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Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) – Section (s) 56, 58 and 89(3)

Application by Equinor New Energy Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project

Notifying parties of the Application, invitation to the Preliminary Meeting and right to participate in the Examination

1. The Application

On 5 September 2022 the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, received an application from Equinor New Energy Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (SEP) and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project (DEP) in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 as amended (PA 2008).

The application was accepted for Examination on 3 October 2022. The Application is for development consent to construct and operate two offshore wind farm generating stations, known as SEP and DEP, both located off the coast of Norfolk. SEP is the proposed extension to the operational Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm and will comprise up to 23 wind turbine generators, together with the associated onshore and offshore infrastructure. The offshore export cable corridor from SEP to landfall will be approximately 40km in length and the onshore cable corridor will be approximately 60km in length. DEP is the proposed extension to the operational Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm and will comprise up to 30 wind turbine generators, together with the associated onshore and offshore infrastructure. The offshore export cable corridor from DEP to landfall will be approximately 62km in length and the onshore cable corridor will be approximately 60km in length.

2. The Examining Authority



I, Menaka Sahai, have been appointed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government as the lead member of the Examining Authority (ExA), along with other members of the ExA: Rod MacArthur, Jonathan Manning, Steven Rennie and David Wallis to carry out an Examination of the above application. A copy of the appointment notice issued under Rule 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR), issued on 8 December 2022, can be viewed under the Documents tab on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website \(project webpage\)](#).

3. The Applicant's duty under s56 and s58 of the PA2008

Following acceptance of an application for Examination, an Applicant is required to notify certain persons of the application and make them aware of the opportunity to submit relevant representations, under s56 of the PA2008.

A relevant representation is made on a form, which includes a person's contact details, a summary of what that person agrees and/ or disagrees with about the application, what they consider the main issues and their impact to be, whether they have an interest in any affected land and whether they intend to make oral representations at hearings that may be held. Making a relevant representation entitles a person to become an interested party and be involved in the examination process.

In this case, the Applicant has informed me that while you are a non-statutory stakeholder, the Applicant had intended to inform you directly of the acceptance of the application. You were however, not informed directly, although you may have seen the wider notice in the newspapers under s56 of the PA2008.

4. ExA's invitation to submit a statement of representation and to attend the Preliminary Meeting

In taking a precautionary approach, and to ensure that relevant stakeholders who may have valuable contributions to make to the Examination are given an opportunity to do so, the ExA has decided to provide you with an opportunity to send a **statement of representation** to the Planning Inspectorate, to be received by **Monday 16 January 2022**. A statement of representation is a non-statutory document. If you submit a statement of representation, the ExA will consider it and take it into account throughout the Examination, as though it had been made as a relevant representation. Unlike making a relevant representation which entitles a person to become an interested party and be involved in the examination process, making a statement of representation at this stage will not make you an interested party as defined by the PA2008. However, the ExA may exercise its discretion to treat you as if you were an Interested Party, if it feels it is appropriate to do so.

The ExA has issued a [letter in line with Rule 6 of the EPR](#) to all Statutory Parties, Interested Parties and Other Persons, on 13 December 2022. The ExA is also sending you a copy of the Rule 6 letter, and consequently inviting you to attend the Preliminary Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17 January 2023 in accordance with the information provided in the Rule 6 letter. You are invited to the Preliminary Meeting



as an 'other person'; however, should the ExA feel it is appropriate, it may use its discretion to treat you as if you were an interested party from that point onwards.

The Applicant will have the opportunity to respond to your statement of representation (should you choose to submit one) by **Monday 20 February 2023**, which is Deadline 1 in the draft Examination timetable set out at **Annex D** of the Rule 6 letter.

To assist you in considering whether to make a statement of representation, **Annex G – Availability of Examination Documents**, to the Rule 6 letter advises where the deposit locations of the application documents. If you decide to make a statement of representation, **Annex A** to this letter provides advice on the information that you may wish to include, on the form it might take and on where it should be sent.

If you have no issues to raise and do not wish to participate in the Examination of this application, you need take no further action.

5. Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided, is published on the [project page](#) for this proposed development. All Examination documents can also be viewed the [project page](#) for this proposed development.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair examination, the Planning Inspectorate consider it necessary to publish some personal information. Before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate and to find out how we handle your personal information, please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

If you have any questions arising from this correspondence, please contact our helpline or the email address at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Menaka Sahai

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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Annex A

Advice about making a statement of representation

A statement of representation is a non-statutory document. The Examining Authority has agreed to consider such a statement of representation from you before making arrangements for the preliminary meeting, because a notification error by the applicant may have affected your right to make a statutory relevant representation and/ or register as an interested party.

By providing you with the opportunity to make a statement of representation and/ or make a request to become an Interested Party under Section 102A(1) of the Planning Act 2008, the Examining Authority aims to place you into a position equivalent to the one you would have been in if the applicant had given proper notice to you.

You do not have to make a statement of representation or request to become an Interested Party. You should only do so if you wish to but were not afforded to do so by virtue of the Applicant's error. You should not make a statement of representation if you have already made a Relevant Representation and/ or registered as an Interested Party with the Planning Inspectorate.

Information you should include in a statement of representation:

Contact details

- The name, address, email and telephone number of the person making the statement of representation.
- Whether the person making the statement of representation is doing so on their own behalf, for an organisation that employs them or as an agent.
- If necessary:
 - (i) The name, address, email and telephone number of any contact person and the organisation that they represent.
 - (ii) The name, address, email and telephone number of any agent.
- A statement identifying which of these addresses should be used for the purpose of notifying the person of any matter.
- Where possible, agreement to use email for all communication.

Land details

- Whether or not the person making the statement of representation has an interest in any land which will be affected by the application, and, if so, the nature of that interest.

Outline statement of issues

- An outline of the principal submissions that the person proposes to make in respect of the application.
- An indication of what they agree with and disagree with about the application and any impacts they think it might have.
- Please do not include material that the Secretary of State as decision-maker may disregard, such as submissions that are vexatious or frivolous, that relate to compensation for Compulsory Acquisition or relate to the merits of policy in a designated National Policy Statement.

Annex A

- If the Planning Inspectorate receives a statement of representation from you by **Monday 16 January 2023** or if you are otherwise an Interested Party under section 102 PA2008 the Examining Authority will provide an opportunity to make a Written Representation in due course – so the statement of issues only needs to be brief. 500 words is a guide.

Participation details

- A statement as to whether or not the person making the statement of representation wishes to make oral representations in due course:
 - (i) at any Issue-Specific Hearing which might be held;
 - (ii) at an Open-Floor Hearing; or
 - (iii) if they are an Affected Person¹, at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing;as the case may be.

Format in which to submit a statement of representation

The preferred method of submission is by email.

If you intend to submit a statement and/ or register as an Interested Party by email, please attach it as a word .doc or .pdf document. Your email should be titled 'statement of representation' and sent to:
sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

If you intend to submit a statement of representation and/ or register as an Interested Party by post, please ensure that the correspondence is titled 'statement of representation', marked for the attention of the Case Team, Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project and sent to The Planning Inspectorate, at the address set out above.

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