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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN020019

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Dear Mr Simmonds,

Application by Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Triton Knoll Electrical System

Thank you for your letter of 12 May 2014 to the Rt Hon Ed Davey MP regarding the above project. I have been asked to reply as your letter relates to a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project application which will, if accepted, be examined by the Planning Inspectorate. I apologise for the delay in my response.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) made a decision under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008) for the Triton Knoll Electrical System to be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project for which development consent is required. The Secretary of State was of the view that the "development when considered with the proposed Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm is nationally significant". The Secretary of State's decision is available via this link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/document/2221481>

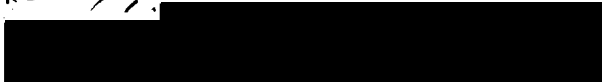
In your letter you highlight that it is essential that the views of the local community and their elected representatives are taken into consideration. I can assure you that the PA 2008 firstly requires developers to undertake extensive consultation on their proposals. The proposed Triton Knoll Electrical System project is currently at the pre-application stage. At this stage there is a duty on the developer to undertake consultation with the local community and other prescribed persons. Where the local community, and their elected representatives, respond within the published deadline, then a further duty is placed on the developer to take account of responses to the consultation. Whilst a developer and consultees may not always agree on certain matters, nevertheless the developer must show that they have acted reasonably when undertaking the duty to take account of responses.

Once the application is submitted, and provided it is accepted as fit to progress to examination, there will be an opportunity for persons to register as interested parties for the proposal. Interested parties are able to participate in the examination of the

application both through providing written submissions and participation at hearings and accompanied site visits if held. The Examining Authority that considers the application and conducts the Examination will take all such representations into account in preparing their recommendation report for the Secretary of State, who will take the decision having been fully informed by the Examining Authority's report.

If you have any further questions then please contact the case team either by e-mail enquiries@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk or phone 0303 444 5000.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Southgate
Director of Major Applications and Plans

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