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Dear Mr Guyton,

**PLANNING ACT 2008 – HORNSEA PROJECT THREE OFFSHORE WIND FARM –
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2019 to Gareth Leigh, Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning, requesting an extension of the consultation to the Secretary of State's two letters dated 27 September 2019 and 31 October 2019 on Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm from 31 December 2019 to 14 February 2020.

The Secretary of State has considered the requested extension of time in order for relevant parties to provide the best available evidence, a derogation case and how any further mitigation and/or compensation measures can be secured in an updated draft Development Consent Order. The Secretary of State notes that the request for an extension of time is supported by both Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation.

I can confirm that the Secretary of State agrees to your request for an extension of time with a new submission deadline of 14 February 2020. As this extension of time has been granted, and it may be necessary for the Secretary of State to consult further on the consultation response when received, she considers that it will be necessary to re-set the 31 March 2020 statutory decision deadline for a second time. A statement confirming the new deadline for a decision will be made to the House of Commons and House of Lords in accordance with section 107(7) of the Planning Act 2008 as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself or Gareth Leigh.

Yours sincerely



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