



TRINITY HOUSE

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The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
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Your Ref: RE: EN010084
Identification No. 20012441

The Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Dear Sir / Madam

Further to the application relating to the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm, we wish to provide our further responses as follows in relation to Deadline 1-

Response to Examining Authority Questions (ExQ1) – 18 December 2018

1.12 Navigation: Maritime and Air

URN 1.12.1

We are unable to answer the question specifically as Trinity House use current data when assessing such projects and are unable to predict future trends in traffic flow.

Unlike the applicant's Navigation Risk Assessment (NRA) which averages out large vessel movements over a 24 hour period we assume these will be within a tidally restricted time frame. During these time frames the risks highlighted in the NRA by the compression of traffic will be increased.

URN 1.12.3

As documented in the minutes of meetings between the applicant and Trinity House we still maintain that the Pilot Transfer Simulation was undertaken under sterile conditions with experienced personnel and that this does not adequately reflect "real world" conditions.

URN 1.12.11

Trinity House had commented at an early stage we did not agree on the overreliance of third parties with respect to Table 22 item 3 unless this could be enforced and secured. The applicant informed us at later meetings this was being removed.

URN 1.12.16

It is our view that the state of tide is an important factor affecting the compression of traffic in the area. Larger vessels will be restricted by the state of tide and the assumption that smaller vessels will be further from this area at high tide is a significant factor. Smaller vessels may be able to use increased sea room at differing heights of tide depending on their drafts, local knowledge, and the experience of the crew.

Please address all correspondence regarding this matter to myself at russell.dunham@thls.org and to Mr Steve Vanstone at navigation.directorate@thls.org

Yours faithfully,



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