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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act (2008) as amended s 89.3, and the Infrastructure and Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) - Rule 8(3)

Application by Smart Wind Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm (Zone 4) - Project Two

Change to the examination timetable

As the lead member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors, I am writing to all interested parties following the hearings held week commencing 26 October 2015. It became apparent during the hearings that matters, in particular, relating to Ornithology were unable to be fully examined orally as a result of Natural England's Ornithologist being unwell. The Panel are of a view that the PA 2008 examination process is a predominantly written process and as such, do not see this as an issue per se.

However, in light of a number of written statements due to be submitted at Deadline 5 on 12 November 2015, the Panel has taken the decision not to issue the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) at this time. The Panel has decided to vary the timetable to enable comments received at Deadline 5 to be incorporated into the RIES. The RIES therefore will be issued by the Planning Inspectorate at Deadline 6 on 26 November 2015 and comments will be received at Deadline 7 on 10 December 2015.

An updated timetable is attached at Annex A below.

Yours faithfully

John Glasson

Prof. John Glasson

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annex A: Amended Examination Timetable

Item	Matters	Due Dates
14	<p>Deadline 5 Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions • Receipt and publication of applicant's final DCO • Documents post all hearings • Written proofs of oral cases made at hearings • Any other information requested by the ExA 	Thursday 12 November 2015
15	<p>Deadline 6 Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES • Any final versions of SoCGs • Any other information requested by the ExA and • Issue of ExA's consultation DCO • Issue of Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) 	Thursday 26 November 2015
16	<p>Deadline 7 Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on ExA's consultation DCO • Comments on RIES • Any other information requested by the ExA 	Thursday 10 December 2015
17	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	Wednesday 16 December 2015

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.

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