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14th July 2022

Dear Ms Hopewell,

**Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm
Planning Inspectorate Ref: EN010098**

Issue Specific Hearings 8 & 9 on 19th July 2022

Historic England Registration ID No: 20029898

Thank you for your email of 12th July 2022 regarding the invitation from the Examination Authority to participate in Issue Specific Hearings 7 to 12 to be held between 18th and 22nd July 2022.

We note that the Examining Authority has identified a number of attendees including Historic England that may wish to participate in Issue Specific Hearing 8 (19th July morning session) and 9 (19th July afternoon session).

Regarding Issue Specific Hearing 8 on onshore environmental matters, we have noted that there are no items on the agenda that would appear to require input from Historic England, and we hereby give our apologies.

The matters identified on this agenda are not directly relevant to our role and responsibilities for the management and protection of the historic environment, but if there were any particular points that the Examination Authority want to raise with Historic England, we will check for any hearing Action Points following this hearing.



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Regarding Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 9 on offshore environmental matters, we note the agenda item on the historic environment relates to an update on the Statement of Common Ground to address matters inclusive of:

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) conclusions; and
- Commitments on management of risks to archaeological receptors, including geophysical survey pre-construction.

We are unable to attend this hearing, but we can confirm that progress has been made to produce a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), as demonstrated by the submission (Ref: REP5a-005) made by the Applicant at Deadline 5a (4th July 2022).

We consider our stated position in the SoCG confirms the advice we have offered to date, and we appreciate the attention directed by the Examination Authority at the management of risks to archaeological receptors (known/unknown). For example, the importance of conducting geophysical survey pre-construction, we therefore direct you to our position, as stated within the SoCG in line ID: G1 14: 2.4.

We understand the position of the Applicant is that archaeological assessment of geophysical survey obtained post-consent and pre-construction is demonstrated through the Commitments Register (to be included in Schedule 15: Documents to be certified), with its delivery secured through the archaeological conditions set out in the Deemed Marine Licences within the draft DCO (Schedules 11 and 12). We agree with the substance of these conditions, as captured in the SoCG and we have no further comment to offer.

Although we are unable to attend this ISH we will endeavour to check the recording when it is made available for this agenda item and check for any hearing Action Points as relevant to Historic England. However, if there were any particular points that the Examination Authority wish to raise with Historic England, please contact us and we will provide written submissions to address those points.

Yours sincerely,



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