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PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED)

REGULATION 32 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN ANOTHER EEA STATE

PROPOSED HORNSEA PROJECT FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited has formally notified the Secretary of State, of its intention to submit an Environmental Statement. It is anticipated that an application for development consent will be made to the UK's Planning Inspectorate in 2020.

The proposals are for an offshore wind farm a maximum of 600km2 located approximately 65km off the coast of the East Riding of Yorkshire in the Southern North Sea. The proposed application site includes an export cable search corridor which extends west to a landfall search area. The landfall search area lies just north of Barmston, UK (shown on Figure 1.2). The onshore cable search area then extends in a south-westerly direction to the onshore substation search area situated in the vicinity of an existing National Grid substation at Creyke Beck, to the south of the settlement of Beverley.

Information about the proposed development and about its likely significant effects is available in the scoping report and the Secretary of State's scoping opinion which are available electronically on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm-generating-stations/?iocsection=docs

and in hard copy at the following location:

The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Based on the current information provided by the applicant to the Secretary of State, and applying a precautionary approach, the Secretary of State is of the view that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, The Netherlands, Norway, the Republic of Ireland, and Sweden. In accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations the Secretary of State has provided information to the above mentioned EEA States about the proposed development and its likely significant effects, and these States have been asked to indicate by 12 November 2019 whether or not they wish to participate in the procedure for examining and determining the application under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA 2008) and Regulation 32 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations). This Regulation transposes Article 7 of EU Directive 85/337/EC as amended into the legislation of England, Wales and Scotland.

The proposed development is currently at the pre-application stage of the process. The applicant has not yet submitted an application to the Secretary of State. If the application is accepted for examination, the application will be examined in public and, subject to the provisions of the PA 2008, the examination must be completed within a period of six months. Further information about how to participate in the examination procedure under the PA 2008 and the way in which the Secretary of State will notify and consult EEA States in accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website: www.planningportal.gov.uk/infrastructure.

Following examination of the application and having taken the environmental information into consideration, the decision maker may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or offset the major adverse effects of the proposed development.

Date: 1 October 2019

Signed by the Planning Inspectorate for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for

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