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Dear Wendy McKay,

Natural England's Response to the Procedural Decision Letter by the Examining Authority (ExA) Following Acceptance of the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (EN010119) Application for Examination

We are writing regarding the Examining Authority's Procedural Decision Letter (dated 28 November 2024) issued following acceptance of the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Application for Examination.

We welcome the ExA's decision that Natural England is not required to enter into a bilateral Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the Applicant. Furthermore, we note the ExA's suggestion for Natural England to enter into a multi-party thematic SoCG, however, at this stage we are not planning to enter into a multi-party thematic SoCG.

Natural England will, as requested by the ExA, update and submit our Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADSS) during Examination including a substantive update by the Examination midpoint. The PADSS will indicate any progress made with addressing areas of disagreement and what actions we would wish to see taken to resolve outstanding issues.

We look forward to engaging with the ExA through the North Falls Examination period.

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

Yours sincerely,

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