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Dear Giles,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Application by SMart Wind 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 Windfarm – EN010053

Thank you for your consultation dated 12 July 2016. The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response.

Natural England understands that the Secretary of State (SoS) is requesting comments regarding the Applicant's submission on Fulmar displacement mortality, submitted on 27th June 2016. In particular, the SoS is seeking comments from Natural England regarding the adequacy of the revised figures for Flamborough and Filey Coast (FFC) pSPA, in the Applicant's submission.

Unfortunately, due to the tight timelines involved in the consultation Natural England will not be able to provide detailed comments regarding the revised figures. Nevertheless, as stated in our previous response Natural England considers that potential displacement impacts on fulmar from the Project alone and in-combination with other plans and projects are unlikely to be significant, and would therefore not adversely affect the integrity of the breeding bird assemblage at FFC pSPA, of which fulmar is a named component. The reasoning and evidence regarding our advice is outlined in our response submitted on 27th June 2016¹.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010053/EN010053-002001-186857%20-%20%20NE%20Response%20to%20Fulmar%20displacement.pdf>