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Dear Sir/Madam

Hornsea Project Four

Please accept my apologies for the late submission of this request to attend the preliminary meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. I hope you will be able to accept this slightly late request.

Further to the recent Rule 6 letter, I am writing to register the RSPB to attend the Preliminary Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 22 February 2022 starting at 1000am. The RSPB requests that the following RSPB staff are invited to attend:

- Andrew Dodd
- Oriole Wagstaff
- Rosie Sutherland

Andrew Dodd will be the lead spokesperson for the RSPB. We would be grateful if it is possible to allow us to raise our request as set out below

We request to speak under the following agenda items:

Item 3 Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

Specifically the *“Adequacy of the draft DCO Requirements and Deemed Marine Licence Conditions and associated outline management plans to secure proposed mitigation and monitoring”* and *“ Whether any additional Requirements or Conditions would be necessary.”* As well as references within the EIA and HRA sections again with the focus being on **outline** plans. In our view the applicant should be striving towards detailed plans as far as possible to ensure the Examining Authority has financial, ecological and legal certainty.

Item 5 (Draft Examination timetable)

In respect of the following:

- Request clarification from the Applicant on what further documents/updates they intend to submit to the Examination and at what deadlines in respect of offshore ornithology matters. Three aspects in particular:
 - Updates to offshore ornithological impacts assessments
 - Updates and additions to the proposed package of compensation measures for seabirds, including additional information in respect of its seabird bycatch reduction proposal.
 - Updated mitigation, compensation and monitoring plans in light of new information/assessment produced.

With a request that these are submitted as soon as possible with adequate time, especially if new environmental information is included, for consultation with interested stakeholders.

In relation to the DCO we note that an updated draft dDCO is due at Deadline 2 alongside written representations, but that the Examining Authority’s commentary on the dDCO is not due until Deadline 16, 28th July. Whilst we appreciate there may be Examining Authority questions on the dDCO, would it be more helpful to have the Issue Specific Hearing on the DCO after this date? Or a second issue specific hearing on the DCO if needed?

With kind regards

Andrew Dodd

Head of Casework

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