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Our Ref: EN010084

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended)**

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

This correspondence is for the attention of any persons from outside the United Kingdom who have expressed interest in participating in the examination of an application for development consent for the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm near Broadstairs in Kent, England, but who have not made a Relevant Representation.

The Examination process provides people who submitted Relevant Representations by 12 September 2018 with a right to be involved as Interested Parties (IPs). You wrote to request involvement after the expiry of that deadline. On that basis, the Examining Authority (ExA) has discretion about whether to involve you in the Examination. Having considered your representation, the ExA has decided to invite you to become involved in the Examination as an 'Other person'. (For additional information about the status of an 'Other person' in National Infrastructure Examinations in England and Wales, please refer to paragraphs 32 to 34 of the [Examination Guidance](#)<sup>1</sup>.)

Arrangements are now being made for the Examination. Information about these arrangements, including a draft Examination Timetable, can be found here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010084-000827>

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<sup>1</sup> 'Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent' (Guidance) (former Department for Communities and Local Government) 2015.

Information about the proposed development, including application documents and in due course all examination documents can be found here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/thanet-extension-offshore-wind-farm/>

The Examination will primarily be conducted in writing. The draft Examination Timetable provides opportunities to make Written Representations and to respond to Written Representations made by others. However, the ExA will also hold events to inform its decisions about how to conduct the Examination and to provide it with information about the application and its effects.

Your attention is drawn to two events that you are invited to attend:

- **The Preliminary Meeting** to be held at Innovation House, Discovery Park, Sandwich, CT13 9FF England – United Kingdom on 12 December 2018 starting at 10am. This is a meeting to make procedural decisions about how to manage the Examination.
- **Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)** into International Issues, to be held at Innovation House, Discovery Park, Sandwich, CT13 9FF England – United Kingdom on 12 December 2018 starting at 2pm. It would assist the ExA if you could attend this meeting to enable the ExA to discuss your position. The ExA will consider whether any other information is required to enable it to assess the effects of the application in countries and waters beyond the United Kingdom, and to consider whether any additional processes to notify or consult persons in such countries or waters might be necessary.

Because the application is for a project in English waters, the Examination process will be conducted in the English language. Information and correspondence will be provided in English.

Whilst the examination will receive and publish documents written in languages other than English, persons wishing to be assured that the Examination and other Interested Parties are able to make effective use of such documents are requested to submit an English translation.

Oral hearings and other events conducted as part of the examination process will proceed in English. Translation facilities will not be provided by the ExA. If you wish to make oral submissions at any hearing or participate in any other event, you are advised to do so in English, or to make arrangements with the Planning Inspectorate to bring your own translator, capable of providing the ExA with an English translation of submissions or contributions made in a language other than English.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please refer these to Ms Kate Mignano, Case Manager on +44 303 444 5652 / [kate.mignano@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:kate.mignano@pins.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

*Rynd Smith*

**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**