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Dear Ms Dowling,

**Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm**

**The Examining Authority's Further Written Questions and requests for information (ExQ2) Issued on 30 May 2022**

**Planning Inspectorate Ref: EN010098**

**Our Registration ID: 20029898**

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Further to receipt of your letter, dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (vis. revised Examination Timetable) and your Further Written Questions (ExQ2), we hereby offer the following response for those matters directed to Historic England.



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**Question: HE.2.2*****Protection of military remains - any outstanding concerns***

In its WR [REP2-076, item 4.24] HE queries a lack of acknowledgement in the outline marine WSI *“that should the remains of military aircraft be found that all such sites are automatically afforded designated status as ‘protected places’ under the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986”*. The ExA notes that the outline marine WSI [APP-239] references that Act at para 4.61, para 7.11 and in Appendix A Table A1 and para 13. It is also referenced in the onshore WSI [REP3-012 para 10.9.1.1]. Would HE please clarify if it has outstanding concerns on this matter, and if so, specify what those concerns are?

**Historic England response**

We acknowledge that the Outline Marine WSI (as referenced above) in paragraph 4.6.1.2 (second bullet point) and paragraph 7.11.1.1 acknowledges the applicability of automatic protection for crashed military aircraft and we are therefore satisfied by the inclusion provided and we have no further comments to offer.

**Question: HE.2.11*****Amendments to the Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)***

Please confirm whether the additional wording provided by the Applicant in its Outline CoCP [REP4-019] adequately addresses the specific concerns of HE around the protection of the Beverley Sanctuary Limit Stone, Bishop Burton cross (NHLE 1012589). If not please set out what further information should be provided.

**Historic England response**

We are content with the further additional wording and we have no further comment to offer.

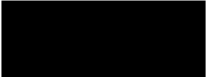
**Question: LV.2.1*****Updated viewpoint 6 photomontage***

The Applicant provided an updated photomontage for viewpoint 6 [REP4-036, Appendix C] in response to issues raised by the ExA at Issue Specific Hearing 2 [EV-009]. This suggests that the onshore substation and energy balancing infrastructure buildings as depicted by the Applicant’s Maximum Design Scenario would be partially visible from this viewpoint. How – if at all – does this depiction change your assessment of the visual impact of the Proposed Development from this viewpoint?

**Historic England response**

Viewpoint 6: Fishpond Wood, Risby Hall. The fact of the partial visibility has not changed, but we consider that the visual impact remains at ‘less than substantial harm’ to the significance of the designated site.

Yours sincerely,

  
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