



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 6: Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) that was held virtually on Friday 29 April 2022

Action	Description	Action by	When
1	Respond to each agenda item that is relevant to your remit, as raised by the Examining Authority and responded to by the Applicant during ISH6.	Natural England, Marine Management Organisation (MMO), The Wildlife Trusts, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	D4
2	Clarify position and provide evidence as to why post-consent monitoring suggested by Natural England and the MMO would not inform the Site Integrity Plan process.	Applicant	D4
3	Clarify Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) implications should any monitoring of bottlenose dolphin demonstrate that the assumptions used were not valid.	Applicant	D4
4	Confirm assessment numbers and implications for the gannet interest feature of the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area (SPA) from the MRSea_V2 model run.	Applicant	D4
5	Continue dialogue with the RSPB via the Statement of Common Ground process on the definition of the use of migration-free versus full breeding season for kittiwake and gannet.	Applicant and the RSPB	Ongoing
6	a) Clarification of position regarding the extent to which nesting habitat is a limiting factor for the breeding population of kittiwake in the southern North Sea, as the Examining Authority was not entirely clear about your response to its first written question HRA.1.36 in relation to this matter [REP2-082].	Natural England	D4

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	<p>b) Indicate if any 'displacement' effects of birds moving from natural nesting sites to artificial compensation sites would be a problem, given that the vacated nesting sites would presumably become available to recruits.</p> <p>c) Response to Applicant's evidence at IHS6 that kittiwake productivity has been found to be higher at offshore nesting colonies on artificial structures.</p>		
7	Provide interim results from the current predator eradication study for the Bailiwick of Guernsey.	Applicant	D5
8	Check and provide comment on the effect of Ramsar designations in relation to policy and legislative protection of proposed compensation sites in Guernsey.	Applicant	D4
9	<p>a) Provide clarification on the Proposed Development HRA implications of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and HRA measures contained in the Compensation Commitment Register [APP-060] for each of the proposed and without-prejudice compensation measures, including the columns that are currently blank.</p> <p>b) Comment on how the Competent Authority can be sure that each measure will be secured, if some or all of them are still subject to assessment for a later consent – not just HRA but also possibly EIA.</p> <p>c) Further, what if a measure needs neither a HRA nor a formal consent? How is it still assured for the purposes of the Development Consent Order Habitats Regulations Assessment (which relies upon it)?</p>	Applicant	D4
10	Provide a summary of your current position regarding project alone and in-combination HRA effects, including Adverse Effect on Integrity, whether a derogation case is robustly made, and if the necessary and without prejudice compensatory measures are sufficiently robust scientifically, and capable of	Natural England, the MMO, The Wildlife Trusts and the RSPB	D5

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	being secured and delivered, if required.		