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Dear Mr Dawkins

**Sofia Offshore Wind Farm and Dogger Bank Teesside A – Joint 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**

Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited (SOWFL) and Doggerbank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (Project 3 Projco) have applied to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to make joint non-material changes to the above mentioned Development Consent Order under section 153 of the Planning Act 2008. This letter is provided in accordance with Regulation 7A of the 2011 Regulations as SOWFL's and Project 3 Projco'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 and Project 3 Projco's attention that the planning inspectorate email address ([DBTeessideAB@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:DBTeessideAB@pins.gsi.gov.uk)) contained in the Regulation 6 notice for the joint 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](mailto:DBTeessideAB@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)) was also published on the information timeline located on the projects' page on the Planning Inspectorate's Infrastructure Planning website.

Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited  
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The Applicants confirm that:

1. As required under Regulation 6(1) of the 2011 Regulations, the Regulation 6 notice was published 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 at [https://issuu.com/cvandmn/docs/cv109\\_online\\_sml\\_copy](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. A copy of the application documents has been placed on each project’s website at [www.sofiawindfarm.com](http://www.sofiawindfarm.com) and <https://doggerbank.com> as detailed in the Regulation 6 notice. These documents will remain there throughout the determination of the joint NMC application by BEIS. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions it has not been 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 either of the Applicants 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 Dogger Bank Teesside A / 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. A copy of the Regulation 6 notice has been sent to all those persons/organisations required to be consulted under Regulation 7(2) of the 2011 Regulations. Those persons/organisations are

listed on the enclosed schedule (at Appendix 3) and (save where a consultee no longer exists) reflect those statutory consultees previously consulted on the DCO application.

Unfortunately, after the consultee letters were initially sent out on 13 May 2020, the Applicants became aware that a number of organisations were inadvertently missed from the initial circulation list. These organisations are listed in the separate schedule at Appendix 4. A letter enclosing the Regulation 6 notice was therefore sent to these consultees on 18 June 2020. The letter to these consultees extended the response deadline for representations from these parties to 17<sup>th</sup> July rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> July to allow for the initial delay in sending them the Regulation 6 notice. Templates of the letters sent are enclosed at Appendix 5a (for the initial circulation list) and 5b (for the organisations missing from the initial circulation).

5. A project update letter containing details of the joint NMC application was issued on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 11,000 local residents/businesses located within 1km of the cable corridor. A copy of this letter is enclosed at Appendix 6.

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

Yours sincerely,



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**Sofia Offshore Wind Farm Limited**



**Jonathan Wilson**  
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**Teesside A**

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Appendix 2: Advertisements  
Appendix 3: Joint NMC Consultation List  
Appendix 4: Additional Consultation  
Appendix 5a: Consultee Letter  
Appendix 5b: Additional Consultee Letter  
Appendix 6: Residents Letter