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## **The Planning Act 2008**

## **Application for Development Consent for Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms**

### **Case Ref. EN010125**

## **The Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI3)**

### **Background**

The Examining Authority (the ExA) undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection to support the Examination of an application for Development Consent for the proposed Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms on Thursday 26 September 2024.

The ExA carried out its Unaccompanied Site Inspection from publicly accessible land (roads, footpaths and bridleways). No inspections were undertaken on private land, and advance permission to enter land was not required so the inspection could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

The site inspection was undertaken to view the locations of the onshore substation site and other elements of the proposed scheme in the context of the existing highway network and the surrounding area.

### **Particulars of the Site Inspection**

The inspection was undertaken by: Helena Obremski and Laura Shorney

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot. Weather conditions were cloudy and temperatures circa 15 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were at all times suitable to appreciate long range views.

The inspection commenced at approximately 9.45am and finished at approximately 1pm. A list of the locations visited is attached at Annex A and an overview of the inspection route and map of the locations is attached at Annex B.



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### **Annex A: List of locations visited on the Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI3) on Thursday 26 September 2024**

The ExA undertook a site inspection at the following locations:

The ExA started in Beverley and drove to the south-east of Walkington and parked off Bentley Lane. The ExA walked along Walkington Footpath No 9 for around 200 metres (m) and observed views north and eastwards towards the proposed onshore cable corridor, onshore converter station location and access route (1).

The ExA then drove back towards Walkington and followed Risby Lane southwards up to the junction with Park Lane and observed views from the road towards the proposed location for the onshore converter station (2). The ExA noted dense hedgerows along the road as well as individual trees and woodland planting between the road and proposed onshore converter station site.

The ExA then turned back and drove eastwards on the A1079 towards Bransholme (3a) and continued southwards on the A1033 towards Hull and then followed the A1165 and A1033 eastwards towards Salt End passing the Port of Hull (3b). The ExA observed traffic conditions at junctions 3 to 13 and 17 ([APP-196], Figure 24-4) and noted the location of the Port of Hull. The ExA then turned back and followed the A1033 and then the A63 westwards and observed road improvement works near the junction with Castle Street (3c). The ExA also observed traffic movements along the roads associated with junctions 1 and 2 ([APP-196], Figure 24-4) (3d).



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## Annex B: Overview of the inspection route

