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#### **Dear Sirs**

We refer to the above and to our client's earlier Relevant Representation. We attach a very short Written Representation which is commensurate with the status of negotiations between Network Rail and the Applicant. We look forward to updating the Examining Authority further as soon as we are able to do so.

Yours sincerely

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#### Written Representation of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

## **Application by East Anglia TWO Limited**

Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN010078

Reference Number: RR-060

- 1. This is the Written Representation of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) provided in respect of the application submitted by East Anglia TWO Limited ("Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("Order") which seeks powers to enable construction and operation of the proposed East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm, which comprises up to 75 wind turbines, generators and associated infrastructure ("Scheme").
- 2. Network Rail is a statutory undertaker and owns, operates and maintains the majority of the rail infrastructure of Great Britain.
- 3. The Book of Reference ("BoR") identifies Plots 25 30 (inclusive) (Plots) as land in which Network Rail has a property interest and over which compulsory powers to acquire new rights and to acquire land are sought ("Compulsory Powers"). Exercise by the Applicant of the Compulsory Powers would facilitate its ability to undertake Works pursuant to the Order, namely Work No. 13 and Work No. 14.
- 4. Network Rail considers that there is no compelling case in the public interest for the compulsory acquisition of its rights in land as the Applicant and Network Rail should instead negotiate matters by private agreement.
- Network Rail is now in active discussion with the Applicant to secure legal arrangements whereby Network Rail's interests which it requires protecting are not prejudiced by the exercise of any compulsory acquisition powers by the Applicant over the Plots. Network Rail looks forward to working with the Applicant so that a position may be secured whereby Network Rail might be able to withdraw its objection. However, until such agreement is in place, Network Rail is unable to withdraw its objection to the Order. We anticipate being in a position to update the Examining Authority further in the course of the next few weeks.

2nd November 2020