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Dear Sir/Madam,

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RSPB capacity and engagement with the Examination for Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Shoal Extension projects

Further to our letter at Deadline 3, the RSPB has continued to struggle with the capacity to engage with the Examination process for the reasons previously outlined. We have attended meetings regarding the Applicant's Sandwich tern compensation measures, but any input has necessarily had to be high-level and light touch.

As a result of our lack of capacity, we have been unable to agree a Statement of Common Ground with the Applicant by the close of the Examination. This does not, however, mean that there are no areas of common ground. We have sought to clarify our position in our response to the fourth round of written questions.

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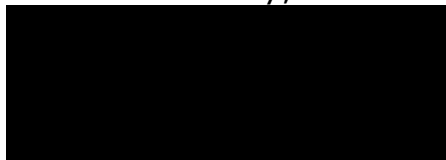


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With respect to Hornsea 4, we are in the process of reviewing the decision and cannot at this stage indicate what impact this might have on the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Shoal Extension Projects.

We trust these comments are helpful.

Yours faithfully,



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