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BY EMAIL

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Dear East Anglia ONE North Case Team,

The Wildlife Trusts' response for Examination Deadline 5 Submissions for East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm.

The document TWT is submitting at Deadline 5 is as follows:

- TWT Summary of Oral submissions made at Issue Specific Hearing 3: Biodiversity & HRA, 19th January 2021 (Appendix A).

Further to the above document submitted, we would also like to notify the Examining Authority that TWT intend to submit a response to the 'Monopile Foundation Option for Offshore Platforms' action from ISH3 at Deadline 6, alongside any responses to ExQ2 if required.

Thank you for taking our response into consideration. We look forward to engaging further with all parties as part of the examination and we are happy to provide more detail if required.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A – TWT Summary and Further Detail on Oral Submissions made at the Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3), 19th January 2021

1. Harbour Porpoise of the Southern North Sea SAC: Project Alone Effects

As stated orally at ISH3 and in our Deadline 3 and 4 responses, TWT still has concerns surrounding the Applicant's decision to include project alone impacts (regarding the scheduling of UXO clearance and piling) in the MMMP and SIP. This means that the project alone impacts on site integrity of the Southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation (SAC) will be dependent on commitments to mitigation and full assessments of mitigation effectiveness that would not occur until post-consent. TWT still believe these project alone impacts should be conditioned as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) and to include them in the SIP would be a significant change to the purpose of the document.

For further detail on these concerns please see TWT's Comments on the updated In-Principle Site Integrity Plan [REP3-044] submitted at Deadline 3.

We note the statement included in the Applicants' Comments on TWT Deadline 3 Submissions (dated 13th January 2021) that the Applicant is currently exploring other options as part of the consent and we welcome the Applicant's commitment to continue to engage with TWT on this matter. TWT will reserve comment until further information on the proposed revised DML conditions is provided by the Applicant at Deadline 5 or Deadline 6.

2. DML Construction Monitoring Conditions – Cessation of piling

As stated orally at ISH3, TWT feel that the MMO need to have all the legal powers necessary to enforce the conditions in the DML as they see fit and the condition in question is a standard condition that has been applied across multiple projects.

We welcome the following statement included in the Applicants' Comments on TWT Deadline 3 Submissions (dated 13th January 2021) that *"The Applicants have updated condition 21(3) of the Generation DML and condition 17(3) of the Transmission DML within the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3 (REP3-011) as requested by the MMO in order to address these concerns"* provided this satisfies the MMO's request.