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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 7.

1. Natural England's Deadline 7 Submissions

Natural England has screened the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6. 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 5 to Deadline 7. Natural England is also submitting the following detailed response, within the following thematic appendix:

- EN010109 440231 SEP DEP Appendix B2 - Natural England's Offshore Ornithology Position Paper Revision 1 Deadline 7
- EN010109 440231 SEP DEP Appendix K4 – Natural England's Risks and Issues Log Deadline 7
- EN010109 440231 SEP DEP Appendix L4 – Natural England's Response to ExA Fourth Written Questions Deadline 7
- EN010109 440231 SEP DEP Appendix L5 – Natural England's Comments to the RIES Deadline 7

2. Risk and Issues Log

At Deadline 7, Natural England has submitted an update to the Risk and Issue Log (Appendix K4). Because of audit trail requirements post consent and to ensure our advice has been taken into account, with any commitments secured for future reference; Natural England reiterates that unless there are fundamental changes made within a named document or plan, our positions included within our risk and issues log are unlikely to change. NB: This is because other than the initial Application documents, and decision documents all other examination correspondence is deleted after 5 years from the PINs website and is not transferred to the Marine Data Exchange.

We highlight within the Log where assessments can be improved upon, and commitments made by the Applicant to help inform the ExA and SoS in their determinations. The Risk and Issues Log is used to track issue progress and we signpost to our advice where applicable.

3. Construction Scenarios

Natural England acknowledges the Applicant's response [REP6-015] that states that under Scenario 2 *"if the two projects are constructed sequentially, whichever project is constructed first will install the ducts for the second project"*. We advise a requirement is secured in the DCO which states that; in any scenario where the projects are constructed sequentially the project which installs work in the intertidal area first will install the ducting for both projects. Natural England reiterates that this is a vital mitigation measure during the construction phase for both onshore ecology and the Norfolk Coast

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

Yours sincerely

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Annex 1 Natural England's Response/Summary Position to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadlines 5 and 6.

PINS Document Reference	Applicant's Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP6-015	20.4 The Applicant's comments on Natural England's Deadline 5 Submission	Natural England notes this submission. Please see Paragraph 3 to this cover letter.
DCO		
REP6-002	3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision I) (Clean)	Natural England has no further comment to the document updates.
REP6-00	3.1.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision I) (Tracked Revisions H I)	
REP6-004	3.1.2 Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO (Revision I)	
Offshore Ornithology and Compensation		
REP5-017	5.5.4 Appendix 4 - Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Document (Revision C) (Clean)	Natural England has no further comment to these documents.
REP5-018	5.5.4.1 Annex 4A - Outline Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Revision B) (Clean)	
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)	Please refer to Appendix B2 for Natural England's Position Revision 1
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	
REP6-010	13.7.1 HRA Derogation and Compensatory Measures Update (Revision C) (Tracked)	Natural England has no further comment to this document.
REP6-009	13.7 HRA Derogation and Compensatory Measures Update (Revision C) (Clean)	
Examining Authority Questions		
PD-021	Examining Authority's (ExA) Fourth Written Questions	Please see Appendix L4 for Natural England's detailed response.

PINS Document Reference	Applicant's Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP6-013	20.2 The Applicant's Comments on Responses to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions	Natural England is reviewing the Applicant's response and will respond further if required.
Onshore Ecology		
REP5-030	Deadline 5 Submission - 9.17.1 Outline Code of Construction Practice (Revision E) (Tracked).	Please see Natural England's response in Appendix K4
REP5-065	19.23 The Applicant's Response to Natural England's Risk and Issues Log Terrestrial Ecology	
Report on the Implications to European Sites		
PD-020	REPORT on the IMPLICATIONS for EUROPEAN SITES	Please see Appendix L5 for Natural England's detailed response.