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Dear Sirs

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

Deadline 10 Submissions

We write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2019, the amended examination timetable dated 19 March 2020, and the further amended examination timetable dated 28 April 2020. In accordance with Annex A of the further amended examination timetable, we enclose the following in response to Deadline 10:

1. Responses to comments on the Report on the Implications for European Sites (**RIES**);
2. Responses to the fourth round of written questions;
3. Updated draft DCO and Schedule of Changes;
4. Updated Statements of Common Ground;
5. Updated Compulsory Acquisition Objections schedule;
6. Any other information as requested by the Examining Authority (**ExA**).

The Applicant refers the ExA to the Guide to the Application (Document Reference ExA.GtA.D10.V12 (Version 12)) for a full list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 10.

BT Out of Service Cables

As outlined in the Additional Information to the Haisborough Hammond and Winterton (HHW) Special Area of Conservation (SAC) position paper (in particular Annex 3 - BT Cable Recovery Letter of Comfort [REP6-020]), the Applicant has been actively progressing agreements for the removal of disused cables in order to further minimise the number of crossing locations that would require cable protection.

The Applicant has now signed an out of service agreement with BT Subsea and DTAG, meaning that all but two of the out of service cables located within the HHW SAC can now be removed where necessary.

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This agreement has allowed the Applicant to reduce the amount of cable protection to be deployed within the HHW SAC – an approach that has been endorsed by Natural England as it will further reduce any risks of AEoI for the HHW SAC. This reduction in cable protection is secured in the updated dDCO submitted at Deadline 10 (document reference 3.1 (version 7)).

The Applicant is also very close to signing an agreement with BT Subsea on the remaining two cables, which would allow a further reduction in the amount of cable protection needed for the HHW SAC.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The Wildlife Trusts (TWT)

The Applicant can confirm that the Applicant and TWT have agreed an MoU to outline the further working relationship, particularly in relation to the post-consent and pre-construction phase of the Project should development consent be granted.

Comments on the implications of the representations made in relation to the Secretary of State's consultation(s)

The Applicant has responded to relevant stakeholder submissions on the implications of the Secretary of State's consultation on Norfolk Vanguard and any other relevant offshore wind farm applications within the document titled Applicant's Comments on Deadline 9 Submissions (ExA.ASR.D10.V1).

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

Yours faithfully

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