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Dear Sirs

Norfolk Boreas Limited
Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm
Application Ref: EN010087

Deadline 6 Submissions

We write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2019 (the **Rule 8 letter**). In accordance with the examination timetable at Annex A of the Rule 8 letter, we enclose the following in response to Deadline 6:

1. Comments on responses to the Examining Authority's (**ExA**) Further Written Questions
2. Updated Compulsory Acquisition Objections Schedule
3. Updated Statements of Common Ground
4. Updated Guide to the Application
5. Other information (Additional Submissions) including HRA Integrity and Screening Matrices, Position Statements, and an updated Explanatory Memorandum.

The Applicant refers the ExA to the Guide to the Application (Document Reference 1.4 (Version 8)) for a full list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6.

Rule 17 Request for Further Information

By way of letter dated 27 February 2020, the ExA requested that the Applicant undertakes a thorough review of the features listed under 'SPA' and 'Ramsar' for those designated sites where both designations apply. Following this review, the features for SPA and Ramsar sites have now been amended to correspond with the Natural England citations, as requested by the ExA. The previous listings were made of different data sources, e.g. JNCC which in some cases have different features listed.

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Statements of Common Ground

The Applicant has progressed matters with stakeholders in relation to SoCGs, as outlined in the Statement of Commonality.

As the ExA are aware, in their response to the Rule 6 letter Natural England explained that they are not proposing to issue mid-examination SoCGs (i.e. at Deadlines 2 and 6); instead, Natural England proposes to work with the Applicant to submit a final SoCG, once all issues have been either resolved or progressed as far as possible (i.e. at Deadline 9). Whilst Natural England propose to submit a Risk and Issues Log at each deadline, in accordance with the Rule 8 letter the Applicant has updated the SoCG as a record of the Applicant's understanding on how issues have been progressed with Natural England. Although the Applicant has discussed the points within the SoCG with Natural England, in view of Natural England's position outlined above, final updates to the Deadline 6 SoCG have not been approved by Natural England. It should, however, be noted that the Applicant considers that progress has been made with Natural England.

We would be grateful if you could kindly confirm safe receipt.

Yours faithfully

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