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Sofia Offshore Wind Farm – Non-material change application to the Development Consent Order (DCO)

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

The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (SI 2015/1592) ("the DCO") as amended

Dear Mr Dawkins

Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited (SOWFL) applied to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to make a non-material change to the above mentioned Development Consent Order under section 153 of the Planning Act 2008 on 13 May 2020. This letter is provided in accordance with Regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations as SOWFL's Consultation and Publicity Statement.

Please find enclosed (at Appendix 1) a copy of the notice published under Regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations. Please note that after publication of the Regulation 6 notice it came to SOWFL's attention that the planning inspectorate email address (DBTeessideAB@pins.gsi.gov.uk) contained in the Regulation 6 notice for the above non-material change application was inactive. Following communications with the Planning Inspectorate, the address was reactivated on 29 May 2020 and the updated email address (DBTeessideAB@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) was also published on the information timeline located on the project's page on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website.

The Applicant confirms that:

1. As required under Regulation 6(1) of the 2011 Regulations, it has published the notice in The Fishing News and The Evening Gazette on the following dates:
 - a. Fishing News: 14th and 21st May 2020
 - b. The Evening Gazette: 15th and 22nd May 2020

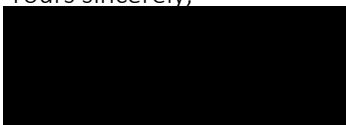
The notice was also published in the Coastal View and Moor News on 13th May 2020. Copies of extracts showing the published notices in the Evening Gazette are enclosed at Appendix 2. The notice was published online in Fishing News and can be found at <http://ourmagazines.co.uk/ZyjRt> and <http://ourmagazines.co.uk/YNeLS>. Coastal View and Moor News (Issue 109) was also only available online and can be found https://issuu.com/cvandmn/docs/cv109_online_sml_copy. Copies of these notices (as published online) are also enclosed at Appendix 2 for reference.

Regulation 6(1)(a) of the 2011 Regulations requires notice of the application to be published “for at least two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating in the vicinity in which the land is situated”. Coastal View and Moor News is the main “local newspaper circulating in the vicinity”. However, as this publication is only published monthly, the notice was also published in The Evening Gazette, a regional newspaper, for two consecutive weeks.

2. It has placed a copy of the application documents on the project website at www.sofiawind-farm.com as detailed in the Regulation 6 notice. These documents will remain on the project’s website throughout the determination of the application by BEIS. . Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions it has not be possible to make hard copy documents available for public inspection at local libraries or other public inspection points during the consultation period. However, the Regulation 6 notice makes clear that free digital copies can be provided by SOWFL or alternatively hard copies can be made available to anyone requesting one for a charge of £10 .
3. The application documents are also available to view on the Sofia Offshore Wind Farm project page on the Planning Inspectorate’s website at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/dogger-bank-teesside-a-sofia-offshore-wind-farm-formerly-dogger-bank-teesside-b-project-previously-known-as-dogger-bank-teesside-ab/>
4. It has sent the notice to all those persons required to be consulted under Regulation 7(2) of the Regulations. A template of the letter sent is enclosed at Appendix 3. Those persons consulted are listed on the enclosed schedule (at Appendix 4) which was agreed with BEIS. A copy of the email dated 29 April 2020 confirming BEIS’s approval of the schedule, subject to the inclusion of the Wildlife Trust is enclosed (at Appendix 5).

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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