Pauleen Lane

**Dr. Pauleen Lane CBE, FICE, MBA.
Group Manager, National Infrastructure
For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local
Government.**