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Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project – Deadline 4

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 4.

A number of new and updated documents have been submitted to address Action Points from the second round of hearings ([EV6-016] and [EV7-006]) and the ExA's Written Questions 2 (ExQ2) [PD-014].

Documents as requested in the Rule 8 letter for submission at Deadline 4

New documents:

- **10.28 Applicant's Responses to ExQ2**
- **10.29 Applicant's Comments on Deadline 3 Submissions**

Updated documents:

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

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Additional documents updated at Deadline 4

The Applicant has submitted the following updated documents at Deadline 4 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.

As submitted with the application, 6.6.7.4 Archaeological and Geoarchaeological Monitoring of Ground Investigation Works [APP-163] is a repeat of Annex 7.7 Onshore Archaeological and Geoarchaeological Monitoring of Ground Investigation – Onshore ECC [APP-166]. The document should have instead been a separate report describing monitoring of the boreholes installed at the landfall area (“Geoarchaeological monitoring Landfall GI works”). Revision B of the document has been submitted with the correct report.

- **6.1.3.1 Cumulative Effects Assessment Methodology – Revision B**
- **6.5.6.4 Herring Seasonal Restriction Note – Revision C (Tracked and Clean)**
- **6.6.7.4 Archaeological and Geoarchaeological Monitoring of Ground Investigation works - Landfall – Revision B**
- **6.8.1 Lesser Black Backed Gull Compensatory Areas Environmental Impact Assessment – Revision C (Tracked and Clean)**
- **6.8.1.3 Lesser Black Backed Gull Ecological Impact Assessment – Revision C (Tracked and Clean)**
- **9.8 Dredge Disposal Site Characterisation Report – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **9.12 Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **9.13 Margate and Long Sands Special Area of Conservation Benthic Mitigation Plan – Revision C (Tracked and Clean)**
- **9.14.1 Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol - Piling – Revision C (Tracked and Clean)**
- **9.19 Outline Marine Written Scheme of Investigation – Revision C (Tracked and Clean)**
- **10.15 Revised International Herring Larval Survey Heat Map Figures – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**
- **10.20.1 Technical Note - Methodology for Determining MDS (Offshore) – Revision B (Tracked and Clean)**

This document has been updated in response to ME.2.05 from ExQ2.

New documents submitted at Deadline 4

The Applicant has submitted the following additional new documents at Deadline 4, for the attention of the ExA, as additional evidence to support the application.

- **10.10.2 Essex Police Statement of Common Ground**
- **10.31 Orford Ness Surveys Report**
- **10.30 Outline Sediment Disposal Management Plan**

- **10.20.6 Technical Note - Haul roads between Bentley Road and the Onshore Substation**
This document has been submitted in response to Action Point 4 from ISH3.
- **10.20.7 Legal Note - Compulsory Acquisition Case**
This document has been submitted in response to Action Point 3 from CAH2.
- **10.20.8 Technical Note - Screen planting options for Land Plot 17-024**
This document has been submitted in response to Action Point 4 from CAH2.
- **10.32 Bentley Road evening and night-time construction noise impacts**
This document has been submitted in response to Action 6 from ISH3.
- **10.33 Compiled DCOs in response to ExQ2**
This document has been submitted in response to DCO.2.01 from ExQ2.

Update on ongoing discussions with the Environment Agency

Action Point 4 from ISH3 requested that the Applicant provide an update with respect to the discussions with the Environment Agency in relation to drainage.

The Applicant met with the Environment Agency on 29 November 2024 to discuss groundwater and hydraulic connectivity. It was agreed that through its planned revisions to 6.6.6.1 Ground Water Risk Assessment [APP-159], proposed to be submitted at Deadline 5, the Applicant could resolve the points raised by the Environment Agency.

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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.

Yours sincerely,



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