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Good Evening,

Please find attached Natural England's Deadline 9 Response.

This includes:

- Natural England's Comments on the Applicants D7 submissions
- Natural England's Comments on ExA Q F3.1
- Natural England's Response to ExA Qs F4.1, F4.2 and F4.3
- Natural England's Response to ExA Q F6.1
- Offshore Register Entry for the SNS SAC (Citation)
- SNS SAC Draft Conservation Objectives and Advice on Activities

Kind regards,

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Register of European offshore marine sites

Register entry UK0030395 under Regulation 19 of The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017

This is the register entry for the European offshore marine site known as **Southern North Sea** in the ‘**Southern North Sea**’ and ‘**Northern North Sea**’ Regional Seas. This area has been proposed to the European Commission by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs pursuant to Article 4.1 of the “Habitats Directive” (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as eligible for designation as a Special Area of Conservation. The register reference number for this European offshore marine site is UK0030395 and a folder, kept under this reference as part of this register, contains a map of the European offshore marine site and a description, both signed by me, giving the reasons for designation of the site as a Special Area of Conservation. As the boundary of this site crosses into English inshore waters, there is an additional entry for this site in the Register of European Sites for England (UK0030395).

Other details of the European offshore marine site are as follows:

Date submitted to European Commission: 30th January 2017

Date approved by the European Commission as a Site of Community Importance: 12th December 2018

Date site designated as an SAC: 26th February 2019

Site centre location¹

Longitude: 01 47 60 E

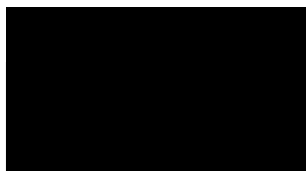
Latitude: 53 33 04 N

Area: 3,695,054 ha (Projection: Europe Albers_Equal_Area_Conic²)

Priority status³: No

Date of registration as European Offshore Marine Site: 12th December 2017

Signed:



On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

¹ This indicates the approximate centre of the site, calculated in WGS84.

² Modified projection suited for mapping the offshore continental shelf. Full details available from Joint Nature Conservation Committee OffshoreMPAs@jncc.gov.uk.

³ Indicates whether the site has been identified under Article 4.2 of the Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as hosting one or more priority natural habitat types or priority species.

Reasons for recommendation as a Site of Community Importance

Area name: **Southern North Sea**

Administrative area: **Norfolk/Suffolk/offshore**

Component SSSI: **N/A**

This area has been recommended as a Site of Community Importance (SCI) because it contains habitat types and/or species which are rare or threatened within a European context. The habitats and/or species for which the area has been recommended as an SCI are listed below.

Site description:

The Southern North Sea SAC is located in the North Sea Management Unit and has been recognised as an area with predicted persistent high densities of harbour porpoise (JNCC, 2017). The site includes some areas that are more important for the species during the winter, some that are more important during the summer and some that are important throughout the year (Heinänen and Skov, 2015). The site is located to the east of England and it stretches from the central North Sea (north of Dogger Bank) to the Straits of Dover in the south, covering an area of 36,951 km². A mix of habitats, such as sandbanks and gravel beds, cover the seabed and water depths range from mean low water to 75 m, with the majority of the site shallower than 40 m.

Reference

HEINÄNEN, S and SKOV, H. 2015. The identification of discrete and persistent areas of relatively high harbour porpoise density in the wider UK marine area, JNCC Report No. 544, JNCC, Peterborough.

JNCC (2017) SAC Selection Assessment: Southern North Sea. January, 2017. Joint Nature Conservation Committee, UK. Available from: <http://jncc.defra.gov.uk/page-7243>

Qualifying interest(s) submitted to the European Commission:

1. 1351: Harbour porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*)

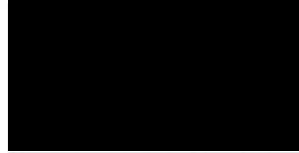
- for which this is considered to be one of the best areas in the United Kingdom.

This documentation relates to a site entered in
the Register of European Offshore Marine Sites

Registration reference number: UK0030395

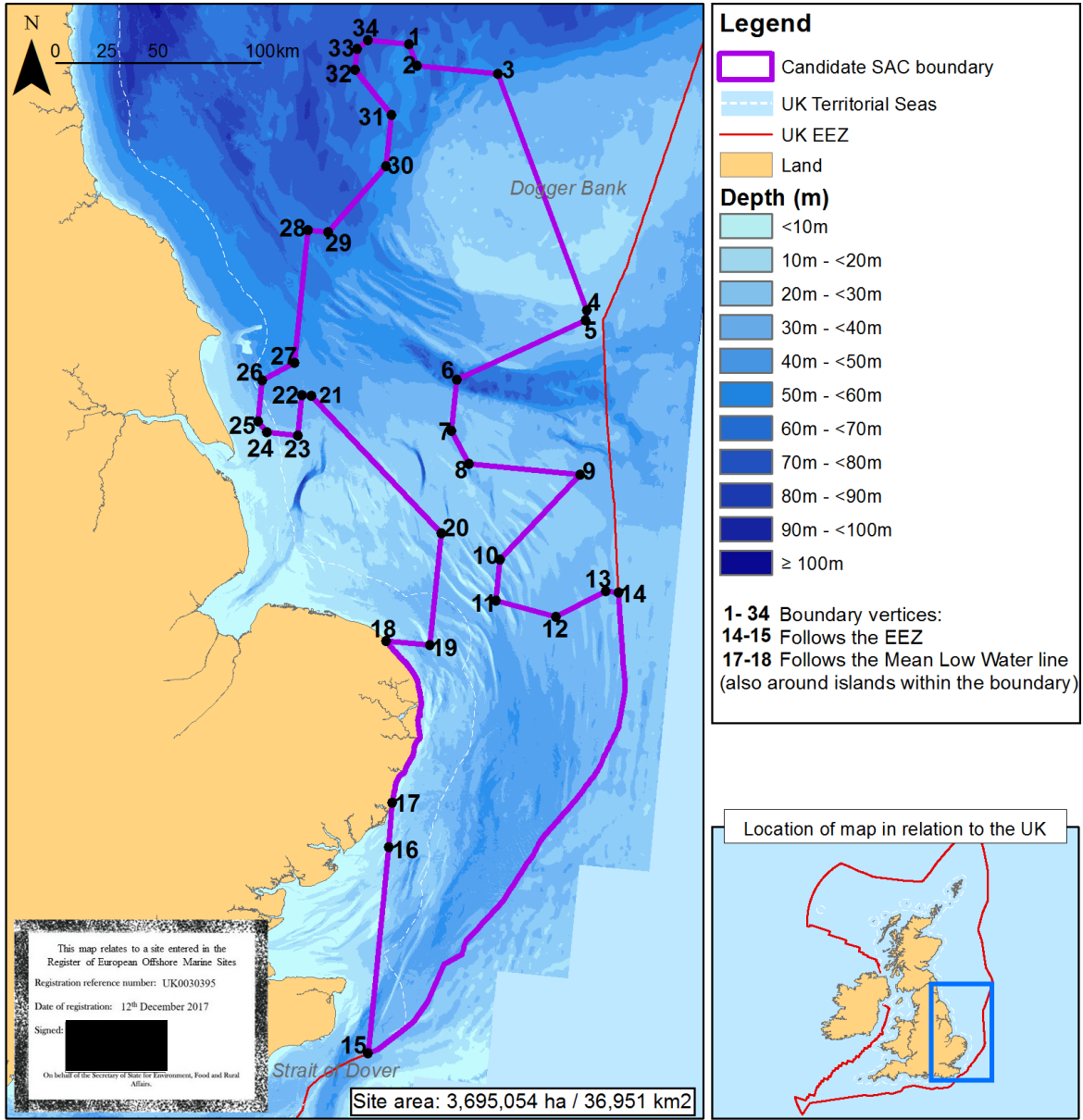
Date of registration: 12th December 2017

Signed:



On behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural
Affairs.

Southern North Sea



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