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Dear Sir or Madam, please find attached written representations (with summary) and responses to the EXa Question 1, from the rule 8 letter for the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm Development Consent Order EN010084 on behalf of the The National Trust ref: 20012611.

#### Thanking you in advance,

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#### **ExA First Written Questions (ExQ1)**

## Q 1.3.2

Does the National Trust consider that the proposed development seeks to compulsorily acquire any land belonging to the National Trust which is held by the Trust inalienably and subject to the operation of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) section 130 (s130 PA2008)?

Answer: The position is not entirely clear from the drafting of the Order and the Book of reference. In its written representations, The National Trust has made some suggestions for amendments to the draft DCO and the Book of Reference, which if combined with a legally binding undertaking from the applicant that it will not compulsorily acquire any of the Trust's interests in its land (including the compulsory acquisition of rights over those interests) then it would be satisfied.

However, on the date of the submission of this response, the Trust received an email from Mr John Hillis (Director of Blackhall and Powis, Chartered Surveyors acting for the applicant) saying "I write further to my email of 10 December 2018 to confirm that Vattenfall are intending to amend the DCO submission at the next PINs deadline to bring the National Trust interest into the scope of the application for powers of compulsory acquisition.

This would appear to suggest that whatever the views of the Trust are on the application as made, they are likely to be overtaken by events imminently.

### Q 1.16.3

Landscape and Visual Effects of Cable Alignments in Pegwell Bay Country Park and National Nature Reserve Have adequate siting and design mitigation measures been taken to address the landscape and visual effects of cable alignments in Pegwell Bay Country Park and National Nature Reserve? If not, please identify if any additional measures are sought and for what purpose. In particular, please provide your assessment of the adequacy of the following measures. If you conclude that any are not adequate, please identify how you recommend that the measures should be changed.

- a) Changes to the sea wall at the landfall location in Pegwell Bay Country Park (Work No.3B);
- b) Reinstatement and management of the cable alignment from the landfall location through Pegwell Bay south west to the boundary of the National Nature Reserve (Works Nos.4 and 4A); and

c) The landscape and visual relationship between the cable alignment from the landfall location through Pegwell Bay south west to the boundary of the National Nature Reserve and the adjacent existing Nemo Link cable alignment (Works Nos.4 and 4A).

Answer:

Discussion Point	National Trust
a) Work No3.B changes to the sea wall	The National Trust do not agree changes to the sea wall without further consultation and provision of detailed plans and designs of any proposed changes to the sea wall. To date we have no designs or detail as to the structure its location and any construction requirements particular as regards the cable connector against which to assess any impacts, so we are unable to provide a fuller answer.
b) Works Nos 4 and 4A cable alignment	On the basis of the withdrawal of Option B for the overland cable route we accept the underground route and reinstatement and management of this route to a standard approved and acceptable to Kent CC and Kent Wildlife Trusts as the land managers for the Country Park.
c) Works Nos 4 and 4A cable alignment adjacent the Nemo Link	On the basis of the withdrawal of Option B for the overland cable route we accept the underground route and reinstatement and management of this route to a standard approved and acceptable to Kent CC and Kent Wildlife Trusts as the land managers for the Country Park.

### Q 1.16.4

Offshore Works Has the Applicant proposed adequate siting and design, seascape, landscape and visual mitigation measures for offshore works and particular wind turbiun generator (WTG) arrays, taking account of their relationship with the existing Thanet Offshore Wind Farm and the potential differences of scale between the installed and proposed WTGs? If not, what additional measures should be taken and why?

#### Answer:

The National Trust has no view on the Offshore Works provisions.