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Dear Mr Livesy

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 51

Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm.

Advice following issue of decision to accept the application for examination

On 08 June 2018 the Secretary of State decided that the application for the proposed Hornsea Three Offshore Wind farm satisfied the acceptance tests under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The Planning Inspectorate's Acceptance Checklist and the Applicant's application documents have been published and made available on the project page of our website. See link below:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/hornsea-project-three-offshore-wind-farm/>

In undertaking checks at the acceptance stage, the Inspectorate did make some observations in relation to the application. This letter comprises advice to the Applicant provided under section 51 of the PA2008. The Applicant should pay attention to its content, and consider how appropriate action might be taken in response.

Environmental Statement

The relationship between the maximum design parameters described in Chapter 3 of the environmental statement and some of the works parameters specified in the requirements of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and the conditions of the Deemed Marine License (DML) requires clarification. The Applicant is requested to provide a schedule which explains the relationship between the maximum design parameters in Chapter 3 of the environmental statement and the parameters specified in the draft DCO and DML.

It would be helpful if there could be some clarification of the way in which the mitigation measures described in the various chapters of the environmental statement would be secured through the draft DCO and/or DML. The Applicant is requested to provide a table which explains how each of the mitigation measures would be secured, by reference to the relevant provisions of the draft DCO/DML.

Habitats Regulations Assessment

- i) Some of the text in Table 9.1 of the Report to Inform the Appropriate Assessment appears to be missing. The Applicant should submit an updated version of the table to correct this.
- ii) The Inspectorate notes that the Applicant has not provided a set of screening and integrity matrices as advised in Advice Note 10 Habitats Regulations Assessment and therefore is requested to provide a set of screening and integrity matrices.

Section 42(1)(a) persons prescribed

As the published Checklist sets out, it appears on the basis of the information provided by the Applicant that the below listed potentially relevant bodies were not consulted at the pre-application stage:

- The Homes and Communities Agency (now Homes England)
- The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England
- The Broads Internal Drainage Board
- Murphy Power Distribution Limited
- Utility Distribution Networks Limited
- Vattenfall Networks Limited
- Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited
- Energy Assets Networks Limited
- Energy Assets Power Networks Limited

Unless there is a good reason in each case on the basis of which the Applicant is confident that these bodies are not relevant to the proposed development, the Applicant is advised to include these bodies, or their appropriate successors, in its s56 notification exercise.

I trust that this advice is useful to you and that it will aid your preparation for the examination of the scheme.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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