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Dear Sir/Madam

Sheringham Shoal Extension (SEP) and Dudgeon Extension (DEP) Offshore Wind Farms

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination at Deadline 6.

1. Natural England's Deadline 6 Submissions

Natural England has screened the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5. Please find a summary of Natural England's position regarding these documents in Annex 1 below. Additionally, in Annex 1 below, Natural England highlight the responses that were deferred at Deadline 3 to Deadline 6. Natural England is also submitting the following detailed response, within the following thematic appendix:

- EN010109 438574 SEP DEP Appendix D1 Natural England's Further Advice on the Marine Mammals Technical Note and Addendum [REP3-115] Deadline 6

2. Norfolk Coast AONB [REP3-149] Response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions

Natural England understands the Norfolk Coast AONB are, at Deadline 6, submitting a clarification note to their response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions [REP3-149]. We will review this document and determine whether further correspondence is required.

3. Development Consent Order

We note that an updated version (Revision H) of the Development Consent Order (DCO) was submitted at Deadline 5. Natural England has reviewed the updated DCO [REP5-006] and has one comment to make. We note the changes to Schedules 12 and 13 Part 2 Condition 19, which add in the requirement to monitor cables installed within the MCZ. Can clarification be provided on what this monitoring will include? Natural England has raised concerns regarding the monitoring of the MCZ within our relevant and written reps [RR-063] and within our responses on the In-Principle Monitoring Plan [REP1-136] and [REP5-090]. Based on our initial review of this condition, we do not consider this change addresses those concerns.

4. Issue Specific Hearing 7

As advised in our Deadline 5 cover letter, Natural England will not be attending ISH 7. However, we note the addition of agenda item 9 concerning *'The extent, suitability and security of Habitats Regulation Assessment compensation for offshore ornithology'*.

In terms of agenda items 9ii and 9iii, we highlight our broad support for the emerging 'secondary' compensation option at Blakeney Point. This is likely to have greater potential to add resilience to the compensation package for sandwich tern compared to the proposals for the Farne Islands. We continue to engage with the National Trust and the Applicant on this matter.

Regarding item 9iv *The Applicant's overall proposed package of compensatory measures*, we refer the Examining Authority to our Relevant Representations [RR-063] and the following subsequent responses:

- Responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (WQ1) [REP1-139]
- Appendix C1 - Comments on 13.1 Gateshead Kittiwake Tower Modification [REP1-055] and 13.4 Sandwich Tern [REP1-058] - Quantification of Productivity Benefits Technical Notes [REP2-061]
- Responses to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (WQ2) [REP3-147]
- Other: EN010109 436963 SEP DEP Appendix C3 - NE Further Response to Offshore Ornithology Compensation D5 [REP5-092]
- Responses to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions (WQ3) [REP5-094]

5. Offshore Ornithology

For Deadline 5 document submissions pertaining to Offshore ornithology and compensation, Natural England are awaiting further updates and will provide detailed responses at Deadline 7 (as set out in Annex 1). This will also include Natural England's updated positions on red-throated diver at

Greater Wash and Outer Thames Estuary SPAs, and guillemot and razorbill at Flamborough & Filey Coast SPAs.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

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Annex 1 Natural England's Response/Summary Position to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 3 and 5.

PINS Document Reference	Applicant's Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP5-001	1.3 Guide to the Application (and Glossary) (Revision H)	No response required.
REP5-048	19.1 Cover Letter	No response required.
REP5-056	19.8 The Applicant's Comments on Natural England Deadline 4 Submission	No response required.
DCO		
REP5-006	3.1.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision H) (Tracked Revision G-H)	Please see comments in Section 3 of this covering letter.
REP5-007	3.1.2 Schedule of changes to Revision H of the draft development consent order	
REP5-001	3.1.4 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision H) (Full Tracked Revisions A_H)	
REP5-008	3.1.3 Proposed Without Prejudice DCO Drafting (Revision C) (Clean)	
REP5-009	3.1.3.1 Proposed Without Prejudice DCO Drafting (Revision C) (Tracked)	
REP5-011	3.2 Explanatory Memorandum (Revision G) (Clean)	
REP5-012	3.2.1 Explanatory Memorandum (Revision F_G) (track)	
REP5-01	3.2.2 Explanatory Memorandum (Tracked - Revision A_G)	
REP5-014	4.1. Book of Reference (Revision F) - Clean	
REP5-015	4.1.1 Book of Reference (Revision F) Tracked	No response required.
REP5-016	4.1.2 Book of Reference - Schedule of Changes (Revision F)	No response required.
REP5-051	19.3 The Applicant's response to the ExA's commentary on or proposed schedule of changes to the draft DCO	No response required.
Offshore Ornithology and Compensation		
REP5-017	5.5.4 Appendix 4 - Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Document (Revision C) (Clean)	Natural England will provide further detailed advice at Deadline 7.
REP5-018	5.5.4.1 Annex 4A - Outline Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Revision B) (Clean)	

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REP5-019	5.5.4.1.1 Annex 4A - Outline Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Revision B) (Tracked)	
REP5-020	5.5.4.2 Appendix 4 - Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Document (Revision C) (Tracked)	
REP5-043	13.3 Apportioning and Habitats Regulations Assessment Updates Technical Note (Revision C) (Clean)	
REP5-044	13.3.1 Apportioning and Habitats Regulations Assessment Updates Technical Note (Revision C) (Tracked)	
REP5-063	19.21 Gannet and Auk Cumulative Displacement Updates Technical Note	
Examining Authority Questions		
REP5-049	19.2 The Applicant's response to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions	No response required.
REP5-050	19.2.1 Supporting Documents for the Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions	No response required.
Onshore Ecology		
REP5-030	Deadline 5 Submission - 9.17.1 Outline Code of Construction Practice (Revision E) (Tracked).	Natura England will screen these documents and if required respond at Deadline 7.
REP5-065	19.23 The Applicant's Response to Natural England's Risk and Issues Log Terrestrial Ecology	
Marine Mammals		
REP3-115	16.14 Marine Mammals Technical Note and Addendum	For Natural England's response, please refer to Appendix D1.
Seascape Visualisation Impact Assessment.		
REP3-149	Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Responses to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions (WQ2)	Please refer to Section 2 of the cover letter.