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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Ms McKay

Application by NNB Generation Company (SZC) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for The Sizewell C Project

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.

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 10.

1. Natural England's Deadline 10 Submissions

1.1. Natural England are submitting the following documents at Deadline 10:

- EN010012_370415_SZC_NE's Comments on the Examining Authority's Report on the Implications for European Sites
- EN010012_370415_SZC_NE's Response to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 Request for Information (1st and 6th October)
- EN010012_370415_SZC_NE's Comments on the Coastal Processes Reports (REP7-101 and REP9-020)
- EN010012_370415_SZC_NE's Comments on Recreational Disturbance Reports (REP8-087, REP8-135 and REP9-023)
- EN010012_370415_SZC_NE's Comments on Revision 3.0 Southern North Sea Site Integrity Plan

2. Outline Vessel Management Plan

- 2.1. Natural England have reviewed the latest version of the Applicant's outline Vessel Management Plan [REP8-106]. We are satisfied with this latest iteration, as the Applicant has addressed our key concerns.
- 2.2. The Applicant has committed to a complete reduction in winter vessel movements, and has accepted our preferred vessel routes, if they are required.
- 2.3. In light of this, we agree with the Applicant's conclusion of no adverse effect on integrity to the overwintering red-throated diver feature of the Outer Thames Estuary Special Protection Area (SPA), should this plan be secured within the Deemed Marine Licence (DML).
- 2.4. This progress is reflected in our latest Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the Applicant, to be submitted at Deadline 10.

3. Statement of Common Ground

- 3.1. Natural England has continued discussions with the Applicant to seek to resolve issues and agree outstanding matters through our SoCG, and there has been some significant progress which we welcome.
- 3.2. However, for those matters where we have failed to reach satisfactory agreement at close of the examination, Natural England advises that the issues previously marked 'amber' (as defined in Appendix I of the SoCG) have now been turned 'red', consistent with the advice we provided in paragraph 2.4 of our Written Representations [REP2-153].

This concludes Natural England's advice at this time, which we hope you will find helpful.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter only, please contact Jack Haynes on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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