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The Wildlife Trusts Interested Party Reference 20050046

16th December 2024

Dear Ms Dowling

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

Rule 17 response to letter dated 26th November 2024

1. The comments in this letter focus on The Wildlife Trusts view on predator eradication as compensation for impacts to auks.
2. The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust has been working since early 2023 with a number of stakeholders on the development of a predator eradication programme on the Isles of Scilly. The Wildlife Trusts have now secured further funding until the end of March 2025 to begin to develop the programme as a strategic compensation measure.
3. The Wildlife Trusts welcome that the applicant agrees that the strategic compensation is the most appropriate approach to deliver a predator eradication scheme on the Isles of Scilly. We also welcome the applicant's openness to find a pragmatic solution in advance of the Marine Recovery Funding being established.
4. In terms of the sufficiency of the further information the applicant has provided, outstanding is clarity on whether predator eradication on the Isles of Scilly can be secured as a strategic compensation measure. As stated previously in The Wildlife Trusts submission dated 14th November 2024, we can only proceed with this measure as a strategic approach.
5. The Wildlife Trusts is working with Defra to provide relevant information to allow predator eradication on the Isles of Scilly to be adopted onto the Strategic Compensation Library. Provided The Wildlife Trusts can secure further funding post-

March 2025 to progress this work, we hope to have information to support the adoption of the measure onto the Library late summer/early autumn 2025. Further information is required to give confidence that this aligns with the examination timetable for Dogger Bank South. If not, an interim approach will need to be considered. To reiterate, The Wildlife Trusts cannot accept funding directly from individual developers or be associated with individual development planning conditions. This would need to be resolved if an interim approach is to be progressed.

Your sincerely



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