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Dear Mr Tresadern,

**THE HORNSEA FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER 2023 (AS AMENDED)
("the Order")**

PROPOSED NON-MATERIAL CHANGE APPLICATION ("the Application")

**REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PARTIES THAT NEED
TO BE CONSULTED ON A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE APPLICATION**

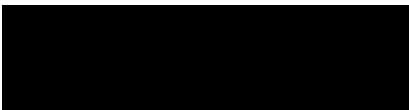
1. Thank you for your letter of 14 January 2025 on behalf of Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited ("the Applicant"), which sets out a proposed second change to the Order¹. The letter requests the Secretary of State's consent under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) ("the 2011 Regulations") to a reduced list of consultees.
2. Paragraph 2.2 of the 14 January 2025 letter states that the change to the Order which comprises the proposed Non-Material Change Application is "*to remove the requirements in Part 3 of Schedule 16 to the Amended Order relating to carrying out bycatch reduction through contracts with fishers*".
3. The list of consultees proposed by the Applicant is:
 - 1) the Marine Management Organisation;
 - 2) Natural England;
 - 3) the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds;
 - 4) the Crown Estate; and
 - 5) the Joint Nature Conservation Committee.
4. Paragraph 3.2 of the 14 January 2025 letter states that "*only the same consultees as were consulted on NMC1 should be consulted on the NMC2 application, in light of the Secretary of State's agreement to those proposed*".

¹ The Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm Order (S.I.2023/800) was corrected by S.I. 2024/117 and has subsequently been amended by S.I. 2024/800.

consultees for NMC1 in its letter dated 19 February 2024, with the exception of the Wildlife Trusts given the nature of these proposed changes”.

5. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the consultees proposed by the Applicant for consultation as listed at paragraph 3 above should be consulted, noting the nature of the proposed changes as set out at paragraph 2 above.
6. However, the Secretary of State considers that in addition to those parties set out at paragraph 3 above, the Applicant should also consult the Alderney Wildlife Trust, noting the nature of the proposed changes.
7. In respect of the Application, the Secretary of State considers that those other consultees identified in the list sent on 17 January 2025 need not be consulted as they are not directly affected, either because the proposed amendments will not affect their interests or because their interests relate to a different part of the scheme.
8. Accordingly, under regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations, the Secretary of State consents to the reduced list of consultees as specified in the paragraphs above.
9. In taking this decision, the Secretary of State notes that there will also be public consultation in line with the requirements in regulation 6 of the 2011 Regulations.
10. The Secretary of State’s written consent in this matter should not be taken as indicating approval for any other aspects of the proposed changes to the Order, which fall to him for consideration and determination, or whether the proposed changes will ultimately be regarded as material or not.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero