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Dear Sir or Madam

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

APPLICATION NO: 24/00646/CON

DESCRIPTION: Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind: Notice of Acceptance of an a Application for Development Consent under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008

LOCATION: Outer Dowsing Wind Farm Development

Thank you for your consultation, which was registered on 30 April 2024.

I write to advise you that the scheme has been considered and this Local Planning Authority **RAISES NO OBJECTIONS AT THIS TIME.**

Context

The Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero) has accepted an application made by GTR4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008. The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 19 March 2024 and accepted for examination on 16 April 2024.

The Application is for development consent for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, Farm, an offshore wind generating station located approximately 54 km east of the Lincolnshire coastline in the southern North Sea, together with associated development to connect the generating station to the national grid (the "Project"). The offshore generating station is located in an area approximately 436km². The onshore cable corridor is approximately 70km long from the landfall at Wolla Bank, south of Anderby Creek to a new substation at Surfleet Marsh and then to a new National Grid substation at Weston Marsh that will be consented built, owned, and operated by National Grid Electricity Transmission.

Development consent is required to the extent that the development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to section 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008. As the proposed offshore generating station is expected to have a capacity of over 100 MW, it is an NSIP for the purposes of section 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008. It is for this reason that the Project falls within the remit of the Secretary of State.

The full description of the development is set out within the Notice of Acceptance of an Application.

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement accompanied the Application.

Consultations

It is the role of the Planning Inspectorate, as the determining body, to undertake consultations with statutory and non statutory bodies. Notwithstanding this, I have consulted internally with my Ecology Officer and their response will be forwarded to you in due course.

Considerations:

Design: For relevant host LPAs and Planning Inspectorate to consider.

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The relevant land the subject of this consultation lies within the county of Lincolnshire, and the relevant local planning authorities will have been consulted, and will consider the design implications of the development.

Impact on Neighbouring land or other users: For relevant LPAs and Planning Inspectorate to consider.

Other material impacts:

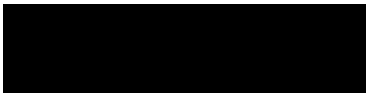
It will be for the relevant LPAs and Planning Inspectorate to consider the implications of the development to the prevailing landscape character areas impacted, as well as implications for archaeology and biodiversity, as well as localised impacts during construction, operation and decommissioning.

Specific comments or issues

Given the distance from the borough boundary, it is not considered that the proposals would impact upon the visual character of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk.

It is recommended that consideration is made as to the routing and control of the transportation of vehicles, equipment and structures during land preparation, construction and decommissioning, and that controls are put in place to minimise disruption to any roads within or traversing the boundaries of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk, in order to reduce potential traffic and environmental impacts.

Yours faithfully



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Environment and Planning