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REGULATION 32 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN AN EEA STATE

PROPOSED NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM

North Falls Offshore Wind Limited has formally notified the Secretary of State, of its intention to submit an Environmental Statement.

The proposals are for an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm, comprising up to 71 wind turbine generators with a total generating capacity of more than 100MW. The offshore components would be located in the southern section of the North Sea, approximately 22.5km off the coast of Essex at their closest point and covering an area of 150km². Landfall for the offshore export cables is proposed between the settlements of Clacton-on-Sea and Frinton-on-Sea, at a point to be determined. The onshore components (including cables and a substation) connecting the wind farm to the electricity distribution network would be within an 'area of search' comprising approximately 150km² of land located within the administrative area of Tendring District Council.

Information about the Proposed Development and about its likely significant effects is available in the scoping report and the Secretary of State's scoping opinion which are available electronically on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/north-falls-offshore-wind-farm/>

Based on the current information provided by the Applicant to the Secretary of State, and applying a precautionary approach, the Secretary of State is of the view that the Proposed Development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in The Netherlands. In accordance with Regulation 32 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) the Secretary of State has provided information to the above mentioned EEA State about the Proposed Development and its likely significant effects, and this State has been asked to indicate by 17 March 2022 whether or not they wish to participate in the procedure for examining and determining the application under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations.

The Proposed Development is currently at the pre-application stage of the process. The Applicant has not yet submitted an application to the Secretary of State. If the application is accepted for examination, the application will be examined in public and, subject to the provisions of the PA 2008, the examination must be completed within a period of six months. Further information about how to participate in the examination procedure under the PA 2008 and the way in which the Secretary of State will notify and consult EEA States in accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website: www.planningportal.gov.uk/infrastructure.

Following examination of the application and having taken the environmental information into consideration, the decision maker may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or offset the major adverse effects of the Proposed Development.

Date: 3 February 2022

Signed by the Planning Inspectorate for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

