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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

Dear Sirs

**Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010  
Application by Vattenfall Wind Power Limited for an order granting development consent  
for the proposed Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm off the coast of Thanet, Kent  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION - EN010084**

Thank you for your consultation dated 06 January 2020. The following constitutes Natural England's formal response.

***Proposed wording of Requirement 13 – Saltmarsh Mitigation***

We understand that Vattenfall wish to decouple the plover and saltmarsh aspects within this requirement, and that any mitigation for plover should have regard to the plover mitigation plan rather than the saltmarsh plan (SMRMP). We are content for this separation. Our other comments from our letter dated 05 December 2019 still stand.

Natural England further support the comments of the MMO with regards to also securing the requirements of the SMRMP as a condition on the deemed Marine Licence (dML).

Yours sincerely

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