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Application by DONG Energy Walney Extension (UK) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm

Dear Mr Pennington

Thank you for your e-mail dated 28 November 2013 regarding the above project.

Please be aware that I have forwarded your correspondence to my colleagues working on the Rhiannon Wind Farm project who will keep this on file. However your correspondence will not be forwarded directly to the project team at Celtic Array by the Planning Inspectorate on this occasion. Please continue to liaise directly with the developer at this stage and you may copy the Planning Inspectorate into any correspondence that you send if you wish to do so. Once the application is formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate we will examine in detail the consultation carried out by the developer to ensure that it meets the requirements set out in legislation.

I believe that Celtic Array have not published information on when they intend to carry out their next round of consultation and it will be at their discretion when they chose to do so. I appreciate your concerns regarding resourcing however as previously mentioned, on occasions due to the number of projects in the same area, some do overlap in consultation or representation periods and this cannot always be avoided but I assure you that the Planning Inspectorate does advise developers to be mindful of public engagement activities to minimise the risk of overburdening consultees.

In relation to the examination of the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm, the examination timetable in the Rule 8 Letter of 20 November 2013 stipulates that the Examining Authority (ExA) requests receipt Written Representations and responses to its first Written Questions by Monday 16 December 2013 and responses to its second Written Questions by Tuesday 4 March 2014. Hearings and Accompanied Site Visits are scheduled to take place from Tuesday 18 March 2014 until Thursday 27 March 2014, if they are required. These particular deadlines may be of most interest in your participation in the examination process.

I would like to remind you that the examination stage is first and foremost a written process. As written evidence is such an important part of the examination, it is essential that you make any points you wish to make in writing, before the deadlines set by the ExA.

Yours sincerely

Steffan Jones

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Case Officer

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.