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## Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Dear Mr Leigh,

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I write further to your letters dated 27 September and 31 October 2019 and the request for further comment and further submissions on various matters identified in that correspondence ('the **Consultation Letters**').

Since the first Consultation Letter was received the Applicant, Natural England (NE) and the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) have been working together to address the points raised. Those parties have attended workshops held yesterday and today, and agreed that it would be helpful to have more time to facilitate a comprehensive response to the Consultation Letters.

Therefore, with the support of NE and the MMO, the applicant requests an extension of time of 6 weeks from 31st December 2019, i.e. a new submission deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The subsequent deadline for comments on that submission could remain 28 days as per paragraph 11 of your letter dated 27th September 2019.

The applicant's objective is to produce a submission in consultation with NE and the MMO by 14th February 2020, setting out the best available evidence, a derogation case, and how any further mitigation and/or compensation measures can be secured in an updated draft DCO, to help inform the Secretary of State's determination of this application.

The applicant, NE and the MMO would be grateful if you would confirm your agreement to this revised timetable as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

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