



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 12 (ISH12) dealing with matters relating to the Habitats Regulations Assessment held virtually on Friday 22 July 2022

Action	Description	Action by	When
1	Natural England (NE) to confirm if the <i>Marine Processes Supplementary Report</i> [REP4-043] now satisfies its concerns in relation to the identification of receptors for the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).	NE	Deadline (D) 6
2	NE and the RSPB to provide comment on the adequacy of the revised ornithological baseline and any need for further assessment, mitigation and compensation considerations in relation to the HRA.	NE and RSPB	D6
3	Applicant to submit document entitled 'Offshore round 4 leasing plan-level Habitats Regulations Assessment' published by the Crown Estates (and referred to under agenda item 4.1) into the Examination at D6 and to follow up at D7 with a summary of the areas where the Applicant believes its case aligns with that set out in this document.	Applicant	D6 and D7
4	In relation to NE's advocated approach to apportioning seabirds to the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area, and having seen the Applicant's report and calculations, do NE and the RSPB have any further views on the approach that has been taken? Do they have any concerns around the quantum of compensation that NE's advocated approach appears to generate for guillemot in this case?	NE and RSPB	D6

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5	RSPB and NE to comment on any implications that come out of the report into <i>Indirect Effects of Forage Fish and Ornithology</i> [REP5-085] for the HRA.	NE and RSPB	D6
6	NE and the RSPB to respond to the principles of the Applicant's suggested approach to strategic compensation. Also, to comment firstly on whether the Applicant's HRA compensation documentation provides a robust rationale and justification for the alternative strategic approach to compensation, and secondly, on whether the Applicant has demonstrated that the strategic approach could fully address the type and quantum of compensation that is required.	NE and RSPB	D6
7	Applicant to further clarify the level and extent of protection given to Ramsar sites and cliffs outside Ramsar sites in the Bailiwick of Guernsey, including the effect of The Land Planning and Development (General Provisions) Ordinance, 2007.	Applicant	D6
8	RSPB and NE to respond to the updated predator eradication studies and compensation proposals, including the Applicant's further submissions about the future protection of any sites that could be utilised.	NE and RSPB	D6
9	NE and RSPB to summarise their current positions in relation to project and in-combination HRA effects.	NE and RSPB	D6
10	Applicant to provide an updated Examination Deliverables Summary document to detail the documents that have been submitted ahead of schedule and to signpost those that are still to be submitted, noting their content and purpose (where not clear from the title).	Applicant	D6
11	Marine Management Organisation (MMO) to ensure that it submits its position on whether the SELcum impact range should be considered in	MMO	D6

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	addition to the instantaneous SPLpeak PTS-onset impact range for marine mammals and the agreement reached by the Applicant and NE on this agreement at Deadline 6, especially relating to any implications for the HRA.		
12	The Applicant to provide the Examination with a summary of any changes to the formal citations and conservation objectives for European sites before the Report into the Implications for European Sites (RIES) is issued.	The Applicant	D6
13	NE to confirm that it is now content in relation to barrier effects in the HRA process (following on from [REP5-111] and the Applicant's Deadline 5 submissions).	NE	D6
14	Following submission of the <i>Ornithology EIA and HRA Annex</i> [REP5-078] by the Applicant, NE to review its position on the Applicant's assessment of the seabird assemblage feature of Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area. Does this provide the information and assessment that NE requested in relation to the HRA process, or is further work required?	NE	D6