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Natural England

Our ref : EN010078

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

**Application by East Anglia TWO Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure (“the East Anglia TWO Project”).**

The Secretary of State has received a letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from the Applicant regarding the Application for the proposed East Anglia TWO Project. The letter proposes clarifications upon matters arising in relation to red-throated divers in the Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA). The letter has been published on the East Anglia TWO project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010078/EN010078-010042-EA2%20Cover%20Letter%2011%20March%202022%20final.pdf>

The Secretary of State requests that Natural England provide confirmation of its agreement with the clarified measures for red-throated diver including whether the measures provide adequate compensation and that, taking account of the proposed measures, whether Natural England has any updates to its advice on the minimum distance required between the Project array and the boundary of the Outer Thames Estuary SPA.

**A response is requested by 23.59 on 15th March 2022.**

Information requested above should be submitted by email only to:

[EastAngliaTwo@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:EastAngliaTwo@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Responses will be published on the East Anglia TWO project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after the deadline:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-two-offshore-windfarm/>.

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the East Anglia TWO Project. Nothing in this letter is to be

taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

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