

**Dated**

**29 March 2022**

**APPLICATION BY ORSTED HORNSEA PROJECT FOUR LIMITED FOR AN  
ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE HORNSEA PROJECT  
FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM**

**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NO: 20029889**

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**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN REPRESENTATION  
submitted on behalf of Network Rail  
Infrastructure Limited**

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## **Summary of Written Representation**

1. Network Rail (**NR**) does not object in principle to the Proposed Development. However, it objects to the impact of the Proposed Development on the lifespan of seven level crossings due to the number of vehicles proposed to utilise them as part of the construction traffic route.
2. The parties have agreed an approach with regards to six of the level crossings but continue to negotiate the approach with regards to the Wansford Road Level Crossing. NR's asset protection team have considered the impact of the additional vehicle movements resulting from the Proposed Development on the Wansford Road Level Crossing and concluded that, without sufficient improvement works, this will have an adverse impact on its lifespan.
3. To mitigate these risks, NR considers it to be important to secure appropriate protective provisions for NR's statutory undertaking, amendments to the requirements of the Proposed DCO to regulate the use of the Wansford Road Level Crossing and to enter into an agreement that regulates the use of the seven level crossings and the carrying out of improvement works of any improvement works to the level crossing deckings and approach roads.
4. NR requests that the protective provisions appended to the Written Representation be included in the DCO at Part 4 of Schedule 9 and that amendments be made to Requirement 18 of Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the DCO as set out in the Written Representation (to ensure that NR is consulted in relation to and approves a construction traffic management plan) to safeguard operational railway.
5. If sufficient progress regarding the protective provisions for railway interests and the private agreements between NR and the Applicant is not made between the parties in the coming weeks, NR will attend an appropriate hearing to explain in detail the impacts.

**Addleshaw Goddard LLP**