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## The Applicants

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010125

Date: 11 February 2025

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Dear Mr Tremlett,

### **The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17**

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

#### **Request for further information**

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).

In our Rule 8 letter [[PD-011](#)] we advised that both blended (part in-person and part virtual) and fully virtual events would form part of the operating model for this Examination and that the Examining Authority (ExA) would remain flexible on this matter. However, the ExA are aware of your preference for Hearings to be held in person [[EV6-003](#)].

The ExA have reviewed the situation for the Hearings which are due to be held during the week commencing the 7 April 2025. As recognised in your letter of 6 January 2025 [[PDC-001](#)] hearings for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm are also scheduled for the same week. As a result, you advised that you need some Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) specialists to attend both those hearings and the hearings for Dogger Bank South. As such, to minimise the need for travel and to maximise the opportunities to preventing timetabling clashes, the ExA has decided that the hearings for Dogger Bank South in April 2025 will be held virtually. The ExA will reconsider your request for in person Hearings prior to the hearings scheduled for June 2025, if they are required.

The Examination Timetable for North Falls [[PD-008](#), Annex A] confirms that the ExA will be holding Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on 8 and 9 April 2025 (with 10 April 2025 in reserve if needed). ISH2 will cover the draft DCO; onshore and offshore ecology;

commercial fisheries; navigation and shipping, offshore landscape, visual and seascape and cumulative effects offshore.

To help timetable the hearings for Dogger Bank South the ExA would be grateful if you could indicate which of the above topics would require the same EIA specialists.

It would be helpful if you could respond by no later than **Deadline 2 (14 February 2025)**.

It is also open to other Interested Parties to respond to this request.

Yours sincerely

*Jo Dowling*

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**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

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