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**Subject:** FAO Mr Gareth Leigh - Hornsea 3 Landfall at Weybourne

Dear Mr Leigh,

Please could you ensure that this e-mail is passed on to the Secretary Of State Alok Sharma.

Dear Mr Sharma,

Orstead is planning to use open trench technology to bring the cables for the Hornsea 3 wind farm ashore at Weybourne. This will disturb the integrity of the shingle ridge and breach the cliff. Weybourne Parish Council believes that this would have the potential to increase the flooding risk at Weybourne, particularly as the likelihood of tidal surges will increase as climate change accelerates. The cliffs at Weybourne are extremely soft and already suffering from weathering and coastal erosion, and cutting through the cliffs is likely to exacerbate this.

Both the previous wind farms that came on shore at Weybourne successfully used Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). HDD takes the cable underneath the beach and the cliff, thus avoiding destabilising them.

In addition to the impact on the integrity of the geology in the area, the use of open trenches will affect the habitat in a way that would be avoided by HDD. The area is of importance to breeding and wintering birds as well as passing migrant birds in the spring and autumn, and there is thus no season of the year when disturbance could be avoided

I urge you to refuse consent for the Hornsea 3 development **OR** - if it is deemed that consent should be given due to the overriding national interest of providing renewable energy - to put a proviso into the consent, **requiring the use of HDD at the landfall site at Weybourne.**

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Stubbs, on behalf of Weybourne Parish Council

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