



TRINITY HOUSE

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

**The Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm Project
Written Response following Issue Specific Hearing (ISH 5) Maritime, Shipping,
Navigation, Safety for Deadline 3**

Dear Sir / Madam

We refer to the above application for development consent.

Trinity House attended and made submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing 5 on the draft Development Consent Order on Wednesday 20 February 2019 ("**the ISH**").

Accordingly, Trinity House submits its Written Summaries of the Oral Submissions at the above ISH as follows:-

Trinity House Summary of Oral Submission at ISH5

- Captain Barker reiterated the Trinity House position that in our opinion, the increased risk posed to marine traffic by the proposed development remains intolerable.
- We still consider there is an over reliance on quantitative data over qualitative data within the NRA.
- We stated that in our opinion additional buoyage as risk mitigation between the proposed development and the Kent coast would be ineffective as it would further constrict the marine traffic flow.
- Trinity House remain happy to discuss any proposed revisions to the current red line boundary and any other identified risk mitigation measures.

Trinity House Response to Action Points from ISH 5

Action Point 1.

Trinity House are of the opinion that the National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure (EN-3) is of paramount importance when considering an Offshore Renewable Energy Development application.

Action Point 2

Trinity House are of the opinion that the area between the proposed development and Kent coast is used by all types of marine vessels for navigation and will defer to the MCA/DfT on the legal definitions required.

Action Point 5

As per our oral submissions at ISH3 and ISH5 Trinity House consider the NRA to have an over reliance on quantitative data over qualitative data.
We remain in discussion with the applicant over risk mitigation measures which could be used to reduce the perceived risks to an acceptable level.

Action Point 7

Trinity House were in attendance and participated in the technical workshop. We were content to hear from the applicant that they are considering a change to the proposed development area and are engaging with stakeholders on concerns raised.

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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