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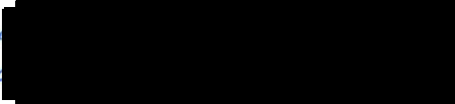
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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) relates to the proposed development of the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm (Thanet Extension). It has been prepared with respect to the application made by Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd (VWPL) (the Applicant) for a development consent order (DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) under the Planning Act 2008 (the Application).
- 2 This SoCG with RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited (RSP) is a means of clearly stating any areas of agreement and disagreement between the two parties in relation to the Application. The SoCG has been structured to reflect the topics of interest to RSP in the Application, and in line with the request made by the Planning Inspectorate within the 'Rule 6' letter published on the 6th November 2018.
- 3 It is the intention that this document will help facilitate post application discussions between both parties and also give the Examining Authority (Ex. A) an early sight of the level of common ground between both parties from the outset of the examination process.

1.2 Approach to SoCG

- 4 This SoCG has been developed during the pre-examination phase of the Thanet Extension. In accordance with discussions between the Applicant and RSP, the SoCG is focused on those issues raised by RSP within its response to Scoping, Section 42 consultation and as raised through the Evidence Plan process that has underpinned the pre-application consultation between the parties.
- 5 The structure of the SoCG is as follows:
 - Section 1: Introduction;
 - Section 2: RSP's remit;
 - Section 3: Consultation;
 - Section 4: Agreements Log; and
 - Section 5: Matters under discussion.

1.3 The Development

- 6 The Application is for development consent for VWPL to construct and operate the Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm (Thanet Extension) under the Planning Act 2008.
- 7 Thanet Extension will comprise of wind turbine generators (WTGs) and all the infrastructure required to transmit the power generated to the national grid. A maximum of 34 WTGs will be installed with a power output of 340 MW. The project will install up to four offshore export cables and may require the installation of one Offshore Substation (OSS) and up to one Meteorological Mast.
- 8 The key offshore components of Thanet Extension are likely to include:
 - Offshore WTGs;
 - OSS (if required);
 - Meteorological Mast (if required);
 - Foundations;
 - Subsea inter-array cables linking individual WTGs;
 - Subsea export cables from the OWF to shore; and
 - Scour protection around foundations and on inter-array and export cables (if required).
- 9 The array area will have a maximum size of 70 Km² and surrounds the existing Thanet Offshore Wind Farm (TOWF). It is located approximately 8 km Northeast of the Isle of Thanet, situated in the County of Kent. Each WTG will have a maximum blade tip height of 250 m above Mean High Water Springs (MHWS), a maximum diameter of 220 m and a minimum 22 m clearance between the MHWS and the lowest point of the rotor.
- 10 Electricity generated will be carried via a maximum of four high voltage subsea cables to the landfall site, situated at Pegwell Bay. Offshore cables will be connected to the onshore cables and ultimately the national grid network at Richborough Energy Park. The onshore cable corridor is 2.6 km in length at its fullest extent.

- 11 More details on the proposed development are described in the Environmental Statement (ES) Volume 2, Chapter 1: Project Description (Offshore) (Application Ref 6.2.1) and Volume 3, Chapter 1: Project Description (Onshore) (Application Ref 6.3.1) of the Environmental Statement.

2 RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited's Remit

- 12 RSP is a consultee for the proposed development due to potential interactions between Thanet Extension and their proposed development comprising works to provide an integrated aviation services hub on the site of the former Manston Kent International Airport.
- 13 The main feature of the proposal is a major international centre for air freight that is capable of handling a minimum 10,000 air freight Air Traffic Movements per year and other associated development ('Manston Airport').
- 14 RSP have submitted a DCO application for Manston Airport which was accepted for examination on 14 August 2018.
- 15 VWPL and RSP have entered into a SoCG for the Manston Airport DCO application. The points of agreement are consistent between this SoCG and the RSP SoCG.

3 Consultation

3.1 Application elements under RSP's remit

- 16 Work No. 1, detailed in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the draft DCO describe the elements of Thanet Extension which may affect the interests of RSP (i.e. the turbine array).
- 17 The technical components of the DCO application of relevance to RSP (and therefore considered within this SoCG) comprise:
- Volume 3, Chapter 11: Aviation (Application Ref 6.3.11);

3.2 Consultation Summary

- 18 This section briefly summarises the consultation that VWPL has undertaken with RSP. Engagement during the pre-application phase, both statutory and non-statutory, is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Consultation undertaken with the RSP pre-application

| Date & Type: | Detail: |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| July 2017 | Meeting to discuss the projects |
| February 2018 | Conference call between the parties |

3.3 Post-application Consultation

- 19 VWPL has engaged with RSP via email since the Thanet Extension development was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on 23rd July 2018.

4 Agreements Log

- 20 The following section of this SoCG identifies the level of agreement between the parties for each relevant component of the application material (as identified in Section 3.1). In order to easily identify whether a matter is “agreed”, “under discussion” or indeed “not agreed” a colour coding system of green, yellow and orange is used in the “final position” column to represent the respective status of discussions.

Table 2: Status of discussions relating to Aviation

| Discussion Point | Thanet Extension Position | RSP Position | Final Position |
|--------------------|---|--------------|----------------|
| Cumulative effects | It is agreed that Thanet Extension has appropriately considered potential cumulative effects relating to Manston Airport. | Agreed. | Agreed |
| Flight paths | It is agreed that should Manston Airport become operational that the flight paths will take Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm into account | Agreed. | Agreed |
| Radar | It is agreed that any new radar required for the operation of Manston Airport will take account Thanet Extension and that this is incumbent on RSP (or the subsequent undertaker) and not VWPL. VWPL will not contribute financially towards a radar system. | Agreed. | Agreed |
| Aviation lighting | <p>It is agreed that RSP will not seek to impose different or more onerous aviation lighting on each of the turbines, except as may be required in accordance with the Air Navigation Order 2016 which is secured through Requirement 7 (Aviation Safety) of the draft DCO.</p> <p>VWPL will inform RSP or their representatives of the lighting proposed to comply with this requirement, prior to installation.</p> | Agreed | Agreed |

5 Matters under further discussion

- 21 There are no outstanding matters under discussion