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Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55

Application by Orsted Hornsea Project Four Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (Generating Stations)

Response to Adequacy of Consultation Request

I write in response to your written request of 4th October 2021 for Hull City Council's consideration, as a local authority consultee under Section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), as to the adequacy of pre-application consultation undertaken by Orsted Hornsea Project Four Ltd in connection with the above proposals, and in light of the provisions set out within Sections 42, 47, and 48 of the aforementioned Act.

Section 42 – Duty to consult

I consider that Orsted Hornsea Project Four Ltd have complied with the requirements of Section 42, as demonstrated within the submitted consultation report and compliance checklist annex:

- appropriate prescribed consultees as befitting the circumstances of the case
- the Marine Management Organisation given the potential for effects on the marine environment
- the appropriate local authorities.

In addition, Hull City Council recognise and confirm the further positive engagement with the applicant and related draft document sharing referenced within Volume B1, Annex 1.1: Evidence Plan.

Section 47 – Duty to consult the local community

I am of the view that Orsted Hornsea Project Four Ltd have complied with the requirements of Section 47, as demonstrated within the submitted consultation report and accompanying compliance checklist annex through:

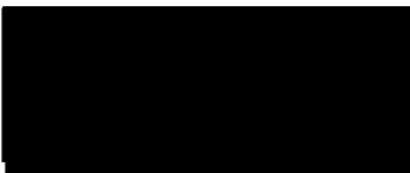
- the provision of a statement setting out how the developer intends to consult with the local community over the development proposals
- consultation with the local authorities on the content of the statement prior to undertaking the programme of local community consultation, affording 28 days beginning with the day following receipt of notification for a response
- giving regard to responses received from local authorities
- making the Statement of Community Consultation document available for public inspection in a way reasonably convenient to the local community, with notice and associated information posted in a number of locally circulating newspapers
- carrying out the consultation as set out within the Statement of Community Consultation

Section 48 – Duty to publicise

Orsted Hornsea Project Four have, in my opinion, complied with the requirements of Section 48, as demonstrated within the submitted consultation report and compliance checklist annex through:

- Publicising the application in a local newspaper for two consecutive weeks
- Publicising the application in a national newspaper and in the London gazette for a period of one week

Yours faithfully,



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