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To:

Our Ref: EN010098

All Interested Parties

Date: 20 April 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application for Development Consent (“the Application”) by Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (“Hornsea Project 4”)

1. On 16 December 2022, 9 February 2023, 3 March 2023, and 20 March 2023, the Secretary of State issued requests for information to the Applicant and other parties.
2. The Secretary of State now invites comments from **all Interested Parties** on the information submitted in response to the Secretary of State’s requests as listed in paragraph 1 above.
3. On 5 April 2023, the Secretary of State issued a request to the Applicant for further information regarding any effect of protective provisions, including reductions to turbine numbers or the array area, on previously assessed impacts. Following a request from the Applicant for an extension to the original deadline for response of 18 April 2023, the Secretary of State has extended the deadline for response to 16 May 2023. The Secretary of State will give Interested Parties, including Natural England, the opportunity to comment, as appropriate, on any information provided in response to the 5 April 2023 letter as soon as possible after any such information is submitted by the Applicant.

4. **Comments on the information submitted in response to the letters listed in paragraph 1 above should be submitted to:**
HornseaProjectFour@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **23.59** on the **18 May 2023**.
5. Responses will be published on the Hornsea Project Four project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after **18 May 2023**: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm/>
6. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Hornsea Project Four or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

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