



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 2. This being with reference to the applicant's responses to the Examination Authority's (ExA) *First Written Questions*: Document EN010084-01000

Trinity House has the following comments in respect of the applicant's response to the ExA:

Navigation: Maritime and Air

PINS Question Number 1.12.30.

The applicant's response at paragraph C is still maintaining that the Trinity House Drill Stone buoy is keeping vessels away from the existing wind farm. This is factually incorrect as the buoy is marking the Drill Stone bank. The provision of this buoy, to mark the bank, will be reviewed when discussing the layout and any future marking of the Thanet Offshore Wind Farm and/or the proposed extension. Trinity House will not be providing aids to navigation solely for marking the wind farm as this requirement will be laid upon the operator.

PINS Question Number 1.12.31.

Trinity House are also concerned with the applicant's assumptions of a moving 500m safety zone during the construction and other phases of the development. The additional restriction of 450m outside of the red line boundary will further constrict marine traffic between the wind farm and Kent coast for which, in our opinion, adequate mitigation is not apparent in the applicant's plans.

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Article 16 Public rights of navigation.

Trinity House consider paragraph (2) of Article 16 to be excessive and has no definitive time frame for the extinguishment of the rights. As the plan can be submitted to the Secretary of State at any time prior to the commencement of the activities, we consider that this clause is entirely inappropriate. The normal procedure has been to place the buoyage marking the construction area approximately 6-8 weeks prior to construction. We consider that an extinguishment of the public rights of navigation should not take place until the area has been marked and construction is due to commence.

Where responses submitted by the applicant have not otherwise necessitated a further response by Trinity House, no additional comment is made at this time. We would, however, respectfully wish to provide such further comments, and as may be required by the ExA, in response to specific questions as the application process continues.

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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