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

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED HORNSEA PROJECT TWO OFFSHORE WIND FARM - EN010053

The Secretary of State has requested Historic England's response on a proposed amendment to Requirement 5 (archaeology landward of mean low water springs) in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the draft development consent order submitted by the Applicant.

The proposed amendment takes account of the disagreement at the end of the Examination between the Applicant, and North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) and Historic England (HE) as to whether or not the heritage surveys and investigations carried out by the Applicant are sufficient to properly assess the heritage interests in a number of areas along the onshore cable route that had not been subject to field trials.

Historic England have discussed the amendment to Requirement 5 with North Lincolnshire Council and the Applicant, and would like to propose the following minor changes to that amended text for the Secretary of State's consideration. We consider that this amended language (in bold) would fully address our outstanding concerns.

4) Any archaeological works or watching brief must be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme and **staged reports of the measures taken to evaluate, protect, record or preserve any significant archaeological remains that are found must be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority before the commencement of any works that would affect those remains.**

If the Secretary of State accepts the proposed amendment above, she may wish to consider similarly amending clause 2 as follows:



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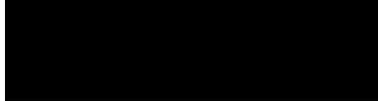
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2) The scheme must identify areas where field work and/or a watching brief are required, and the measures to be taken to **evaluate**, protect, record or preserve any significant archaeological remains that may be found.

We are able to confirm that all three parties are in agreement regarding the above language to allow for resolution of this outstanding area of disagreement.

Yours sincerely,



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