

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

Your Refs: EN010080-003103, -003104, -003105
20010675

Our Ref: Co_2019_09_27-86

10 December 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Re: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ON LATE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND NOTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE’S DECISION TO SET A NEW DATE FOR DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION

Thank you for your letter of 27th September 2019 which informed us of the decision to set a new date for determination of the above application and informed us of, and invited comment on, late representations relating to ornithological matters.

Eastern IFCA has no comment to make on the late representations relating to ornithological matters.

In relation to the sandbanks in The Wash and North Norfolk Coast Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Eastern IFCA would like to report that our position has not changed from that presented in our Statement of Common Ground. We remain concerned that the export cable route for Hornsea Project Three crosses an area of this SAC that is closed to demersal fishing via an Eastern IFCA byelaw, and that this area (which includes habitats that are sub-features of sandbanks) is likely to be

damaged by cable-laying works and likely reburial or cable protection during the lifetime of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries on this response.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Stoutt

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