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Dear Ms Dowling

HORNSEA PROJECT FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM – EN010098

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE – DEADLINE 6

Thank you for your Rule 17 letter dated 25 July 2022 requesting further information and written comments from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). In Annex B it requests a response to ISH7 Action Points 1, 8, 11 and 36, and ISH9 Action Point 9.

Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 7

- Action Point 1
Provide opinion whether the minimum air draft for the ‘bridge link’ should be specified in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) Article 2 definition and/ or in draft Deemed Marine Licenses (DML).

MCA Response

Contrary to the applicant’s response in REP5-074 and during ISH7, the minimum air draft for the bridge-linked platform is neither referenced nor secured in the Layout Principles, version 3, dated 15/6/22. The Layout Principles is not the appropriate document to secure the minimum air draft and therefore our opinion is that it should be specified in the draft DCO and/or draft DMLs in the same manner as for turbine blade air clearance.

- Action Point 8
Confirm satisfaction or not that the Layout Principles in the DMLs would be sufficient in terms of offshore design parameters and that these don’t need to be specified in Requirement 3 of the draft DCO.

MCA Response

We are content with the references to the Layout Principles under Schedules 11 and 12 of the DML and we are satisfied that these do not need to be specified in the DCO.

- Action Point 11
Confirm satisfaction with the Applicant's confirmation that all vessels under the control of the undertaker's agents and contractors would be required by the terms of their contract with the undertaker to comply with the terms of the DMLs, in relation to Schedules 11 and 12 Part 2 Condition 5(1).

MCA Response

We do not object to the undertaker issuing a code of conduct to help prevent collisions with marine mammals, however in carrying out their duties this code of conduct must not compromise the safety of the vessel, crew and other persons onboard which is the Master's primary concern.

- Action Point 36
Liaise to produce final, signed Position Statements including any areas of disagreement if required.

MCA Response

We have agreed all items within the Statement of Common Ground and you will receive a copy from the applicant in their Deadline 6 response.

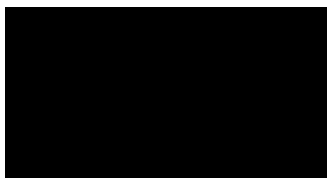
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- Action Point 9
Confirm if it is satisfied with all the Layout Principles [REP5-008].

MCA Response

The Layout Principles version 3, dated 15/6/22, is agreed.

Yours sincerely,



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