

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

## **HORNSEA PROJECT FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM**

### **THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

#### **NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR EIA DEVELOPMENT**

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that a determination has been made on an application made by Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (“the Applicant”) for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) for development that constitutes “Environmental Impact Assessment development” as defined in the 2017 Regulations.

The application is for the construction and operation of an array of up to 180 wind turbines and their foundations; the construction of up to six offshore transformer substations; up to three High Voltage Direct Current (“HVDC”) convertor substations or up to three offshore High Voltage Alternating Current booster stations; one offshore accommodation platform; the construction of a network of subsea electrical circuits connecting the wind turbines, offshore collector substations, offshore HVDC convertor stations and offshore accommodation platforms; the construction of a marine connection to the shore; at landfall, the offshore export cables would be joined to the onshore export cables at up to six underground transition joint bays; the construction of an Onshore Substation (“OnSS”) and Energy Balancing Infrastructure (“EBI”) with associated facilities in the vicinity of Creyke Beck, north of Cottingham; the construction of a connection consisting of up to four underground electrical circuits between the OnSS and the National Grid Electricity Transmission substation at Creyke Beck; and other associated development.

The Secretary of State has decided, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who conducted an examination into the application, that development consent should be granted for the proposed Development.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an Order granting development consent, which has been prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116 of the 2008 Act and regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main features to avoid, reduce and offset any major adverse effects of the development, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm/#>

The statement of reasons contains the information required by regulation 30(2) including information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so.

Hard copies of the decision documentation will also be available to inspect at the Planning Inspectorate’s offices (by appointment using the contact details below):

The Planning Inspectorate  
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To make an appointment for inspection of the documents contact the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or email [NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Copies of the Secretary of State's decision letter and the text of the Order can be obtained by writing or sending an e-mail to the Planning Inspectorate. No charge will be made for this service.