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Date: 10 July 2019

cc:
Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the completion of the examination on 2 April 2019, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 2 July 2019. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State [for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy] has three months to determine the application.

Crown land

There is an issue relating to the compulsory acquisition of Crown land sought by the Applicant on which the Secretary of State would be grateful if the Ministry of Defence could provide further clarification.

It is understood that there was no evidence before the Examining Authority at the close of its examination that consent to the compulsory acquisition of an interest in land held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown has been granted for the purposes of section 135(1) of the

Planning Act 2008 in respect of Crown land at Weybourne Military Camp (plots 1-005 to 1-017, 1-017, 1-018) and land west of Cantley Lane (plots 30-029 and 30-030) in Norfolk.

The Secretary of State would be grateful for confirmation from **the Secretary of State for Defence** as to whether consent to acquisition for the purposes of section 135(1) of the Planning Act 2008 has been granted.

A response is requested by Thursday 25 July 2019.

The response should be submitted by email to:

HornseaProjectThree@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Please also send any hard copy response to the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm Team, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, c/o the Planning Inspectorate, 3D Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, please inform the Project Team as soon as possible.

The response will be published on the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/hornsea-project-three-offshore-wind-farm/> as soon as possible after 25 July 2019.

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm project, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

Gareth Leigh
Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning