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Dear Sian

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

Deadline 15 Submissions

We write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2019, and the updated examination timetable dated 19 May 2020. In accordance with Annex A of the updated examination timetable, we enclose the following in response to Deadline 15:

1. The Applicant's comments on Responses to the fifth round of Written Questions; and
2. The Applicant's comments on Natural England and the MMO's Deadline 14 Submissions.

The Applicant refers the Examining Authority (**ExA**) to the Guide to the Application (Document Reference ExA.GtA.D14.V16 (Version 16)) for a full list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 15.

Comments on Deadline 14 submissions

As you will be aware, Deadline 14 submissions were made available on the afternoon of Wednesday 26 August. Given this and also that Monday 31 August was a bank holiday coupled with the volume of documents submitted at Deadline 14, the Applicant has only been able to comment on Natural England's and the MMO's Deadline 14 submissions (document reference: ExA.ASR.NE.MMO. D15.V1) at this stage. However, the Applicant will respond at Deadline 16 to those Deadline 14 submissions not addressed at Deadline 15.

As the Applicant explains in its comments on Natural England's Deadline 14 submission [ExA.ASR.NE.MMO.D15.V1], the Applicant understood from previous engagement with Natural England that all compensatory packages were agreed and that the outstanding points were matters of finer detail to be dealt with post consent (in the event that the Secretary of State considered that compensatory measures were necessary). Notwithstanding this, and following Natural England's further advice on 28 August 2020, the Applicant is providing a programme to Natural England in order to obtain Natural England's engagement on the new information requested for the FFC SPA compensatory measures (Natural England having now confirmed that no further information is required for the HHW and AOE compensatory measures). If agreed with Natural England, the programme of engagement would enable

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the further information requested by Natural England to be submitted into the examination on 28 September 2020. The Applicant will provide a further update on these timescales at Deadline 16, once it has discussed this further with Natural England.

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

Yours faithfully

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