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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 16 Submissions

We write further to the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 letter dated 19 November 2019, and the updated examination timetables dated 19 May 2020 and 4 September 2020. In accordance with Annex A of the 4 September 2020 updated examination timetable, we enclose the following in response to Deadline 16:

1. Details of updated compensatory measures for Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA (**FFC SPA**) from the Applicant and Natural England; and
2. Applicant's Response to the Examining Authority's Request for further information dated 10 September 2020.

The Applicant refers the Examining Authority (**ExA**) to the Guide to the Application (Document Reference ExA.GtA.D16.V17 (Version 17)) for a full list of documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 16.

Updated compensation measures for the kittiwake feature of the FFC SPA

The Applicant has produced an addendum to REP11-012 (In principle Habitats Regulations Derogation Provision of Evidence Appendix 1 Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area (kittiwake) In Principle Compensation) which provides responses to the issues raised by Natural England in their advice provided to the Applicant on the 28th August 2020 as referenced in [REP15-009]. The information in the addendum should be read in conjunction with the previous submissions on this topic contained in REP11-012. The specific points raised by Natural England are provided within the addendum followed by the Applicant's response. The Applicant has also sought early engagement with Natural England on the Addendum by providing Natural England with a draft of the Addendum, and seeking to address Natural England's comments on this draft, before finalising the version of the Addendum now submitted to the examination.

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Comments on Deadline 15 submissions

As the Applicant explained in its Deadline 15 cover letter [REP15-001], the Applicant was only able to comment on Natural England's and the MMO's Deadline 14 submissions [REP15-004] by Deadline 15.

Accordingly, and in view of the length of time between Deadline 14, 15 and the revised Deadline 16, the Applicant considered it helpful to provide comments on the remaining Deadline 14 submissions, in addition to comments on Deadline 15, at the earliest opportunity. The Applicant therefore submitted these two documents on 8 September 2020 ([AS-080] and [AS-081]), which were accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The Applicant has continued to progress matters with stakeholders and the Applicant has reached final positions with a number of stakeholders. The Applicant has therefore submitted these updated SoCGs at Deadline 16:

- Anglian Water Services Limited Statement of Common Ground (Version 3)
- Environment Agency Statement of Common Ground (Version 5)
- Highways England Statement of Common Ground (Version 3)
- Marine Management Organisation Statement of Common Ground (Version 6)
- Natural England Statement of Common Ground (Version 5)
- Natural England (Offshore Ornithology) Statement of Common Ground (Version 5)
- Norfolk County Council Statement of Common Ground (Version 4)
- Royal Society of the Protection of Birds Statement of Common Ground (Version 5)
- Orsted Hornsea Project Three Statement of Common Ground (Version 5).

Any SoCGs that are outstanding will follow at Deadline 17 or Deadline 18; and the Applicant will provide an updated table in its Deadline 18 cover letter to cross-refer to the final versions of SoCGs and the deadlines at which they were submitted.

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

Yours faithfully

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