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The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
c/o **KJ Johansson, Case Manager**
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Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project
Sections 42 and 46 Planning Act 2008
Statutory notification and consultation: 14 March to 12 May 2023

Dear Mr Johansson,

Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited ('Five Estuaries') is developing its plans for a wind farm in the southern North Sea, off the coast of Suffolk. The proposed development ('the Project') is adjacent to the existing Galloper Offshore Wind Farm.

The Project includes provision for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm located approximately 37 kilometres off the coast of Suffolk at its closest point in the southern North Sea; including up to 79 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure making landfall between Frinton-on-Sea and Holland-on-Sea, the installation of underground cables, and the construction of an electrical substation and associated infrastructure in the vicinity of Little Bromley in order to connect the development to National Grid's proposed East Anglia Connection Node substation. All onshore infrastructure would be located in Tendring District, Essex.

As the Project has a generating capacity in excess of 100MW, it is considered a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under section 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act'). The Applicant therefore intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') for the Project.

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The DCO application will include full details of the Project and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Notification under section 46 of the Act

Between **14 March and 12 May 2023** Five Estuaries is consulting on its proposals, including with those prescribed under section 42 of the Act. Under section 46 of the Act, we are required to notify the Secretary of State before the start of consultation under section 42 – please therefore treat this letter as that notification.

We have published the following documents, all of which can be accessed via our website ([REDACTED]), as part of this consultation:

- A **Consultation Booklet**, with an overview of the Project's offshore and onshore components.
- The **Preliminary Environmental Information Report**, which sets out the current environmental baseline, the Project's potential benefits and impacts, and our proposals to mitigate those impacts. This includes a **Non-Technical Summary**.

In accordance with section 46 of the Act, we enclose the following for your attention, which are the documents that will be supplied to consultees as part of the Applicant's duty to consult under section 42 of the Act:

- A copy of our section 48 notice, which is a statutory notice required as part of the process;
- Example cover letters that have been sent to consultees under section 42 of the Act; and
- A guide to our Preliminary Environmental Information Report.

The full Preliminary Environmental Information Report can be accessed at [REDACTED] from 14 March 2023. In addition, we have provided a direct download link for all of the documents via email. If you would like a paper copy of any document that has been published as part of this consultation, please contact us. Alternatively, if you would like a USB containing the documents, please contact us.

We are seeking feedback from consultees under sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Act. The deadline for submitting responses to the consultation is 11:59pm on 12 May 2023.

If you have any questions about this the project, consultation or information published, please contact us using the details below.

Kind regards,

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