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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
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Dear Sir/Madam,

<u>The Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm</u> Application for a Development Consent Order under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008,

Action Points Arising from Issue Specific Hearing 9 (ISH9) - Offshore Environmental Matters

Examining Authority's (ExA) further written questions and requests for information – ExQ2

I write to provide the response of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to action point 5. In this the ExA has asked the MOD to:

Provide an update on progress towards agreement for points 002, 003 and 009 of the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicant and the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

The MOD and the applicant both agree that points 002 and 003 are not considered to have a material impact upon the conclusion of the impact assessments and the subsequent preparation of a draft Development Consent Order. The applicant has identified that the proposed development will impact upon the air defence radar at Remote Radar Head (RRH) Staxton Wold and has undertaken to provide a mitigation of this impact.

Point 009 of the SoCG relates to the wording of Requirement 23 which will define the requirement for the applicant to provide a mitigation of the impacts to the air defence radar. Point 009 has now been agreed between the applicant and the MOD.

Both parties have now signed the SoCG which is now complete.

On this basis, the MOD does not consider there to be any outstanding defence issues relating to the determination of this application.

I trust this adequately addresses the question that have been raised.

Yours faithfully,



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