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**East Anglia ONE North/East Anglia TWO offshore wind farms  
Issue Specific Hearing 2: Wednesday 25 March 2020 (3.30pm onwards)  
Habitats Regulations Assessment, Mitigation, IROPI and Examination Contingencies**

Thank you for your letters dated 4 March 2020 setting out the agenda for the above Issue Specific Hearing and for inviting the RSPB to attend. The RSPB welcomes the Examiners' early attention to these important issues, in particular items 3 (implications of delayed decisions in respect of other North Sea OWF DCO applications) and 4 (further mitigation, assessment of alternatives, assessment of IROPI and Examination contingencies – including where relevant, compensation).

Unfortunately, we regret that due to the serious resource limitations referred to in our Relevant Representation, the RSPB is unable to attend this particular Issue Specific Hearing. As noted in our Relevant Representation, our key concern is that the derogation tests under Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 are properly explored and tested through the Examination. However, at this time, we are having to prioritise our limited resources in responding on those same issues to the consultations on the delayed decisions in respect of Hornsea Three and, we anticipate, Norfolk Vanguard.

Please know, we remain committed to assisting the Examination as far as practicable on issues related to the derogation tests, through written submissions, for the remainder of the examination process.

Yours sincerely,

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