

Written summary of oral submissions of Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited on 6 January 2022:

In accordance with the timetable set out in the Rule 8 Letter, we have set out below a written summary of the oral submissions made on behalf of Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited at the issue specific hearing on 6 January 2022.

Claire Brodrick of Pinsent Masons LLP made the following oral submissions on behalf of Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited.

Mrs Brodrick explained that there were a number of interactions between the proposed development and the development permitted by the Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm Order 2020. As a result, there were a number of minor amendments to the draft DCO that Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited required in order to ensure that the drafting was consistent with the Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm Order 2020. For example, amendments to the description of Work No. 94 and the description of the rights to be acquired in Schedule 5. Mrs Brodrick indicated that the amendments would be submitted into the Examination at Deadline 7. Since the issue specific hearing, the Applicant's solicitor has confirmed to Mrs Brodrick that the requested amendments (originally sent to the Applicant on 1 November 2021) would be included in the draft DCO submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 7. On the basis that the amendments will be submitted into Examination by the Applicant, Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited is not therefore proposing to submit the same amendments itself.

Mrs Brodrick noted that Counsel for the Applicant informed the Examining Authority that discussions between the Applicant and Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited were ongoing and that the Applicant was proposing to provide comments on the draft protective provisions submitted by Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited at Deadline 4 [REP4-021]. Mrs Brodrick highlighted that there was not much time left before the close of the Examination for the parties to reach agreement. Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited therefore needed to ensure that Hornsea Three, a nationally significant infrastructure project, could be constructed without impediment. In the absence of any agreement, Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited therefore requested that protective provisions for its benefit were included in the draft DCO.