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By email: EastAngliaTwo@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Sirs,

<u>Re: East Suffolk Council (ESC) response to EN010078 – East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm (EA2) Lesser</u> <u>Black Backed Gull Implementation and Monitoring Plan (LBBGIMP) Consultation following the Applicant's</u> <u>submission of the LBBGIMP and associated documents to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net</u> <u>Zero for consideration - (6 October – 6 November 2023).</u>

Thank you for your email and letter dated 6 October 2023 inviting East Suffolk Council to comment on the Applicant's submitted Lesser Black Backed Gull Implementation and Monitoring Plan (LBBGIMP) and associated documents, in accordance with the East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022.

Having reviewed the Applicant's submission, ESC confirms that:

- 1. the Lesser Black Backed Gull Agreement Log is an accurate reflection of our position on all matters for which we wish to engage on;
- 2. the Council has engaged and contributed to the LBBGIMP, and following a careful review, the contents are agreed.

Planning permission for the installation of the predator-proof fencing at Orford Ness to deliver compensatory measures for the lesser black-backed gull interest feature of the Alde-Ore Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA) was granted on 21 October 2022 (DC/22/3447/FUL). Installation of the predator fence was completed in February 2023.

We understand that the ornithological by-catch measures will be submitted by the Applicant at a later date, in accordance with Paragraph 3(f) of Part 2 of Schedule 18 to the Orders, and once these details are received the Secretary of State will invite comments regarding the ornithological by-catch measures.

I trust this response is helpful.

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Yours faithfully



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