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**Our ref: Response to Examiners
Questions**

Date: 22 October 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Application by Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm project

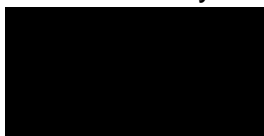
Please find enclosed our submission for deadline 2 in reply to the Examiners Questions.

DCO.1.13- The applicant can be advised that the Agency holds historic groundwater levels records from local wells and boreholes that can be supplied on request to our customer engagement team.

WE.1.03- Agree that the applicant has provided initial data for groundwater levels and potential impacts to private water supplies. At this stage the certain mitigation measures such as piling as mentioned in our comment EA-RR03 have not been outlined and the applicant offers 'further discussion' with us. It is still uncertain whether the dewatering operations will necessitate the need for an abstraction licence application from the Environment Agency, where much of the same will be considered, in terms of potential impacts and risks. See also our comment EA-RR12 on this. We advise here also that the Agency holds historic groundwater levels records from local wells and boreholes that can be supplied on request to our customer engagement team which can aid in further conceptualisation and baseline conditions.

We trust this advice is useful if you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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