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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document sets out the outline for the Kittiwake Strategic Implementation and Monitoring Plan (“KSIMP”) that will be developed by the Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 Plan (“Round 4”) strategic steering group for kittiwake compensation (the “Steering Group”) should consent for the Round 4 Dogger Bank South West (“DBSW”), Dogger Bank South East (“DBSE”) and Outer Dowsing (“OD”) projects be granted. The KSIMP will be developed in accordance with the Kittiwake Strategic Compensation Plan (“KSCP”), of which this document is an Annex, which provides a detailed account of the strategy supporting the potential compensation measures for kittiwake. The KSIMP will be a requirement of the DCO and will need to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. If other compensation measures are approved for the Round 4 Plan, a relevant KSIMP will be developed in a similar style to this artificial nesting specific example.
- 1.1.2 The following sections of this document set out the proposed content of the KSIMP. The KSIMP will be structured as follows:
- Section 1: Introduction
 - Section 2: Background
 - Section 3: Consultation
 - Section 4: Strategic artificial nesting structure
 - Section 4.1: Scale and location of compensation
 - Section 4.2: Design of artificial nesting structure
 - Section 4.3: Routine management
 - Section 4.4: Delivery Mechanism
 - Section 4.5: Commercial Agreements
 - Section 4.6: Monitoring and adaptive management
 - Section 4.7: Reporting
 - Section 4.8: Programme for implementation and delivery
 - Section 4.9: Discharge of consent condition

2 Background

- 2.1.1 This section will provide context to the KSIMP, confirming the reason for its need, its aims and objectives, and the latest project status.

3 Consultation

- 3.1.1 This section will summarise all relevant consultation that has taken place through the Steering Group process in the development of the KSIMP. It will capture any key decisions, agreements, and where relevant any outstanding issues under discussion (with clarity as to the steps necessary to resolve any such matters). Ongoing engagement, for example to provide updates on monitoring, (post-discharge of the KSIMP) will be outlined here.

4 Scale and location of compensation

- 4.1.1 This section will identify the scale of compensation proposed to be provided and how this relates to the consent decision made by the Secretary of State. This section will then also detail the specific location(s) at which the compensation will be delivered and how the necessary seabed rights and/or property rights in those locations have been/will be secured. The evidence base included in support of the KSCP will help inform these aspects. The results of any monitoring of existing kittiwake colonies carried out pre-construction will also be detailed here as this may influence the location(s).

5 Design of artificial nesting structure

- 5.1.1 This section will identify the design for each structure provided within the compensation package, including the high-level structural design and the kittiwake ecological design considerations which have been integrated to ensure the compensation measure has the maximum potential for success (including alterations to the topside of repurposed structure). The evidence base provided in support of the KSCP and engagement with the Steering Group will be important in informing the specific design aspects of the structure.

6 Routine management

- 6.1.1 This section will describe the management responsibilities for the structure, including anticipated routine maintenance.

7 Delivery Mechanism

- 7.1.1 This section will confirm the nature and status of all consents, land or seabed access agreements, as well as any other relevant approvals and/or funding arrangements that are necessary to secure the implementation of the compensation measures and include a programme for delivery of any outstanding consents.
- 7.1.2 This section will also outline key members involved in the delivery, their role in the process and responsibilities associated with implementation.

8 Commercial Agreements

- 8.1.1 If a decision is made to repurpose an existing offshore platform that is due to be decommissioned then this section will provide a high level summary of the agreement with the relevant oil and gas operator. Furthermore, this section may also include agreements between parties to ensure the implementation of the measure.

9 Monitoring and adaptive management

- 9.1.1 This section will identify the monitoring and adaptive management principles and processes that have been agreed with the Steering Group, including the scenarios under which adaptive management measures are required. It will be developed in line with the evidence base that has been provided in support of the KSCP. Following discharge of the KSIMP, the Steering Group will be engaged in relation to implementing adaptive management if required as outlined in the Consultation section above. Specific topics of discussion for inclusion within the Steering Group, and therefore the purpose of the group, will be regarding site selection, project/ study design, monitoring, adaptive management options and associated triggers. The focus of the Steering Group will be specifically to deliver the compensation for DBSW, DBSE and OD and therefore other topics beyond this will be out of scope for the KSIMP.

10 Reporting

- 10.1.1 This section will set out the reporting requirements associated with the monitoring and adaptive management. In doing so, it will confirm the necessary objectives and timescales for the reporting.

11 Programme for implementation and delivery

- 11.1.1 This section will confirm the programme for the implementation and long-term delivery of the compensation.

12 Discharge of consent condition

- 12.1.1 This section will confirm how, based on the content of this report, the Secretary of State can discharge the condition relating to the delivery of the compensation required for the kittiwake feature of the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area.