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Dear Inspectors,

Response to Examination Questions/Commentary on the Draft DCO

PINS Ref: EN010084

Application by Vattenfall Wind Power Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Please find enclosed Dover District Council's response to the Examination commentary on the Draft DCO issued on 16th May 2019.

Response to Questions/Commentary:

5 – DDC can advise that it would normally expect the following matters to be submitted prior to any works commencing on site including clearance, services or temporary structures:

- Access Management
- Construction Environmental Management Plan
- Temporary Fencing
- Contamination land and Ground water plan
- Construction noise and vibration management plan
- Construction management plan
- Archaeological investigations

Without these details before any works commence it is possible that site clearance, plant, temporary structures and management of construction vehicles, noise, etc. are not adequately controlled or addressed by the proposed development. Most of these aspects would normally be pre-commencement conditions that cover all associated works.

19 – DDC do not know why this date has been identified, all Tree Preservation Orders are relevant if the trees are still alive/on-site.

22 – DDC have no further comments on this matter.

23 – DDC agree with the Inspectors comments on this point but have no further comments on this matter.

24 – DDC agree that there may be some need for further clarity on this Article, but have no further comments.

27 – DDC would comment that these are very strict deadlines that give no consideration to the number of such applications received by an authority. A 3 day turnaround is impractical on a day to day basis and does not account for most eventualities that are experienced at a local authority level. Additional information to consider the initial submission would normally be at least 5 working days and such information would normally be requested by a consultee who would have 21 days to comment once consulted. In practice comments arrive after the 21 day period due to pressure of resources and workloads. DDC would suggest that these time periods need to be extended and the terms set out do not allow sufficient time to consider detailed and complex matters appropriately.

41 – DDC have no further comments on this matter and would refer to KCC Archaeology and Historic England for their guidance on this matter.

I hope these responses adequately identify DDC current position in respect of these matters and assist the Inquiry accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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