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Dear Karma Leyland

PLANNING ACT 2008

APPLICATION FOR THE HORNSEA THREE OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER

In your letter you ask for clarification on points in the Minded to Approve letter of 1 July 2020 and the accompanying Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

Please see below for my responses:

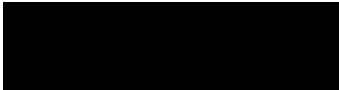
- 1. Kittiwake Displacement** - I can confirm that 'kittiwake displacement mortality' was included in paragraph 5.3 of the Minded to Approve letter in error, and should have referred to 'kittiwake collision mortality'.
- 2. Parameters for Kittiwake Collision Risk Modelling** – I can confirm that the Secretary of State took the Applicant's interpretation of Natural England's preferred parameters for Collision Risk Modelling (CRM).

Kittiwake collision risk estimates used in the HRA were taken from Table 4.1 of the Applicant's, Response to the Secretary of State's Consultation Appendix 4: Post Examination Mitigation and Project Envelope Modifications.

I acknowledge the issues raised in regard to Paragraph 5.3.1 of the HRA. For clarity, the Secretary of State did use the longer breeding season as recommended by the ExA in their recommended modelling parameters (Table

2.1 of the Appendix 4 Annex B: Revised Ornithological Mitigation Scenario). The Secretary of State was content with the use of the more precautionary breeding season parameter used in both the ExA's approach and the Applicant's interpretation of the Natural England approach and used this approach in the HRA.

Yours sincerely



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