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The Applicant

Your Ref:

By email

Our Ref: EN010125

Date: 01 July 2024

Dear Mr McAllister,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – Section 55

Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Ltd and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

Request for signposting

We received the above application for an order granting development consent on Wednesday 12 June 2024.

To assist the Inspectorate in reaching a decision in relation to whether or not to Accept this application for Examination, we are requesting the Applicant provides signposting information on the following matters and documents. The Applicant should be aware that additional information or documents may not be provided at this stage, but that this request is for an indication as to where this information may be found within the information and documents provided on Wednesday 12 June 2024.

1. Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) (Doc 6.1)

The RIAA (**Doc 6.1**), Part 1 describes the proposed offshore development in Section 2 but does not include a description of the proposed onshore development. The Applicant is requested to signpost to the description of the onshore works that were assessed in the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

2. Offshore Statutory and Non-statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan (Doc 2.13)

The **Offshore Statutory and Non-statutory Nature Conservation Sites Plan (Doc 2.13)** identifies the relevant sites considered in the ES (**Doc 7.12**) and RIAA (**Doc 6.1**), with the exception of Special Protection Areas (SPAs) beyond 10km from the Proposed Development (eg Farne Islands SPA or SPAs in Scotland). The Applicant is requested to signpost the Planning Inspectorate to where these SPAs have been illustrated in the application.

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3. Geophysical Survey Data and Archaeological Evaluation

The Environmental Statement (ES) highlights that geophysical survey is ongoing for certain Priority Areas (ES Appendix 22-7, Part 1 (**Doc 7.22.22.7**)). In addition, the Interim Archaeological Evaluation Report (ES Appendix 22-8 (**Doc. 7.22.22.8**)), which summarises the results from the trenching completed during Phase 1, states that “a *post-excavation report for the Phase 1 trenching will be produced in due course which will contain a full methodology, the archaeological and historical background to the sites, stratigraphic narratives for each trench, a discussion placing the results of the trenching in a broader regional context, a full suite of site plans and sections, and finds and environmental assessment reports*”. The Applicant is requested to signpost the Planning Inspectorate to information within the submission confirming the proposed timescales for submission of the outstanding information. In addition, the Applicant should also signpost to any agreement regarding this submission approach obtained from relevant consultation bodies (eg through the evidence plan process).

This information should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate electronically **by midday Thursday 4 July 2024**.

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

Yours sincerely

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