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Dear Sir/Madam,

Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm – Project 2

Thank you for your recent letter dated 22 June 2015 regarding the first round of written questions. The following provides the MCA response and the questions are referenced against the chronological order as presented. Only those questions relevant to shipping and navigation have been addressed.

FNA4

Do you agree with the plans and projects which have been included in the cumulative assessment of fishing?

MCA did not assess this chapter of the Environmental Statement and is unable to comment.

FNA12

a) Can you confirm that all the requirements of MGN 371 are being complied with as far as they can be at this stage of the consenting process?

The MCA is satisfied the requirement of MGN 371 are being complied with as far as possible at this stage.

b) Will safety zones of 500m around HVAC, HVDC and accommodation platforms be applied for only when these are manned or for the life of the project?

No comment. This question is for the applicant.

c) What is the ‘consideration’ that will be given to navigational safety when deciding the height and selecting the location of the bridge links?



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This question is for the applicant, however the recommended minimum safe (air) clearances between sea level conditions at MHWS and wind turbine rotors is 22m and MCA would like to see consistency with this recommendation This also includes the height between MHWS and bottom of HVAC, HVDC and accommodation platforms.

FNA13

Do you agree that the baseline data in respect of navigation safety provides an accurate reflection of current conditions?

The traffic survey was carried out in accordance with MCA guidance and MCA is satisfied on the basis of information provided.

FNA14

Do you agree that the methodology and parameters used in the assessment of navigation in the ES represents a worst case assessment of the potential impacts?

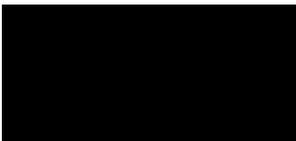
The Navigation Risk Assessment was carried out in accordance with MCA guidance and MCA is satisfied on the basis of information provided.

FNA15

Do you agree that the effectiveness of the mitigation measures will reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)?

MCA is satisfied, noting that appropriate conditions will be included in the Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence.

Yours sincerely



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cc. MMO