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Dear Richard,

PLANNING ACT 2008

THE HINKLEY POINT C (NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION) ORDER 2013 ("the Order")

APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TIMESCALE FOR REMOVAL OF THE TEMPORARY JETTY

- 1. NNB Generating Company (HPC) ("the Applicant") made a request to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero ("the Secretary of State") on 3 September 2025 for approval of an extension of time for the use of a temporary jetty for marine deliveries to the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station construction project ("the Approval Request").
- 2. The Approval Request included a letter dated 2 September 2025 and cover email dated 3 September 2025 to the Secretary of State for approval under article 82(1)(b) in Part 2 to the Order. Under article 82(1)(b), the Secretary of State is granted the power to extend the date by which the use of the temporary jetty is required to cease. At present, the use of the jetty must cease by 31 December 2025. The Applicant has requested an extension of this date to 27 March 2028. The Approval Request letter and cover email are set out in **Annex A** and **B** of this letter.
- 3. The Secretary of State wishes to inform the Applicant that consideration has now been given to the Approval Request.

Article 82: Closure of jetty

- 4. Article 82(1) to the Order states that:
 - "(1) In this article the closure date is—
 - (a) 31st December 2025:
 - (b) such later date as the Secretary of State may on the application of the undertake appoint; or
 - (c) such other date as is appointed under paragraph (3)."

5. Article 82(3) to the Order states that:

"If the temporary jetty is no longer required by the undertaker for the construction of Work No. 1A, the undertaker shall as soon as practicable by resolution appoint a closure date."

Further Information Request

- 6. There is no requirement under the Order for the Secretary of State to seek further information or undertake any consultation upon application for the extension of the closure date under article 82(1)(b).
- 7. The Secretary of State considered the details provided by the Applicant in its Approval Request and on 10 October 2025 issued an email seeking further information from the Applicant to properly consider the potential environmental and other implications of the Approval Request.
- 8. In summary, the Secretary of State requested sight of several documents, including the Shelduck Mitigation and Monitoring Strategy, navigation protocols and passage plans for up to 2028, and the Operational Lighting Strategy. In addition, he sought confirmation of the previous engagement undertaken with various consultation bodies on the Approval Request.
- 9. The Applicant's response notes that there are limited changes to the environmental effects resulting from the jetty and the mitigation measures in place to minimise them. Where they are changed, they have consulted the requisite authorities and provided evidence within the documents supplied to the Secretary of State.
- 10. The questions and the Applicant's responses are set out in **Annexes C** to **L** of this letter.

Consideration of the Approval Request by the Secretary of State

- 11. The Secretary of State has reviewed the additional information submitted by the Applicant and is satisfied that extending the operation of the temporary jetty until 27 March 2028 would result in negligible change to the originally assessed environmental effects and no new or materially different significant environmental effects, provided that the mitigation measures outlined in paragraph 8 of this letter remain in place.
- 12. The Secretary of State therefore approves the Approval Request in accordance with Article 82(1)(b) to extend the use of the temporary jetty to 27 March 2028.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery & Innovation

Department of Energy Security & Net Zero

Annexes

Hinkley Point C – Annex A – Application request letter of 2 September 2025

Hinkley Point C – Annex B – Application cover email of 3 September 2025

Hinkley Point C – Annex C – DESNZ email of 10 October 2025 requesting further information

Hinkley Point C – Annex D – Applicant email of 6 November 2025 setting out responses to the further information request

Hinkley Point C – Annex E – Temporary Lighting Strategy Guidance Notes

Hinkley Point C – Annex F – Temporary Jetty Development Lighting Strategy

Hinkley Point C – Annex G – Harbour Authority Marine Operating Procedures

Hinkley Point C – Annex H – Shelduck Monitoring and Mitigation Scheme

Hinkley Point C – Annex I – Shelduck Monitoring Update June 25

Hinkley Point C – Annex J – Shelduck Monitoring Update July 25

Hinkley Point C – Annex K – Shelduck Monitoring Update August 25

Hinkley Point C – Annex L – Look ahead Meeting 13-08-25 Attendance