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By email only

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010119

Date: 18 May 2023

Dear Mr Harper

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 8

Proposed application by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your email dated 15 May 2023 confirming that a USB memory stick had arrived at the offices of the Planning Inspectorate. Unfortunately, the Inspectorate is not able to access information held on USBs. You provided the documentation by email on 16 May 2023.

- Section 46 notice
- S42 covering letter to prescribed consultees
- S42 covering letter to land interests
- S48 Notice
- Onshore, and offshore project boundary maps
- North Falls leaflet, poster, consultation brochure, and feedback form.
- A link to the PEIR, the non-technical summary, Information to inform a Habitats Regulations Assessment, and information to inform a Marine Conservation Zone Assessment.

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an Order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

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I also acknowledge notification in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that you propose to provide an environmental statement in respect of the Proposed Development.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other Interested Parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the Applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and provide advice as the case progresses through the Pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft Development Consent Order, Explanatory Memorandum, the Consultation Report and any draft Habitats Regulations Assessment. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetable.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the current data protection legislation to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

Please note that if you carry out more than one full s42 consultation you will be required to submit a new s46 notification at each consultation.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Deborah Allen

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Case Manager

This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers.

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