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### **Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project – Deadline 1**

Dear Mr Johansson,

Further to the Rule 8 letter issued by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 25 September 2024 [PD-009], we have submitted the documents listed below for the ExA's attention for Deadline 1. In addition, please find below a response to points raised in Annex B of the Rule 8 letter, and an update regarding the Applicant's proposed Change Request.

Updates to documents include limiting some Project parameters within the 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order – Revision B, as indicated at Deadline D. This includes a reduction in the maximum height of wind turbine generators from 399m to 370m above lowest astronomical tide, and the removal of Gravity Base Structures as foundations options following ongoing discussions with stakeholders.

### **Documents as requested in the Rule 8 letter for Deadline 1 (in order as presented in the letter)**

- **10.16 Applicant's Summaries of Oral Submissions**

The Applicant's written submission of oral cases from the hearings held between 17 and 19 September 2024.

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- **10.17 Applicant's Responses to Action Points (where responses agreed to be provided at Deadline 1)**

The Applicant's responses to action points arising from the hearings held between 17 and 19 September 2024.

- **10.4 Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**

An updated version of the document submitted at Procedural Deadline D, which includes additional responses by the Applicant.

- **10.4.1 Applicant's response to Natural England's Relevant Representation**

The Applicant's response to Natural England's Relevant Representation, which was not submitted at Procedural Deadline D

As requested:

- **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order – Revision B (Tracked and Clean) (word and PDF)**
- **10.10 Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground**
- **1.3 Guide to the Application (and Glossary) – Revision C (Tracked and Clean)**
- **10.2 Land Rights Trackers (Tracked and Clean)**

### **Statements of Common Ground**

The Applicant has submitted the following document at Deadline 1 for the attention of the ExA. Document 10.10.1 East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust Statement of Common Ground is the first SoCG finalised between the Applicant and an Interested Party.

- **10.10.1 East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust Statement of Common Ground**

### **Additional documents updated at Deadline 1**

The Applicant has submitted the following updated documents at Deadline 1 for the attention of the ExA. These updates have been made to correct minor issues, improve the quality figures/plans/images, or to align with other updated documents or project information.

- **2.3 Land Plans – Onshore \_ Revision B**
- **2.6 Works Plan – Offshore \_ Revision B**
- **2.9 Plan showing temporary closure of Public Rights of Way \_ Revision B**
- **3.2 Draft Explanatory Memorandum – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **4.1 Book of Reference – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **4.3 Statement of Reasons – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **5.4 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **6.3.8 Traffic and Transport chapter – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **6.6.8.1 Traffic and Transport Baseline Report - Part 1 – Revision B**
- **6.6.8.2 Traffic and Transport Baseline Report - Part 2 – Revision B**
- **6.6.8.2 Traffic and Transport Baseline Report - Part 3**

- 6.6.8.2 Traffic and Transport Baseline Report - Part 4
- 6.6.8.2 Traffic and Transport Baseline Report - Part 5
- 6.6.8.2 Traffic and Transport Baseline Report - Part 6
- 6.5.4.15: Apportioning Note – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 6.5.4.16 Population Viability Analysis – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 6.5.6.4 Herring Seasonal Restriction Note – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.14.1 Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol – Piling – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.14.2 Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol – UXO – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.16 Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.20 Outline Navigation and Installation Plan – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.21 Code of Construction Practice – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.24 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.32 Offshore In Principle Monitoring Plan – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)

#### **New documents submitted at Deadline 1**

The Applicant has submitted the following additional new documents at Deadline 1, for the attention of the ExA, as additional evidence to support the application.

- 10.11 Guillemot and Razorbill: Survey Reports
- 10.12 Marine Plan Policy Assessment
- 10.13 Marine Mammal iPCoD Modelling for Project alone
- 10.14 Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes Sediment Plume Modelling
- 10.15 Revised International Herring Larval Survey Heat Map Figures

#### **Rule 8 Letter, Annex B Actions**

In Annex B of the Rule 8 Letter, the ExA raised the following query with the Applicant:

##### ***Clarifications about library electronic deposit locations in Suffolk***

*Further to the discussion about the availability of Application documents at libraries in Suffolk during the Preliminary Meeting, the Applicant is requested to clarify whether Ipswich Library is an electronic deposit location in Suffolk. This clarification should be provided not later than Deadline 1 (3 October 2024).*

*Suffolk County Council is requested to clarify by not later than Deadline 1 whether any libraries in Suffolk, other than Ipswich, are being used as electronic deposit locations for the Application documents and if not whether any library or libraries within the county might be a suitable location or locations for such a facility or facilities.*

The Applicant has liaised with the Planning Inspectorate's case team with regards to this issue. The case team confirmed that they approached libraries in Suffolk (including Ipswich) about being electronic deposit locations, but these libraries declined.

Ipswich County Library is not therefore an electronic deposit location. The Applicant would like to note that Ipswich County Library, as well as Aldeburgh Library, has free public internet access and paid for printing facilities.

### **Change Request**

Further to the Applicant's Notification of Intention to Submit Change Request [PD4-009] the Applicant intends to submit documents related to the Change Request shortly after Deadline 1. The Applicant has made the decision to separate the submissions to reduce potential confusion for Interested Parties, especially where documents will be updated for both Deadline 1 and the Change Request.

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If you have any questions about our response and the submitted documents, or if there is anything further we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

  
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