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Dear Susan Hunt,

Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 3.

1. Deadline 3 Submissions

Natural England has reviewed the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 2. Please find an update of Natural England's position regarding these documents in Table 1 below, including anticipated timing of responses. In addition, Natural England is also submitting the following detailed responses, signposted from Table 1, within the following thematic appendices:

- EN01036 489980 - Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation - Appendix I3 - Natural England's Risk and Issues Log Deadline 3
- EN01036 489980 - Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation - Appendix K3 - Natural England's comments on Examining Authority's written questions (ExQ1) [PD-004]
- EN010136 Morgan Offshore Wind Generation Assets Appendix B3 - Natural England's Comments on Offshore Ornithology Deadline 3
- EN010136 491672 Morgan Offshore Wind Generation Assets Appendix H3 Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan - Natural England's Comments Deadline 3

2. Applicant's Deadline 1 and 2 submissions in relation to offshore ornithology

In response to the Applicant's numerous offshore ornithology related submissions at Deadlines 1 and 2, Natural England has provided further advice at this deadline in Appendix B3. In providing this advice we have had due regard to other offshore windfarm NSIPs

currently in examination, including Mona and Morecambe.

3. Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan (IPMP) [REP2-013]

Natural England welcomes the submission of the updated Morgan Generation Offshore IPMP at Deadline 2. Our detailed comments have been provided in Appendix H3.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1: Natural England's Response to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 1 & 2 Relevant to our Remit

PINS Document Reference	Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
Deferred Deadline 1 Submissions		
REP1-010	S_D1_4.5 Annex 4.5 to Response to Hearing Action Point 15: Offshore Ornithology CEA and In-combination Gap-filling of Historical Projects Note	Natural England has provided comments on this in Appendix B3.
REP1-011	S_D1_4.6 Displacement Rates Clarification Note	Natural England has provided comments on this in Appendix B3.
REP1-012	S_D1_4.7 Annex 4.7 to Response to Hearing Action Point 15: Apportioning Sensitivity Analysis	Natural England has provided comments on this in Appendix B3.
REP1-027	S_D1_11 Offshore ornithology baseline characterisation (Tracked)	Natural England has provided comments on this in Appendix B3.
General – Deadline 2 Submissions		
REP2-001	S_D2_1 Deadline 2 Cover Letter	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP2-002	S_D1_7 Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked)	As there have been no changes relevant to Natural England's remit in the deadline 2 version of this document. Natural England has no comments to make on this document at this point.
REP2-004	S_D2_2 Application Guide (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP2-005	S_D2_3 Applicant's Response to Written Representations	Natural England has reviewed these responses and where necessary updated our Risk and Issues Log at

		Deadlines 3. However, as stated in our response to the Rule 6 Letter, we do not intend to comment on any direct responses by the Applicant or other Interested Parties on our representations unless new technical information is included and commitments secured in a named plan or updated draft ES.
REP2-008	S_D2_5 The Applicant's Examination Progress Tracker and Statement of Commonality	Natural England provided a comment on this in section 2 of our cover letter for Deadline 1 (ref: EN010136 488771).
REP2-010	S_D2_6 The Applicant's Errata Sheet (Tracked)	Natural England acknowledges the Applicant's errata sheet and where necessary, updates have been provided in our Risk and Issues Log in relation to this document.
REP2-011	S_D2_7 Draft Development Consent Order (Clean)	As there have been no changes relevant to Natural England's remit in the Deadline 2 version of this document. Natural England has no comments to make on this document at this point.
REP2-012	S_D2_8 Schedule of Change to the draft Development Consent Order	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP2-013	S_D2_9 Offshore in-principle monitoring plan (Clean)	Natural England has provided a response in Appendix H3.
REP2-014	S_D2_9 Offshore in-principle monitoring plan (Tracked)	Natural England has provided a response in Appendix H3.
REP2-015	S_D2_10 Mitigation and monitoring schedule (Clean)	Natural England has provided updates where necessary in our Risk and Issues log in relation to this document.
REP2-016	S_D2_10 Mitigation and monitoring schedule (Tracked)	Natural England has provided updates where

		necessary in our Risk and Issues log in relation to this document.
REP2-018	S_D2_11 Outline vessel traffic management plan (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP2-023	S_D2_15 Review of Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-Combination Assessment	Natural England understands that the Applicant is submitting a further Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) for Ornithology at Deadline 3 that we would also wish to review before providing our integrity advice. Therefore, we will defer that advice to a later deadline.
Offshore ornithology – Deadline 2 Submissions		
REP2-021	S_D2_13 Treatment of Birds in Flight Data in Abundance Estimation	Natural England has provided comments on this in Appendix B3.
REP2-022	S_D2_14 Great black-backed gull regional populations	Natural England has provided comments on this in Appendix B3.
Examiner's Written Questions (ExQ1)		
PD-004	The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) - 29 October 2024	Natural England has provided comments in response to the written questions in Appendix K3 and updated the Risk and Issues log where necessary.