



**TRINITY HOUSE**

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**The Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm Project  
Written Representations to the Examining Authority for Deadline 8**

Dear Sir / Madam

Trinity House (TH) requests to submit representations please to the Examining Authority (ExA) consequent to submissions made by the applicant at Deadline 7.

In particular, it has recently been brought to TH's attention that the applicant's submission comprising Appendix 2 to Deadline 7 Submission (Revision A) refers, *inter alia*, to ExQ3 Question 3.12.23 ***Decrease of navigational risk since 1997.***

In its *summary* of TH's response submitted to the ExA at Deadline 6 dated 28 May 2019 the applicant has incorrectly stated that:-

*'TH do state that navigation risk has decreased locally and internationally 1997'*

For the avoidance of doubt TH wish to highlight that the applicant's statement in this regard (i.e. as suggested in its summary of TH's response at Deadline 6) is not correct. This wording was not included as part of TH's response at Deadline 6. It was merely referenced to provide context to the original question that had been put to TH in this regard.

For ease of clarification TH's response stated at Deadline 6 was:-

**"TH's response:**

TH do not agree with this statement. Whilst there has been an increase in the technologies available to the marine user (eg electronic charting and satellite navigation devices) not all mariners are equipped with these devices to the same level, and it has been shown that not all make full use of the equipment available to them. There are still numerous vessels with a reliance on traditional navigation methods. The introduction of AIS systems to the marine user

has had an impact on navigation for those mariners with access to it but this also has limitations. There are still numerous incidents globally, some extremely serious, every year involving navigational errors and poor risk management”.

TH wishes to draw the above to the attention of the ExA please to avoid any misunderstanding of TH's position on the matter.

We trust that these submissions are helpful and would ask that all correspondence regarding this matter is addressed to myself at [russell.dunham@thls.org](mailto:russell.dunham@thls.org) and to Mr Steve Vanstone at [navigation.directorate@thls.org](mailto:navigation.directorate@thls.org)

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.

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