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Dear Mr Barker

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

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

Request for further information

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).

As part of the Examining Authority's second round of written questions (ExQ2) [PD-014] we addressed a specific question to Harwich Haven Authority (Ref. **NS.2.01**) as follows:

Update with regards to the Statutory Harbour Authority's views about the submitted application

Further to the submission of your Relevant Representation [RR-043], update the ExA as to whether the Statutory Harbour Authority considers for the construction and/or operation of the proposed Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm there would or would not be adverse effects for:

- a) The safe navigation and passage for ships in the Sunk area.*
- b) The safe navigation and passage for ships within the Harwich Haven Authority's harbour limits.*
- c) The safe navigation and passage for ships within the approaches to the Harwich Haven Authority's harbour limits.*
- d) The safe navigation and passage for ships within waters adjacent to the Harwich Haven Authority's harbour limits.*

e) *The safe and continued operation of the pilot boarding and landing stations within the Sunk area.*

If the Statutory Harbour Authority considers there would be any adverse effects, it should explain why that is the case and indicate whether such effects could be alleviated by any mitigation measures, including through the incorporation of Protective Provisions in favour of the Authority. Should the Harwich Haven Authority consider Protective Provisions would address any concerns it might have then it should submit wording for any such Protective Provisions.

We did not receive a response to the above question from Harwich Haven Authority by the deadline for responding to ExQ2, Examination Deadline 4 (3 December 2024). We are therefore writing directly to your authority to request a response to ExQ2 NS.2.01.

Your response should be submitted by **Deadline 5 (10 January 2025)**.

Other Interested Parties may also wish to respond to this request.

Yours sincerely

Grahame Gould

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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