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Your Ref: **EN010109**  
Identification No. **20032913**

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Dear Sir / Madam,

**The Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project and Dudgeon Offshore  
Wind Farm Extension Project  
Written Response to Examining Authority's Fourth Written Questions and Requests for  
Information (WQ4) for Deadline 7**

We refer to the above application for Development Consent and the Examining Authority's (ExA) Fourth Written Questions and Requests for Information (WQ4) issued on 29 June 2023.

**Question: Q4.19.1.4:**

***Passage Planning Guide***

*Provide a copy of The Passage Planning Guide referred to by Trinity House/UK Chamber of Shipping in ISH7 [EV-095 and EV-099] highlighting relevant sections, including that regarding the nautical mile clearance to wind farms.*

**Trinity House Response:-**

Trinity House (TH) would clarify that it did not refer to a passage planning guide in its verbal submission at ISH7.

Mr Merrylees from the UK Chamber of Shipping had referred to *Witherbys Passage Planning Guide*.

TH does not use or access *Witherbys Passage Planning Guide* as it is a textbook and not mandatory to carry on vessels. We also believe that not all navigators will necessarily be aware of the publication.

TH would respectfully direct the ExA to the statutory publication MGN 372 Amendment 1, *Guidance to Mariners Operating in the Vicinity of UK Offshore Renewable Energy Installations* issued by the MCA in 2022 (MGN372 Amendment 1 ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://publishing.service.gov.uk))).

MGN 372 Amendment 1 states in Sec 4.11.4 "These notes do not provide guidance on specific safe distances at which to pass an OREI for individual vessel types and conditions.....".

We trust that this response is helpful and would ask that all correspondence regarding this matter is addressed to myself at russell.dunham@trinityhouse.co.uk and to Mr Steve Vanstone at navigation@trinityhouse.co.uk

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