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Dear Mr Asquith

**East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm - The Examining Authority's first written questions and requests for information dated 6 July 2016 ("the Request")**

I write in response to Question CA7 and CA9 of the Request.

**Question CA7**

Can the Applicant confirm whether it is sought to acquire the interests held other than by the Crown in Plots 1, 64-66 and 190? If it is sought to acquire new rights in these interests (as is suggested by their inclusion in Schedule 5 of the DCO) S135 consent from the Crown Estate is needed before the DCO can be made. Has Crown consent been obtained? If it is not sought to acquire new rights in these interests, the DCO and BoR would need to be amended to remove these interests from the scope of CA.

**Response to Question CA7**

You will be aware of the Crown Estate Commissioners' position in relation to section 135 of the Planning Act 2008 and the need for the appropriate Crown authority to provide consent to the acquisition of an interest in Crown land held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown before a DCO can be made. Accordingly, the Crown Estate Commissioners' position remains as per our letter to the Applicant of 22 June 2016.

**Question CA9**

Plots 1-7 form part of the beach and foreshore and are considered to be open space. The Applicant seeks to compulsorily acquire new rights over these plots. The Applicant's S132 Statement [APP-034] sets out the reasons why it is believed that when burdened with these new rights these plots will be no less advantageous to persons in whom it is vested, other persons entitled to rights, and the public.

a) Is there agreement with this assessment?

b) Two of the plots are listed as being in unknown ownership. Can the Applicant explain what efforts have been made to locate the owners?

**Response to Question CA9**

We will need to consider this further and will revert shortly.

Yours sincerely

  
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