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Glossary of Acronyms

AEoI	Adverse effect on integrity
ANS	Artificial Nest Structure
CIMP	Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan
FFC SPA	Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area
GGOW	Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm
KCSG	Kittiwake Compensation Steering Group
NFOW	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd
RIAA	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
RWE	RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited
SoS	Secretary of State
SSER	SSE Renewables Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited

Glossary of Terminology

The Applicant	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NFOW)
The Project Or 'North Falls'	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

1. The North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter 'North Falls' or 'the Project') is an extension to the existing Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm (GGOW), located over 40km off the East Anglian coast in England. When operational, North Falls would have the potential to generate renewable power for approximately 400,000 UK homes from up to 57 wind turbines.
2. The Applicant, North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd (NFOW), is a joint venture between SSE Renewables Offshore Windfarm Holdings Limited (SSER) and RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited (RWE).
3. With respect to kittiwake from the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area (FFC SPA), the Applicant's RIAA concludes that there will be no adverse effect on integrity (AEoI) of the kittiwake features of the FFC SPA from North Falls alone or in-combination with other plans and projects.
4. In the event that the Secretary of State (SoS) concludes an AEoI in the Appropriate Assessment, the Applicant has developed compensatory measures that could be applied to fully compensate for the predicted effects, which are detailed in the Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) (Document Reference 7.1).

1.2 Purpose of document

5. The Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (CIMP) will be produced post-consent and will set out the detailed delivery proposals for the agreed compensatory measure(s), based on the measures set out in the Appendix 4 Kittiwake Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.4).
6. As described in the sections below, for the collaborative measure to be implemented the CIMP will include details of the:
 - Scale and location;
 - Design;
 - Arrangements for monitoring, maintenance and adaptive management;
 - Reporting requirements;
 - Implementation and delivery programme; and
 - How the Kittiwake CIMP can be approved.
7. The purpose of this document is to set out the outline of the Kittiwake CIMP, which will in due course be developed in consultation with stakeholders through the Kittiwake Compensation Steering Group (KCSG) and later submitted to the SoS for approval.

1.3 Consultation

8. This section will provide a summary of the consultation that has taken place through within the KCSG during the creation of the Kittiwake CIMP (including,

any relevant consultation undertaken prior to formal inception of the KCSG), which will include:

- Key decisions;
 - Agreements; and
 - Outstanding issues that remain under discussion.
9. Where any of these outstanding issues occur, information on proposed steps toward resolution will be provided. Additionally, details of proposed future engagements will also be detailed, including the sharing of and further action on monitoring outcomes.
10. Matters of discussion for inclusion within the KCSG, and therefore the group's purpose, will be regarding:
- Project / study design;
 - Monitoring;
 - Adaptive management options; and
 - Associated triggers.
11. The specific focus of the KCSG will be to deliver the compensation measures for NFOW.

2 Provision of Artificial Nesting Structure

2.1 Scale and Location

12. This section will detail the scale of compensation and how this conforms with the consent decision made by the SoS. This section will also detail the specific location where compensation will be delivered, the suitability of the site for the delivery of the compensation measure, and how the required land rights at the location has been secured. The base of evidence included in aid of the measures detailed in Appendix 4 Kittiwake Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.4) will provide information on these aspects.

2.2 Design of Artificial Nest Structure

13. This section will detail the design of the Gateshead Artificial Nest Structure (ANS), including the structural design and the ecological design considerations specific to kittiwake to allow for the best chance of success for the given measure. An important part of measure design will include the evidence provided in support of the measures that is set out in Appendix 4 Kittiwake Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.4).

2.3 Routine Maintenance and Management

14. This section will detail any routine maintenance and management requirements and responsibilities for the ANS.

2.4 Monitoring and Adaptive Management

15. This section will detail the monitoring and adaptive management principles and processes that have been agreed between the Applicant and the KCSG, including under what scenarios adaptive management measures will be required. These measures will be developed in accordance with the evidence provided in Appendix 4 Kittiwake Compensation Document (Document Reference: 7.2.4). Following the approval of the Kittiwake CIMP, the KCSG will be engaged in the context of implementing monitoring and adaptive management in an ongoing programme.

2.5 Reporting

16. This section will set out the necessary reporting points in connection with the monitoring and adaptive management. This will therefore set out the objectives and timescales for the reporting.

2.6 Implementation and Delivery Programme

17. This section will lay out the programme for the application and long-term delivery of the compensation. It will confirm the purpose and stage of all consents, land access agreements, and any other relevant approvals that are necessary to enable the enactment of the compensation measures and will detail how any outstanding consents will be delivered.

2.7 Approval of the Kittiwake CIMP

18. This section will detail how the SoS can approve the Kittiwake CIMP, to which the delivery of all agreed compensatory measures must be compliant.

3 Strategic Compensation

19. If a viable strategic compensation funding mechanism were to become available within the required timescales for North Falls and is the option preferred by the Applicant, this section will confirm how a contribution will be made to a Strategic Compensation Fund, wholly or partly, replacing the Applicant's initial proposal of the collaborative ANS measure or as part of adaptive management.

4 Summary

20. This section will provide a summary of the delivery proposals detailed above for the agreed compensatory measures for kittiwake.



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