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FAO Examining Authority (ExA)

Please find attached a Summary Statement of the County Council's overall position in respect of the Hornsea Project Three Wind Farm.

As indicated previously, the County Council will not be formally attending the Open Floor Hearing on the evening of 3 December 2018 and the attached Statement simply provides a Summary of the Authority's position at the outset of the Public Hearings.

Officers from the County Council will be attending Hearings on Tuesday 4; Thursday 6; and Friday 7 December.

Should the ExA have any queries with the attached Summary Statement, these can be picked up during this week's Hearing Sessions.

Kind regards

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Summary Statement – Norfolk County Council

3 December 2018

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- 1.1. Norfolk County Council's Environment, Development and Transport Committee at its meeting on 6 July 2018 fully supported the principle of offshore wind energy, which is consistent with national policies on energy particularly in respect of:
 - Reducing greenhouses;
 - Providing energy security; and
 - Maximising economic opportunities.
- 1.2. However, while the County Council supported the principle of this proposal, there were / are a number of issues directly affecting the Authority which need to be resolved as part of the DCO process. In particular there are:
 - **Highway issues** – specifically in respect of access to the proposed sites for a Booster Station and grid connection facility (Sub-station). There are also access issues in relation to the main works compound (NB these issues will be explored discussed at Hearing Sessions 3 and 4);
 - **Flood Risk and drainage issues** – the need for: infiltration testing, further design modelling; design drainage structures; and maintenance and management plan. These issues can be resolved through a planning requirements attached to the DCO. NB the emerging DCO is for the most part addressing these issues, and this will be discussed at Hearing Session 3);
 - **Public Rights of Way issues** – issues need to be resolved around the proposed temporary re-routeing of the North Norfolk Coast Path
 - **Archaeological issues** – issues need to be resolved involving further investigative works. These issues can be addressed through a planning requirement attached to the DCO. This issue is for the most addressed through a draft requirement in the emerging DCO and will be discussed at Hearing Sessions 3 and 4.
- 1.3. In addition to the above issues, there are wider strategic matters which need to be addressed and explored through the DCO process in order to maximise the potential socio-economic benefits, including:
 - (a) Wider consideration surrounding the possibility for secondary interconnection, which would allow for electricity generated from the offshore wind farm to be used within the local distribution networks along the cable route;
 - (b) The potential to use HVDC to avoid the need for a Booster Station in North Norfolk;
 - (c) Economic benefits – Commitment to the use of ports in Norfolk during

construction and providing operation and maintenance support; and
(d) Work-force – a commitment to developing/delivering apprenticeships; work experience; and internships as part of the construction and long-term operation of the wind farm.

1.4. The County Council continues to work with Orsted in order to resolve the above issues.