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Hi

Please see the attached which was received in the NI Enquiries mailbox.

Thanks

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Good Morning

Further to your letter to Cllr Davie dated 21 August, please find attached his response for your attention.

Many thanks
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Dear Mark

TRITON KNOLL AND VIKING LINK INTERCONNECTOR

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August.

I fundamentally disagree with your interpretations contained within your letter. As you rightly say, the Examining Authority has correctly identified "cumulative effects", including the relationship to the Viking Link Interconnector as a principal issue.

To judge cumulative effects, you must therefore have the ability to assess the Viking Interconnector proposals alongside Triton Knoll. No plans for the Viking Interconnector are in the public domain so no such assessment has been possible. In fact, we have recently been approached by National Grid regarding The Viking proposals but we have no plans, no technical information or substantive information therefore we can appoint consultants to make a judgement and inform our representations in the Inquiry process.

How can the Panel, as you assert, examine the potential cumulative effects of a scheme that has not been published or placed into the public domain. Bearing in mind the two schemes have the same delivery timetables, there can be no reason for this information not to now be publicly available. Therefore, if you proceed you are doing so on a flawed prospectus and leaving the Secretary of State in the dangerous position of legal challenge.

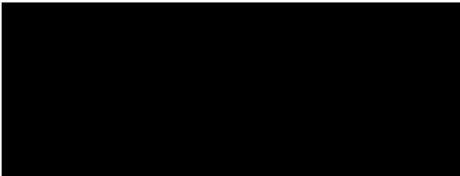
Further, you will recall that the previous Panel for the offshore development strongly urged the then Secretary of State to address the Offshore and Onshore Infrastructure as one application. Ed Davey chose to ignore that advice. I think Amber Rudd could easily be compromised by previous decisions taken by her department in this regard.

You simply cannot set a timetable for an Inquiry process when key information is not available that is regarded as a principal issue. Until that information is published in full and due time has been given for the parties to review that information, any timetable will simply be legally challenged.

I would therefore strongly urge that at the Pre-Inquiry meeting on 3 September, no timetable is set by the Panel without an absolute assurance from National Grid, that prior to the start of the process the Viking Interconnector proposals have been published in full, complete with all the technical appendices so that all parties can make informed decisions on potential cumulative impacts. Time must be allowed by the Panel for a proper process on this, and for themselves to study the proposals.

Unless we have this assurance, we will attend the Pre-Inquiry meeting and detail publicly why the process should be stopped.

Yours sincerely



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