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Your ref: EN010098
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Dear Sir/Madam

HORNSEA PROJECT FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER: WRITTEN REPRESENTATION.

Since the submission of our Relevant Representation (RR-010), we have continued to engage with the applicant to discuss ways of addressing the matters raised within our representation. Many of the matters raised within our earlier representation have now been addressed, but following review of the applicant's response to our RRs (REP1-038) we have sought to clarify those matters that we considered to be outstanding. We consider the main issue to be that around our land ownership and potential for future flood defence works at Watton Beck, and this closely reflects the position given within the submitted draft Statement of Common Ground (REP1-041).

For ease, our response follows in the same order as within RR-010.

Draft DCO

Schedule 1, Part 3: Requirement 17 – Code of construction practice

In RR-010, we requested greater clarity on the temporary access tracks over 'main rivers'. The applicant has now provided the information on specific locations, which confirm that five 'main rivers' would require temporary bridge crossings. However, we still expect to see justification of why existing crossings cannot be used.

At three of these locations (Watton Beck, Scurf Dyke and Driffield Canal) there are flood embankments within the cable corridor that we would not accept being utilised for temporary crossings unless they can be designed so as not to load, interact or disturb flood infrastructure (including embankments). Any temporary crossings at these locations would need to work independently of any flood defences so as not to load or disturb those defences, and to allow ongoing access for inspection and maintenance.

