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Dear Richard Allen,

Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 4.

1. Natural England's Deadline 4 Submissions

Natural England has reviewed the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4. Please find an update of Natural England's position regarding these documents in Table 1 below, including anticipated timing of responses. In addition, Natural England is also submitting the following detailed responses, signposted from Table 1, within the following thematic appendices:

- EN010117 467675 - Appendix B4 - Natural England's Advice on the Kittiwake Implementation and Monitoring Plan, and Guillemot and Razorbill Evidence and Roadmap
- EN010117 467675 - Appendix E4 - Natural England's Advice on Fish and Shellfish
- EN010117 467675 - Appendix J4a - Natural England's Advice on Terrestrial Ecology
- EN010117 467675 - Appendix J4b - Natural England's Advice on Biodiversity Net Gain
- EN010117 467675 - Appendix J4c - Natural England's Advice on Soils
- EN010117 467675 – Appendix N4 – Natural England's response to The Examining Authority's request for further information from Natural England arising out of Issue Specific Hearing 2

2. Commitments Register

We note that the Applicant's Response to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions [REP3-086], Question DCO 1.31, states that *'It is not intended that the Commitments Register [REP1-015] is secured as certified through Schedule 16'*. However, we note that the commitments register has been added to the 'Schedule 16 (Part 2) - other documents to be certified' section of the Development Consent Order (revision D) [REP3-004]. We understand from recent discussions with the Applicant that it is their intention to include the commitments register as a certified document, and to submit a further updated commitments register at Deadline 4. In light of this now becoming a certified document, Natural England will conduct a full review of the commitments register to date and provide our advice on this at Deadline 5.

3. Applicant's Deadline 4 submissions

Natural England notes that the Applicant intends on resubmitting updates to some of the documents we have reviewed at Deadline 3, as part of their Deadline 4 submission. Therefore, Natural England may have further advice to provide on these documents when we have reviewed the additional updates.

4. Deadlines 5 and 6

Natural England understands that the Applicant will be submitting several documents relevant to our key concerns at Deadline 4. On 18th June 2024 the ExA will be releasing the Report on the Implications European Sites (RIES), potentially a further set of ExA questions and schedule of proposed DCO changes. We will also be working with the Applicant on the completed Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) during this time.

Given the arrival of substantive additional material in the latter stages of the Examination at a time when core Examination documents such as the RIES and SOCG are to be prioritised, Natural England highlights that we will be carefully assessing which Deadline 4 submissions we can respond to at Deadline 5, and which responses will have to be provided at Deadline 6.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

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Table 1 Natural England's Response/Summary Position to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 4 that are relevant to our remit.

PINS Document Reference	Applicant's Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP3-001	Deadline 3 Covering Letter	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time.
REP3-002	Application Document Tracker	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time.
REP3-049/050	7.22 Commitments Register Rev C (clean & tracked)	Please see point 2 above.
REP3-051	8.54 Applicant's Response to Examining Authority's First Written Questions Rev A	As previously advised, we do not intend on commenting on any direct responses by the Applicant. Natural England has highlighted some key points within our risk and issues log and thematic appendices where relevant.
REP3-052	8.55 Applicant's Response to Deadline 2 Submissions Rev A	As previously advised, we do not intend on commenting on any direct responses by the Applicant. Natural England has highlighted some key points within our risk and issues log and thematic appendices where relevant.
REP3-066	8.56 Draft Heads of Terms for S106 Agreement with West Sussex County Council Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time.
REP3-064	8.57 Draft Heads of Terms for S106 Agreement with Horsham District Council Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time.
REP3-065	8.58 Draft Heads of Terms of S106 Agreement with South Downs National Park Authority Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time.
REP3-057	8.63 Applicant's Responses to Historic England Deadline 1 Submission on Marine Archaeology Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time as this falls outside of our remit.
REP3-008 - 011	Land Rights Tracker	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time as this falls outside of our remit.
REP3-012	Change Log Book of Reference	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time as this falls outside of our remit.
REP3-003/004	3.1 Draft Development Consent Order Rev D (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response is provided as an update to our risks and issues log.
REP3-005/006	3.2 Explanatory Memorandum Rev C (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response is provided as an update to our risks and issues log.
REP3-007	3.3 Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order Rev C	Natural England's response is provided as an update to our risks and issues log.
REP3-015/016	6.2.16 ES Volume 2 Chapter 16 Marine Archaeology Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time as this falls outside of our remit.
REP3-017/018	6.4.16.1 ES Volume 4 Appendix 16.1 Marine Archaeology Technical Report Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time as this falls outside of our remit.
REP3-	7.12 Outline Scour Protection and Cable	Natural England's response is provided as an

039/040	Protection Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	update to our risks and issues log.
REP3-041/042	7.13 Outline Marine Written Scheme of Investigation Rev B (tracked & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time as this falls outside of our remit.
REP3-043/044	7.16 Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response is provided as an update to our risks and issues log.
REP3-045/046	7.17 In Principle Sensitive Features Mitigation Plan Rev C (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response is provided as an update to our risks and issues log.
REP3-047/048	7.18 In Principle Offshore Monitoring Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response is provided as an update to our risks and issues log.
REP3-058/059	8.64 Kittiwake Implementation and Monitoring Plan Rev A (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response to this document in is provided in Appendix B4.
REP3-060	8.65 Guillemot and Razorbill Evidence and Roadmap Rev A	Natural England's response to this document in is provided in Appendix B4.
REP3-013/014	5.8 Design and Access Statement Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response to this document in is provided in Appendix J4a.
REP3-019/020	6.4.22.15 ES Volume 4 Appendix 22.15 Biodiversity net gain information Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response to this document in is provided in Appendix J4b.
REP3-021/022	6.4.23.2 ES Volume 4 Appendix 23.2 Traffic Generation Technical Note Rev C (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-023/024	7.1 Outline Operational Drainage Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time.
REP3-025/026	7.2 Outline Code of Construction Practice Rev C (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response to this document is provided in Appendix J4a (terrestrial ecology), and Appendix J4c (soils).
REP3-027/028	7.4 Outline Soil Management Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response to this document in is provided in Appendix J4c.
REP3-029/030	7.6 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan Rev D (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-031/032	7.7 Outline Construction Workforce Travel Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-033/034	7.8 Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-035/036	7.9 Outline Onshore Written Scheme of Investigation Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-037/038	7.10 Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan Rev B (clean & tracked)	Natural England's response to this document in is provided in Appendix J4a (terrestrial ecology). Natural England. Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time, but we will review the updated version due to be submitted by the Applicant at deadline 4.
REP3-053	8.59 Air Quality Mitigation Strategy Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-054	8.60 Outline Noise and Vibration Management Plan Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-055	8.61 Construction Access Update Assessment Summary Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time
REP3-056	8.62 Outline Air Quality Management Plan Rev A	Natural England has no comments on this submission at this time