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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (“the Applicant”) for variation to an Order granting Development Consent for the Dogger Bank Teesside A Offshore Wind Farm and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure (“the Teesside A Offshore Wind Farm”)**

Thank you for your letter and draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. The following constitutes Natural England’s formal response.

**Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)**

**Flamborough & Filey Coast Special Protection Area (F&FC SPA)**

For disturbance and displacement, barrier effects and habitat loss and change, Natural England advises that the worst-case scenario set out in the original ES for Teesside A as regards impacts on F&FC SPA guillemot and razorbill is unaffected by the proposed non-material change (NMC).

For collision mortality, it has been demonstrated by the applicant that no new, materially different, significant effects arise for F&FC SPA gannet and kittiwake, and that the worst case scenario in the original ES is unchanged.

Therefore, we advise that the Teesside A NMC will not lead to an adverse effect on site integrity on the F&FC SPA alone. Furthermore as the NMC makes no contribution to the consented in-combination mortality totals, an adverse effect on integrity in combination with other projects can be ruled out.

**Southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation (SNS SAC)**

Natural England is content with the proposed additional condition regarding the Review of Consent.

**Other recently classified/designated Natura 2000 sites**

Natural England note that Defra’s Minister classified the Teesmouth & Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area in January 2020. This extended the previous T&CC SPA into the subtidal environment and into previously undesignated intertidal areas, in order to protect important foraging habitats for little tern and common tern. Further information can be found at:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england-marine/teesmouth-and-cleveland-coast-potential-sp/>

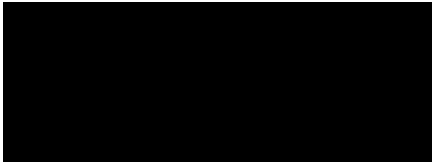
The extended T&CC SPA was not a material consideration at the time of the Applicant’s original ES. The Teesside A export cable route and intertidal landfall site now fall within the T&CC SPA. The

export cable route and landfall site are not affected by the NMC.

Having reviewed the original ES Natural England do not currently anticipate any likely significant effects on the SPA, though reserve the right to review this advice in the light of any further information that comes forward.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at [martin.kerby@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:martin.kerby@naturalengland.org.uk) or on 0208-225-6829.

Yours sincerely



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