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Dear Mr. Smith,

Re: Application by Vattenfall Wind Power Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm - Response to Examining Authority's third written questions and requests for information (ExQ3)

Kent County Council (KCC) provides the following response to the third written questions published by the Planning Inspectorate on 16 May 2019.

3.10 Historic Environment

ExQ 3.10.3

Draft Onshore WSI

Would Historic England and Kent County Council please confirm if they are satisfied with the [REP5-006] revised Draft Onshore WSI submitted at Deadline 5, in particular:

- a) the approach to investigations in general as now described in para 1.1.3 onwards and detailed in Section 6, dividing strategy and investigative works into phases and/or zones;
- b) in relation to (a), whether Historic England's concerns regarding the need for 'a more detailed and targeted approach' are now resolved;
- c) the evaluation of assessment to inform the final design;
- d) clarification of responsibilities previously contradicted in the earlier draft paras 3.5.2 and 3.5.3;

- e) the WSI to include the scope of works in the intertidal zone and how the method of mitigating impacts will be selected;
- f) the objectives stated in 2.2.1 as now expanded to include specific mention of the Boarded Groins and WWII defences;
- g) the introduction of pre-construction investigation as recommended by Historic England; and
- h) clarification on outputs from the 'watching brief' as distinct from outputs from specific archaeological works.

KCC response

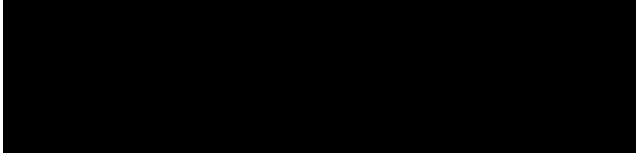
The applicant issued a revised Written Scheme of Investigation to the County Council on Friday 24 May 2019. The County Council understand that this revised WSI is to be submitted by the applicant to the Planning Inspectorate at Deadline 6 (Tuesday 28 May 2019). The comments below relate to this revised WSI.

- a) The County Council is satisfied with the approach to investigations in general as now described, dividing strategy and investigative works into phases and/or zones.
- b) Historic England may be the more appropriate organisation to respond to this question. However, the County Council considers that separating the scheme of works into a zone approach has provided a more targeted approach.
- c) KCC is satisfied with the evaluation of assessment to inform the final design.
- d) Although the paragraphs are unaltered, the wider changes have better clarified the roles and responsibilities and KCC is satisfied with these paragraphs.
- e) The County Council is satisfied that the WSI includes the scope of works in the intertidal zone, and with how the method of mitigating impacts will be selected.
- f) KCC is satisfied with the expanded objectives set out in 2.2.1.
- g) The pre-construction surveys, assessments and investigations set out in the schedule of works is welcomed. This is necessary to enable mitigation through design measures and thereby accommodate preservation where that is appropriate.
- h) KCC is satisfied that there is suitable clarification from the outputs from the watching brief as distinct from the outputs from the specific archaeological works.

KCC looks forward to continued working with the applicant and Planning Inspectorate as the project progresses through the last stages of the Examination process and will welcome the opportunity to comment on matters of detail further, as may be required.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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