Dear Sirs,

Statement of matters with respect to further written representations (pursuant to rule 20(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010)

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I refer to your letter of 8 April 2014, addressed to my colleague Sheila Lingard, seeking the views of English Heritage on the matters in relationship to which the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change considers further representations are needed for the purposes of his re-determination of the application.

English Heritage is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, with our funding agreement also signed by CLG and DEFRA. We are the UK Government’s statutory adviser and a statutory consultee on all aspects of the historic environment and its heritage assets. This includes archaeology on land and underwater, historic buildings, sites and areas, designated landscapes and the historic elements of the wider landscape.

The majority of matters on which the Secretary of State is requesting the views of English Heritage therefore lie outside our remit and expertise. In relation to the adequacy of the environmental information produced in support of the application for the development (item iv in the list of matters) we have previously advised that the EIA is satisfactory, as far as the historic environment is concerned. We are not aware of any other matters arising since 9 April 2013 which we consider are material to the Secretary of State’s re-determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

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