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Dear Frances Fernandes

Application by Norfolk Boreas Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response at Deadline 7 of the Norfolk Boreas Examination. Please find attached:

- Natural England's response to DCO documents submitted at Deadline 5 and 6
- Natural England's response to Applicants comments on Deadline 4 submissions
- Natural England's response to Applicants responses to Examining Authority's Further Written Questions
- Updated Ornithology Collision Risk Modelling Advice (previously submitted 12th march prior to ISH).
- Natural England's Updated Ornithology Advice
- Natural England's response to Haisborough Hammond and Winterton Special Area of Conservation Position Paper
- Natural England's advice on Norfolk Boreas' updated cumulative (EIA) and in-combination (HRA) collision risk offshore ornithological assessment
- Natural England's response to updated Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening and Integrity Matrices
- Natural England's Risk and Issues Log
- Natural England's response to Examining Authority's third round of Written Questions

Deadline 8

We will endeavour to respond to the following Documents for Deadline 8:

- HHW SAC SIP (version 3)
- Additional information for the HHW SAC Position Paper
- We will endeavour to engage in SoCG

Derogations

Unfortunately we have not been able to provide comment on the Position Statement on Derogations; Natural England is currently in the process of reviewing and providing comment of the Norfolk Vanguard and Hornsea Project 3 documents in order to provide our statutory advice to the Secretary of State. We do not wish to prejudice our advice on either the NVG or HP3 projects therefore we will provide further advice on this after the 9th April HP3 Deadline and 27th April NVG Deadline (i.e. Norfolk Boreas Deadline 9).

Changes to Timetable

We note the changes to the examination timetable due to COVID-19. Natural England will endeavour to respond within shortened deadlines however with reduced and changing staff availability we may not be able to respond to documents by the subsequent deadline. We are likely to comment on documents

submitted at Deadline 7 for Deadline 9 and will provide response to the RIES document as per our statutory function. However, if the ExA wishes Natural England to comment on documents outside of the RIES and updated draft application documents then please can you make the request explicit so we may plan appropriately.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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