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Dear Mr McAllister

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulation 10**

**Proposed application by RWE Renewables UK (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms (the Proposed Development)**

**Withdrawal of Scoping Opinion request**

Thank you for your letter of the 14th December 2021 regarding your request for a Scoping Opinion made on 8 November 2021. We have considered the circumstances involved and accept the withdrawal of your request. We will publish your letter and this response in due course on the project web page and consider that this letter releases us from the obligation to provide a Scoping Opinion. As a matter of courtesy, we will notify the consultation bodies regarding the withdrawal.

It is disappointing that the request to withdraw has been made at such a late stage in the 42-day statutory scoping period. As you will appreciate, this has resulted in substantial abortive work on behalf of the consultation bodies and the Inspectorate in administering and responding to your request.

As advised previously, we urge you to carefully consider the appropriateness of the timing of any future scoping request you may make, taking into account the maturity of the proposals to which it relates.

Yours sincerely

*Gail Boyle*

**Gail Boyle**  
**Senior EIA Advisor**  
**on behalf of the Secretary of State**