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From:

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Dear DESNZ,

The Hornsea Four Offshore Windfarm Order 2023 (the Order)**Paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 16: Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan**

Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (Hornsea Four) is writing to you in response to the letter sent by yourselves on 24 October 2024 requesting clarifications on the previously submitted Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (KCIMP) for the kittiwake compensation measure required by schedule 16 of the Order (KCIMP).

Please find responses to those clarifications as follows:

Modelling

The Secretary of State queried why the carrying capacity in table 6.1 of Appendix A was stated as 750 rather than 1384. Hornsea Four confirms that this was an error in the table. The calculations have used 1384 as the carrying capacity and therefore All calculations and results presented in Appendix A are correct. The carrying capacity in Table 6.1 has therefore been updated to 1384 and Hornsea Four therein provides an updated version of the KCIMP for the Secretary of State.

Potential government intervention

The Secretary of State noted Figure 6 which details a flow diagram outlining the process informing the Offshore Ornithology Engagement Group of adaptive 2 management solutions and requested clarification on what is meant by 'Government intervention' at the bottom left of the Figure.

Where the figure says "Can Orsted resolve the issue without government intervention" this means does the solution require government intervention in order to be implemented such as fisheries management, the designation of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) or the creation/use of a strategic fund such as the Marine Recovery Fund (MRF).

This figure is the same as that presented in the approved Hornsea Three Kittiwake Implementation and Monitoring Plan (KIMP).

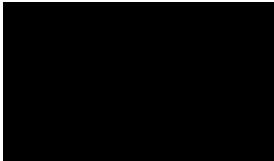
Commercial agreement

Section 7 of the KCIMP details that a Commercial Agreement will be put in place between Orsted H3 and H4 regarding the Hartlepool ANS towards the end of 2024. The Secretary of State requested a

further update on when it expects to have confirmation that the Agreement is finalised. Hornsea Four can confirm that the Commercial Agreement has progressed well and is due to be signed and finalised before the end of November 2024.

If you have any queries in relation to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Felicity Le Page [REDACTED] ([@orsted.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@orsted.com)) or Natalie Bown [REDACTED] ([@orsted.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@orsted.com)) from 20th December 2024.

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