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Dear Tracey,

Please accept my apologies for the lateness of my response to your invitation to attend the preliminary meeting for the examination of the Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Wind Farm development consent order application.

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) continues to engage in dialogue with the applicant's appointed aviation consultant to establish the basis of a technical mitigation that the applicant would be able to provide and maintain to address the impacts the proposed development will have upon air defence radar. MOD has been informed by the applicant's consultant that they will shortly be providing further information on the basis of a mitigation which may enable the MOD to agree to a condition that could be included in any development consent order issued. On receipt of the mitigation proposal, the MOD will need to evaluate this accordingly before determining whether it is acceptable.

Therefore, at this stage the safeguarding position of the MOD remains as stated in my response of the 4th October 2018. As such it remains appropriate to make provision in the examination schedule to consider the impacts of the proposed development upon national defence interests. In the event that this issue does need to be considered at the examination it may be necessary that all or part of the evidence, relating to air defence radar and associated consideration of this issue, will need to be managed as confidential information to maintain national security. MOD will inform the Inspector accordingly.

I trust this adequately explains our position on this matter. In view of the above, the MOD does not consider it necessary to attend the preliminary meeting in person on Monday 10th Dec 2018. However, if the Inspector requires a representative of the MOD to attend the preliminary meeting or needs further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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