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Sheringham Shoal Extension and Dudgeon Extension Offshore Wind Farms

**Appendix A4 to the Natural England Deadline 8 Submission**

**Natural England's Further Advice on the Development Consent Order**

For:

The construction and operation of the Sheringham Shoal Extension and Dudgeon Extension Offshore Wind Farms located approximately 16km and 27km respectively from the Norfolk Coast in the Southern North Sea.

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**Appendix A4, Natural England’s Further Advice on the Development Consent Order (3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision J) in Table 1 below**

<b>DCO Revision J (3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Revision J))</b>			
<b>DCO ref</b>	<b>Applicant comment/DCO text</b>	<b>Natural England response</b>	<b>RAG</b>
Schedule 10 Part 2 Para 20 (6) Schedule 11 Part 2 Para 20 (6) Schedule 12 Part 2 Para 19 (6) Schedule 13 Part 2 Para 19 (6)	In response to Examining Authority’s Fourth Written Questions [PD-021] WQ4.11.8.2. A new sub-paragraph (6) has been added as follows: (6) In the event that the reports provided to the MMO under sub-paragraph (4) identify a need for additional monitoring, the requirement for any additional monitoring will be agreed with the MMO in writing and implemented as agreed.	This in part addresses our concerns regarding monitoring which highlights impacts above those expected/assessed. However, it does not address our point that would require the consideration of further mitigation or management measures. Natural England’s position on these has not changed and we consider that the potential for further mitigation to be considered based on the results of post construction monitoring should be appropriately secured.	
Schedule 12 Part 2 Para 24 Schedule 13 Part 2 Para 24	To secure mitigation measures that restrict certain activities within the Greater Wash SPA during winter months, to mitigate potential impacts on red-throated diver. A new condition 24 (Seasonal Restriction) has been added: Seasonal Restriction 24.— (1) The undertaker must not carry out any cable installation works within the GW during the winter period. (2) For the purpose of this condition: — “the GW” means the site designated as the Greater Wash Special Protection Area; “winter period” means the period between 1 November to 31 March inclusive	Natural England notes the condition and considers that this wording is appropriate to secure the mitigation for the cable installation works. However, we also consider that the cable protection works during the construction period should also be included here. As currently drafted the wording only applies to cable installation and it is common practice for the cable protection to be deployed after installation.	
Schedule 17 Part 1 Para 4 and para 5	To include detail of the proposed compensation measure for Sandwich tern at Blakeney Point and reflect updates to the Outline Sandwich tern Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (revision B) [document reference 5.5.2.1]. A new sub-paragraph (3) has been added:	Natural England notes the wording proposed and the similarity to the wording already included for other compensation measures. We accept the changes, though note any outstanding issues with the drafting for	

	<p>3) For the predator management measure at the NNC:</p> <p>(a) details of the scale and location where the compensation measures will be delivered;</p> <p>(b) details of landowner agreements, if relevant, demonstrating how the land will be bought or leased and assurances that the land management will deliver the ecology objectives of the Sandwich Tern CIMP;</p> <p>(c) details of the design of the measures;</p> <p>(d) an implementation timetable for the delivery of the measures that ensures the compensation measures are in place prior to the operation of any turbine forming part of the authorised development;</p> <p>(e) details of the maintenance schedule for the compensation measures;</p> <p>(f) details of the proposed ongoing monitoring and reporting on the effectiveness of the measures, including: survey methods; success criteria; adaptive management measures; timescales for the monitoring and monitoring reports to be delivered; and details of the factors used to trigger alternative compensation measures and/or adaptive management measures;</p> <p>(g) provision for reporting to the Secretary of State, to include details of the use of the measures by breeding Sandwich tern to identify barriers to success and target any adaptive management measures;</p> <p>(h) minutes from all consultations with the STCSG;</p> <p>(i) provision for the option to be exercised by the undertaker, following consent in writing of the Secretary of State, to pay a contribution to the Strategic Compensation Fund wholly or partly in substitution for the predator management measure at the NNC or as an adaptive management measure for the purposes of paragraphs 4(3)(f) and (g) of this Part of this Schedule. The sum of the contribution to be agreed between the undertaker and Defra or other Government body responsible for the operation of the Strategic Compensation Fund in consultation with the STCSG.</p>	<p>the other compensatory measures is applicable to this new addition.</p>	
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	<p>(j) provision for the option to be exercised by the undertaker, following consent in writing of the Secretary of State, to pay a financial contribution towards the establishment of compensation measures by another party wholly or partly in substitution for the predator management measure at the NNC or as an adaptive management measure for the purposes of paragraphs 4(3)(f) and (g) of this Part of this Schedule. The sum of the contribution to be agreed between the undertaker and the party delivering the measures, in consultation with the STCSG. The Secretary of State shall consult with the relevant statutory nature conservation body prior to granting consent in terms of this paragraph; and</p> <p>(k) provision for the option to be exercised by the undertaker, following consent in writing of the Secretary of State, to collaborate with another party in the delivery of compensation measures wholly or partly in substitution for the predator management measure at the NNC or as an adaptive management measure for the purposes of paragraphs 4(3)(f) and (g) of this Part of this Schedule. The Secretary of State shall consult with the relevant statutory nature conservation body prior to granting consent in terms of this paragraph.</p>		
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