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Dear Ms Libretto

Application to make a non-material change to The Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014

Consultation and Publicity Statement under Regulation 7A of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 ("the 2011 Regulations")

Reference: EN010032

We have applied to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for a non-material change to the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 ("the 2014 Order") under section 153 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the NMC Application"). This letter is provided as the "Consultation and Publicity Statement" for the NMC Application in accordance with Regulation 7A (1) (b) of the 2011 Regulations. The letter sets out details of the steps we have taken to comply with the consultation requirements in Regulations 6 and 7.

Please find enclosed in Appendix 1, the notice of the NMC Application that was published under Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations ("the Regulation 6 notice").

As the applicant, we confirm that:

- 1. As required under Regulation 6(1) of the 2011 Regulations, the Regulation 6 notice was published in the Mid Sussex Times for two consecutive weeks on 22 and 29 October 2020. Copies of the notices as published on these dates are enclosed at Appendix 2.
- 2. The application documents were uploaded to the PINS website on 21 October 2020 and they continue to be available to view on the following webpage:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/rampion-offshore-wind-farm.

As a result of the current coronavirus pandemic and following Regulation 3 (2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, hard copies of the NMC Application documents have not been placed in a location in the vicinity of the revised footpath diversion for public inspection, as previously required by Regulation 6 (2) (d) of the 2011 Regulations. Instead, the Regulation 6 notice provides a link to the NMC Application documents on the PINS website and states that

digital or paper copies of the documents can be provided by the applicant free of charge on request.

- 3. The Secretary of State provided written consent under Regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations that not all of the persons prescribed in Regulation 7(2) needed to be consulted in relation to the NMC Application. A copy of this written consent is enclosed at Appendix 3 and the agreed list of consultees is enclosed at Appendix 4.
- 4. The Regulation 6 notice was sent to all those persons required to be consulted on the NMC Application under Regulation 7(2) of the Regulations (subject to point 3 above) informing them that an application has been submitted. Notices were sent by first class post except in the case of those organisations who had agreed in advance to be consulted by email. A copy of the template letter sent to the consultees is enclosed at Appendix 5.
- 5. On 22 October 2020, eleven copies of the Regulation 6 notice and a map of the revised footpath diversion were put up on site at the location of the revised footpath diversion and at nine other key locations on the adjoining footpath network. These site notices will remain in place for the duration of the consultation period. Photographs of the site notices and a plan showing the locations of the site notices are enclosed at Appendix 6.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Richard Guyatt at Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP on 0117 989 6877 or Richard.Guyatt@wbd-uk.com.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosures:

Appendix 1: Regulation 6 notice

Appendix 2: Copies of the press notices published in the Mid Sussex Times on 22 and 29 October 2020

Appendix 3: Letter from BEIS confirming reduced consultee list under Regulation 7(3)

Appendix 4: List of consultees agreed with BEIS

Appendix 5: Template letter sent to consultees

Appendix 6: Map showing the site notice locations and photographs of the eleven site notices in situ

Copy to:

Sian Evans, The Planning Inspectorate (by email)