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Dear Kate Mignano,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55

Proposal: Adequacy of consultation request

Application by Vattenfall Wind Power Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Further to your letter of 29th June 2018 regarding the above. Dover District Council (DDC) has the following comments to put forward.

DDC is of the opinion that Vattenfall Wind Power Limited have complied with the relevant sections of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) being:

- Its duties under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008 relating to consultation and publicity.
- Its duty to consult a relevant local planning authority about the preparation of the SoCC.
- The commitments set out in the SoCC in undertaking the pre-application consultation in compliance with the stated consultation methodology.

The consultation process has therefore been adequate in this regard.

Nevertheless, it should be noted that DDC continue to have concerns about the site selection and options appraisal process particularly on-shore that although complies with the statutory consultation requirements has continued to be amended and options included or discounted without appearing to have been determined through a rigorous environmental impact assessment process or with any further period of re-consultation with the relevant parties. This has been raised throughout the pre-application consultation process.

I hope this clarifies DDC's position in this regard.

Yours faithfully

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