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The Applicant's response to Deadline 4

Dear Ms Kate Mignano,

Vattenfall Wind Power Limited ("the Applicant") is writing to you today in order to consult you on a material change to the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm ("the Project").

The Project will be located approximately 8 km offshore from the coast of Kent, at its closet point and will have an installed capacity of up to 340MW. The Applicant submitted an application (the 'Application') to the Secretary of State (the 'SoS') for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') on 27 June 2018 under Section 37 of The Planning Act 2008 (the 'Act') to authorise the construction, operation and maintenance of Project. The Application was accepted for Examination by the SoS on 23 July 2018 and the Examination began on 11 December 2018.

The Project qualifies as Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Application was therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement ('ES'), setting out the findings of the EIA.

Following Deadline 3 of the Examination, the Applicant committed to amend the project to seek to address issues raised by Interested Parties ("IPs") concerning availability of sea room and navigation safety in the area to the west of the Project.

The amendment introduces a Structures Exclusion Zone (SEZ) within the proposed Order Limits in order to ensure that no part of any structure (including turbines, offshore substation, meteorological mast, wave buoys and floating Lidar) can be placed within this area. This amendment was submitted at Deadline 4 of the Examination to the Planning Inspectorate.

The SEZ delineates an area within the Order Limits (termed the Red Line Boundary) in order to ensure that structures (including turbines, offshore substation, meteorological mast, wave buoys and floating Lidar) cannot be placed within this area. The SEZ will be specifically defined in the draft Order and demarcated on the offshore works plan(s).

On 9 April 2019 the Examining Authority made a procedural decision to accept the material change. That letter and its Annexes can be found on the PINS' website:

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

The Applicant has produced a package of documents (the 'Consultation Documents') setting out information on the proposed material change. The Consultation Documents are available to view or download free of charge from the project website:

<https://corporate.vattenfall.co.uk/projects/wind-energy-projects/thanet-extension/what-did-the-public-tell-us/consultation-on-material-change/>

The Consultation Documents comprise the following:

1. Structures Exclusion Zone Explanatory Report
2. Review of the Environment Statement and Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment in relation to the Structure Exclusion Zone
3. Revised Offshore Works Plan

4. Addendum to Navigation Risk Assessment (and associated annexes)
5. An addendum to the Environmental Statement (ES) assessing the SEZ proposal
6. Review of Application Documents with regards to the Structures Exclusion Zone
7. The consequences of the SEZ on assessment of the Outer Thames Estuary and Flamborough and Filey Coast SPAs
8. Implications of the SEZ - Seascape, Landscape and Visual Effects
9. Implications of the SEZ - Seascape, Landscape and Visual Effects - Wirelines
10. Structure Exclusion Zone, Onshore Heritage
11. Assessment of the implications of the implementation of the Structures Exclusion Zone in relation to commercial fisheries
12. Shipping and Navigation Statement of Evidence and Accompanying Figures

The Applicant will also publish a suite of documents on Monday 29th April as part of the Examination process, including a revised draft Development Consent Order and Thanet Extension Structures Exclusion Zone Consented Works Clarification Note. These documents will not form part of the consultation package but will be able at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/thanet-extension-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs> and can be reviewed to inform consultation responses.

A hard copy of all the Consultation Documents is available on request for a maximum copying charge of £200. Hard copies of individual documents are also available on request. A USB of the documents is available on request. The documents (or a USB) can be obtained by writing to:

Post: FAO: Thanet Extension Project, 1 Tudor Street, 1st Floor, London, EC4Y 0AH
E-mail: info@thanetextension.com

Please provide any comments that you have on the material change no later than **Sunday 26th May 2019**.

If you wish to make representations in respect of the proposed material change as part of this consultation process, these should be sent directly to the Applicant. Please include your name and an address where any correspondence relating to the Project can be sent.

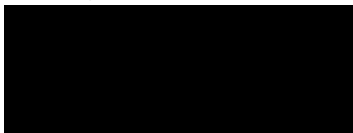
Responses may be submitted in the following ways:

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Your comments will be reviewed by the Applicant and a consultation report analysing those comment, with all responses appended in full, will be produced and made available following the expiry of the consultation period to Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant parties involved in the DCO process.

Should you have any questions please contact Daniel Bates at Daniel.bates@vattenfall.com.

Kind regards



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