



**Smart Wind Ltd  
Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm (Zone 4) – Project 2**

**Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010053**

**Summary of Oral Representations made by  
the Environment Agency on 16 September 2015  
Issue Specific Hearing  
Unique Reference Number: 10031161**

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At the hearing on 16 September 2015, Ms Annette Hewitson made the following submissions on behalf of the Environment Agency (EA).

**Agenda Item 9.1**

***Requirements of the Water Framework Directive.***

Ms Hewitson confirmed that the Applicant provided the EA with further information and clarification in respect of the WFD and this issue is now closed out. She also confirmed that the project should not lead to any significant effects on water quality, surface and groundwater and designated waterbodies.

**Agenda Item 9.2**

***Update on positions of interested parties on currency of data (onshore and inter-tidal).***

The EA confirmed that there are no outstanding issues in relation to coastal beach and sea bed issues and intertidal cable protection. The Applicant provided the additional information and clarification requested and also agreed for the EA to be a consultee to the appropriate Marine Licence conditions to enable it to make further comment in respect of the issues of concern at the appropriate time in relation to the decommissioning stage of the project.

**Agenda Item 11.1**

***Environment Agency's remaining concerns regarding: (i) use of historic data regarding climate change; and (ii) export cable burial depth and beach profile data, not taking account of December 2013 significant changes to coastline.***

Ms Hewitson confirmed that the Applicant provided the requested clarification in respect of these matters, which have all now been resolved to the EA's satisfaction.