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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) Rule 13**

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

Notification of second round of written questions and notification of hearings

I refer to my Rule 8(3) letter of 4 August 2015 indicating that we would issue a second round of written questions on 29 September 2015. I now notify you that these questions have been published on our website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-offshore-wind-farm-zone-4-project-two/?ipcsection=docs>

Your responses to these questions are required by Deadline 4 on **20 October 2015**.

Notification of Hearings

Additionally, we write to all interested parties to provide notice of the hearings below, as set out in the updated examination timetable annexed to our letter of 4 August 2015. Those interested parties who wish to speak at any hearing should notify Katherine King at the postal or email address above by deadline 4 on **20 October 2015**. We should be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend the hearing even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your interested party reference number in your correspondence and make it clear which hearing(s) you wish to participate in.

We have aimed to set out below the topics upon which hearings will be held and agendas will be issued prior to the hearings to clarify this.

Issue Specific hearing

Date of hearing: Tuesday 27 October 2015 continuing on Wednesday 28 October 2015

Time of hearing: 9:30 am

Venue: Ashbourne Hotel, Vicarage Lane, North Killingholme, Immingham, DN40 3JL

Day one to include but not limited to:

- Ecology Onshore, Intertidal and Offshore;
- Construction Onshore and Offshore;
- Landscape and Visual;
- and Socio - Economics

Day two to include but not limited to:

- draft Development Consent Order; and
- Deemed Marine Licence

This hearing will concentrate on the specific issue of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Deemed Marine Licence (DML). The DCO is the order which the Secretary of State would make if he/she wished to consent the application. Discussion at this hearing is 'without prejudice'; this means that parties may make contributions to improve the quality of the draft DCO without invalidating their own positions of support or opposition to the scheme as a whole.

Irrespective of its recommendation, the ExA is required to present a draft DCO to the Secretary of State. Discussion about the specifics of the draft DCO does not indicate that the ExA has made up its mind about the application.

The hearing into the draft DCO and DML is likely to be of a technical nature and will be based on the specific wording of the draft DCO.

Compulsory Acquisition hearing

Date of hearing: Thursday 29 October 2015

Time of hearing: 9:30am

Venue: Ashbourne Hotel, Vicarage Lane, North Killingholme, Immingham, DN40 3JL

The purpose of a compulsory acquisition hearing is to examine the merits of the case for compulsory acquisition (CA) including, but not limited to:

- Whether the statutory conditions in relation to the right to exercise CA as set out in s122 and s123 of PA2008 are met in principle and in relation to individual plots including consideration of the land contained within Schedule G.
- The case for seeking powers of temporary possession.
- Alternatives.
- Provision and updating of the required documentation as set out in Regulation 5

of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications, Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009; including the relevant DCO provisions.

- Human Rights and Public Sector Equality duties.
- Funding.
- Crown Land in relation to s135 of PA2008.
- Statutory Undertakers' land and apparatus in relation to the requirements of s127 and s138 of PA2008.
- Protective Provisions

The hearings will be led by the ExA, with involvement from affected persons (landowners, tenants, etc), statutory undertakers and the applicant. Affected persons should register their desire to participate by deadline 4, 20 October 2015 and identify the specific plots that would be affected. Parties should expect to be questioned by the ExA and justify their statements.

Agendas for all hearings will be published a week before the hearings on the Hornsea 2 project page of our website:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-offshore-wind-farm-zone-4-project-two/?ipcsection=docs>

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the days that they are scheduled for. This may mean that the hearings continue after 5:00pm. The ExA reserve the right to rearrange the agendas for these hearings at short notice, if necessary, or if they take longer than anticipated, certain issues may have to be adjourned to a later date. The venue will be open to the public half an hour prior to the start of the hearings. The hearings will close earlier than the advertised end time if there are no remaining parties present wishing to speak.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

John Glasson

Prof. John Glasson
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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 National Infrastructure Planning 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.