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# Skylark Mitigation Agreement

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Draft Skylark mitigation agreement (with SCC)

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**East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm**

**Mitigation for Priority Species (Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 s41) – Skylarks**

**Payment Reference: SPR141016**

Dear Sirs,

We write further to our recent correspondence. You have identified that the proposed substation for the East Anglia THREE offshore wind farm (development) would reduce the breeding habitat available to skylarks, which are a Priority Species. You have therefore requested, based on the findings of the submitted ES bird surveys, that mitigation is secured to ensure that there are no adverse effects on skylarks as a result of the development.

Following discussions between us, you have agreed that two plots located and prepared in accordance with the Countryside Stewardship option AB4, measuring not less than two metres by two metres, to be managed for ten years specifically as skylark habitat, would reasonably mitigate the likely impacts of the development on this Priority Species (NERC Act s41).

You have also confirmed that such plots, on land to be identified and secured by the Council, can be made available and managed by the Council for ten years at a cost of £100 per year to compensate for the loss of crop production, and a further £150 per year to liaise with the farmer and inspect the plots in situ annually. Therefore, the total financial contribution required is £2,500.

Accordingly, a payment of £2,500 will be made to the Council via BACS (Ref: SPR141016) within 30 days of the date of this letter which the Council has agreed shall only be used for the purposes stated in this letter, namely to mitigate the impacts of the development on the habitat available to skylarks and to ensure that this mitigation is carried out in accordance with the agreed specification.

We would be grateful if the Council would acknowledge safe receipt of the above payment upon receipt, and confirm that the contribution will only be used for the purposes stated above. We would also be grateful for the Council's confirmation that sufficient mitigation for any potential impact on habitats available to skylarks

as a result of the development has been satisfactorily secured, and that in the Council's view this will allow the Secretary of State to demonstrate he has had regard to his duties under s40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of East Anglia THREE Limited