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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

**DOGGER BANK TEESSIDE A OFFSHORE WIND FARM (TEESSIDE A) -
APPLICATION FOR NON-MATERIAL CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT CONSENT
ORDER (DCO)**

Consultation Response

Thank you for consulting the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) with a request for information regarding the non-material changes to The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (as amended). This was received by the MMO on 2nd March 2020.

The non-material changes to the DCO are to amend the turbine rotor diameter from 215m to 280m and amend the stated gross electrical output capacity of up to 1.2GW, to a gross electrical output capacity of more than 100MW.

We have reviewed the draft Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) has undertaken, and have provided our comments below.

We have also provided comments on the draft Requirement regarding the Southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation (SNS SAC) that could be included in any Amendment Order that The Secretary of State might decide to make.

1. HRA

1.1 The MMO agrees with the outcomes of the draft HRA, and defer to Natural England for any further comments.

1.2 Whilst the MMO agrees with the conclusions of the draft HRA, to aid understanding of the assessment document, consideration should be given to the inclusion of the

following information within the final document:

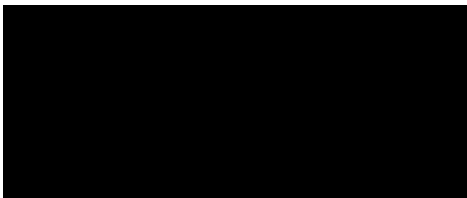
- a) Site maps showing the extent and location of the affected site designations relative to that of the Project.
- b) Site maps showing the location and extent of other similar plans and projects relative to that of the Project.
- c) The clear presentation of all identified pathways to impact and consideration of the effect on all sensitive interest features.

2. SNS SAC

2.1 The MMO is aware that concerns have been expressed by developers regarding the timing of the completion of the SNS SAC Review of Consents and the potential impacts this may have on their projects. We would therefore like to stress the importance of completing the Review of Consents in time for Dogger Bank Teesside A, and other affected projects, to start their works as planned, if the draft Requirement is included.

2.2 Additionally, the MMO advises that following completion of the Review of Consents process, relevant DCOs and dMLs will need to be varied to require submission and approval by the MMO of a Site Integrity Plan for the SNS SAC. This will need to demonstrate that noise generating activities in-combination are able to remain below the threshold of adverse effect on integrity, in terms of the spatial and temporal thresholds in the conservation advice package for the SNS SAC.

Yours sincerely,



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