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Dear Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit,

Title: Natural England's comments in respect of the Immingham Green Energy Terminal (IGET) Project, promoted by Associated British Ports (ABP).

Current consultation: Consultation letter published by the Department for Transport on 04 December 2024 requesting comments from Natural England and Marine Management Organisation (MMO) relating to strategic oversight of projects within the Humber Estuary project, with a submission deadline of 18 December 2024.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England's response to the Secretary of State's questions

As far as we are aware, strategic coordination of projects within the Humber Estuary has not substantially progressed since our Relevant Representations [RR-019, comment NE38]. However, we advise that Natural England's previous concerns about potential cumulative and in-combination impacts for this project have been sufficiently addressed in the further information provided within the updated shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and associated documents.

Therefore, Natural England agree with the Applicant's conclusions of no adverse effects on integrity of the Humber Estuary Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar sites, both alone and in-combination.

It remains a recommendation that improved strategic coordination is achieved for upcoming projects on the Humber, but this is not considered to be a requirement for the completion of the HRA for this project. With regards to future strategic collaboration, we would be happy to discuss the potential for developing a tracker tool with the Marine Management Organisation and other stakeholders across the Estuary including ABP, outside of the Development Consent Order (DCO) process for this project.

For any further advice on this consultation please contact the case officer Elen Squires [REDACTED] and copy to consultations@naturalengland.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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