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Via email

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Date: 15 May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) (EPR) – Section 88 and Rule 6

Application by SMart Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm (Zone 4) - Project Two

Other Person status in examination

The Planning Inspectorate contacted you and other EEA states on 12 May 2015 pursuant to Regulation 24 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2012 2009 (as amended). The Examining Authority (ExA) has taken a decision to provide you with 'Other Person' (OP) status in the examination. This will ensure that you receive relevant correspondence from the Inspectorate in relation to this examination of this application.

Under Section 88(3) of the PA2008 and Rule 6(1) of the EPR, the ExA can invite other persons they consider to be appropriate to the preliminary meeting (PM). Any person who is invited to the PM in this way will also be sent, for information purposes, the Rule 8 letter which confirms the examination timetable. They will also be sent any amendments to that timetable under Rule 8(3) of the EPR.

You should therefore treat this letter as your invitation to the PM which will be held on Tuesday 16 June 2015, 9:30 am at The Ashbourne Hotel, Vicarage Lane, North Killingholme, Immingham, DN40 3JL. Please find attached a copy of the 'Rule 6' letter sent to all interested parties, which contains important information about the event. Confirmation of your status as an 'other person' is provided at Annex G.

Importantly you should be aware that there is no automatic right for other persons to make representations during the course of the examination, as they do not have the status of interested parties. If you wish to make representations however, you should submit them to the ExA to the appropriate deadlines set out in the examination

timetable. You may also request to speak at any hearings. Under the EPR the ExA has discretion to allow representations from other persons, both written and oral, to be read or heard in conjunction with the examination.

Also, any person, whether they have been invited to the preliminary meeting or not, may make a request to become an interested party if they meet the criteria in s102A of the PA2008. If you have a legal interest in land affected by the scheme and have not already registered to become an interested party, then you can make a request to the ExA to become an interested party under s102A of the PA2008.

If you have any questions, or require clarification in relation to the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Katherine Chapman

**Katherine Chapman
Case Manager**

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.