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Sent: 10 July 2025 09:49
To: East Anglia ONE North
Cc: East Anglia Two
Subject: RE: SoS Information Request Letter - EA1N & EA2 RTDIMP
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Good morning, Georgie,

With reference to the letter of 12th June 2025 requesting further information for the “Red-Throated Diver Implementation and Monitoring Plan” (the “Plan”) submitted 9th April 2025 required for both the East Anglia One North Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 and East Anglia Two Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022, please find a revised Version 5 of the Plan attached and a description of the responses below.

Please note that the amended Implementation and Monitoring Plan for East Anglia TWO will be sent in a separate email due to the file size.

Request: “Provide further detail within Section 4.1.1 of the thresholds above which the ‘reasonable extenuating circumstances’ would trigger vessel deviation and the protocol that would be followed to return vessels to the vessel navigation management transit routes once such circumstances pass.”

Response: Following consultation with marine vessel advisors, the threshold above which a vessel is required to deviate from a planned route is dependent on specific circumstances of any given scenario, therefore cannot be stated in a standardised form. The protocol which is used to manage deviations is now described in detail in Section 4.1.4.3.

Request: Provide an analysis, where possible, of how often deviations from the vessel navigation management transit routes due to ‘reasonable extenuating circumstances’ may occur. This analysis should also evaluate the potential maximum duration of such deviations, considering worst-case scenarios, during the re-routing period from 1 November to 31 March.

Response: A review of existing Crew Transfer Vessel (CTV) movements to the East Anglia ONE array was conducted as the best available predictor of frequency for vessel deviations. The information is presented in Section 4.1.1 along with a reasonable worst-case scenario of how such a frequency could impact the compensation ratio.

Request: Replace the wording, as underlined, in Section 4.1.1: “Once implemented for each project the vessel transit routes will be in effect for each subsequent core winter period (as previously defined) for all Projects and would continue until decommissioning was complete, unless evidence is collected that confirms these measures are no longer required” with “unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of State.” For the purposes of the Habitats Regulations the Secretary of State is the appropriate authority, and as such, it is for him to determine whether compensation measures can be varied or whether they are no longer required.

Response: Text replaced as requested.

Request: Provide an explicit commitment in Section 5.4 to use the highest resolution datasets available in the model-based analyses of red-throated diver distribution and densities in the OTE SPA, as agreed in the Agreement Log and advised by Natural England.

Response: Explicit commitment added to Section 5.4.

I look forward to your response and the Secretary of State’s decision in due course.

Kind Regards
Rachael

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Dear Rachael,

The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero has issued an information request letter regarding the Red-Throated Diver Implementation and Monitoring Plan (RTDIMP) which is attached.

The deadline for responses is 23:59 Friday 11 July 2025.

Kind regards,

Georgie



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