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To:
Natural England ("NE")
States of Guernsey
Alderney Wildlife Trust
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds ("the RSPB")

01 July 2025

Ref: EN010098

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

SUBMISSION OF GUILLEMOT COMPENSATION IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING PLAN ("GCIMP") UNDER PART 3 OF SCHEDULE 16 OF THE ORDER

- On 02 April 2025, the Secretary of State consulted you regarding Orsted's ("the Applicant") GCIMP which was submitted to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero ("the Secretary of State") under Part 3 of Schedule 16 of the Order.
- 2. Your response to that consultation was gratefully received.
- 3. Due to delays in the Development progressing, the Applicant is seeking to revise the GCIMP to allow for a delay in the commencement of the predator eradication program.
- 4. The revised GCIMP and supporting documents have been published on the Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

https://national-infrastructureconsenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010098

- 5. The Secretary of State invites comments from **NE**, **the States of Guernsey** and **Alderney Wildlife Trust and the RSPB** on the revised GCIMP.
- 6. Comments should be submitted by email only to: hornseaprojectfour@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 29 July 2025.
- 7. Responses will be published on the Hornsea Four project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 29 July 2025.

8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to approve the GCIMP. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any issue.

Yours faithfully,

Environmental Manager

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