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Dear Fliss,

PLANNING ACT 2008

The Hornsea Four Offshore Windfarm Order 2023 (“the Order”)

Paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 16: Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (KCIMP)

1. Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (“the Applicant”) submitted its KCIMP to the Secretary of State for the kittiwake compensation measure required by schedule 16 of the Order (KCIMP) on 30 September 2024.
2. The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Applicant could provide clarification on the below issues ahead of the consultation commencing on the KCIMP. The Secretary of State will then issue this letter and the Applicant’s response, as well as the KCIMP, to the consultees.

Modelling


3. Table 8.1 of the KCIMP shows modelled outputs of the time taken to achieve the cumulative adult production aims for both Hornsea Project Three (“H3”) and Hornsea Project Four (“H4”) together. However, the modelling input for carrying capacity (Table 6.1, line d) states this figure is 750.
4. The Secretary of State notes that 750 is the minimum number of nest spaces required for H4 as stated in the Order, but the KCIMP states that the Hartlepool artificial nesting structure (“ANS”) and huts provide 1384 nest spaces in total. The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Applicant could clarify why the carrying capacity input is not 1384.

Potential government intervention

5. The Secretary of State notes Figure 6 which details a flow diagram outlining the process informing the Offshore Ornithology Engagement Group of adaptive

management solutions. The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Applicant could clarify what is meant by 'Government intervention' at the bottom left of the Figure.

Commercial agreement

6. 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 would be grateful if the Applicant could provide a further update on when it expects to have confirmation that the Agreement is finalised.
7. Responses to this letter should be submitted by email only to  [@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:energysecurity@gov.uk) by **23:59 on 1 November 2024**.
8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of the KCIMP. 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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