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To:
Equinor New Energy Limited
All Interested Parties

Ref:
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23 January 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Equinor New Energy Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Projects (“Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects”)

1. The statutory deadline for taking the decision on this application for development consent has been extended by three months from 17 January 2024 to 17 April 2024.
2. The Secretary of State has received responses to her consultation letter dated 22 November 2023 from the Applicant and other Interested Parties. The window for responses closed on 20 December 2023.
3. The Secretary of State now invites all **Interested Parties** to comment on the information provided in response to the Secretary of State’s request of 22 November 2023.
4. In particular, the Secretary of State invites **Natural England** to comment on the information provided by the Applicant in response to the Secretary of State’s request of 22 November 2023.
5. The Secretary of State invites **Marine Coastguard Agency** to comment further, if it wishes, on the response provided by the Applicant regarding the proposed no obstacle zone and controlling depth used for passage planning and navigating the area, which was provided in response to the Secretary of State’s request of November 2023.

6. Responses should be submitted by email to: sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **23:59 on the 20 February 2024**.
7. Responses will be published on the Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after the deadline:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sheringham-and-dudgeon-extension-projects/>
8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension projects or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours sincerely,



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