



## The Planning Inspectorate

### Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project four Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm

### Hearing Action Points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 5: marine and costal ornithology that was held virtually on Thursday 28 April 2022

Action	Description	Action by	When
1	Ensure timely delivery of accurate information to allow due consideration of new submissions by parties to the Examination, particularly those that may have resource constraints.	All	Ongoing
2	Submit a fully worked and interpreted example of the revised gannet displacement assessment using MRSea_V2 in an interim Assessment Sensitivity Report.	Applicant	Deadline (D)4
3	Submit completed Ornithology Assessment Sensitivity Report using the MRSea_V2 and final Population Viability Analysis results.	Applicant	D5
4	Provide updated analysis of regional breeding populations using updated Biologically Defined Minimum Population Scale values, adding in non-breeding element if appropriate.	Applicant	D4
5	Update relevant documents to include both flying and sitting auks in the displacement mortality analysis.	Applicant	D5
6	An update from Natural England (NE) on the timeline for publication of any revised guidance regarding the 'double-counting' of impacts on gannets through collision and displacement mortality.	Natural England	D4
7	Provide evidence from East Anglia ONE North and TWO decisions about which gannet avoidance rates were accepted by the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies and the Secretary of State.	Applicant	D4
8	Decide whether to provide a new report or annex to compare outputs when using the Counterfactual of Population Growth Rate and the Counterfactual of Final Population Size in the Population Viability Analysis. If not proposing to provide, justify why not.	Applicant	D4

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	If it is to be provided, confirm it would be submitted by D5.		
9	Submit further analysis of PVA model (including implications of Horswell paper) in updated Sensitivity Analysis report.	Applicant	D4 and D5
10	Submit supplementary report on indirect effects through prey impacts following delivery of marine physical process report update.	Applicant	D5
11	Applicant to clarify its response in entry RR-029-APDX:B-11 of [REP1-038], which was submitted blank at Deadline 1.	Applicant	D4
12	Applicant to clarify its response to entry RR-029-APDX:B-23 in [REP1-038] in respect of gulls or gannet.	Applicant	D4
13	Provide a summary of current positions in relation to likely significant effects in Environmental Impact Assessment terms on seabirds both in respect of the project alone and cumulatively including an indication of whether this is likely to be their final position, or if this may change before the end of the Examination as a result of further work that is currently underway.	NE and RSPB	D4
14	Undertake a review of the lighting of offshore infrastructure including whether design solutions that meet or exceed the minimum regulatory requirements could be included to moderate any adverse effects on birds. Include an analysis of how any such measures could be secured through any DCO.	Applicant	D5
15	In order to ensure the efficiency of the Examination, allow comment and iterative discussion, and to be in a position to resolve any outstanding matters before the close, submission of all new or amended documentation regarding marine and coastal ornithology matters.	Applicant	D5