



Meeting note

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| Project name | Hornsea Project Four Offshore Windfarm |
| File reference | EN010098 |
| Status | Final |
| Author | The Planning Inspectorate |
| Date | 17 June 2020 |
| Meeting with | Natural England, the Marine Management Organisation |
| Venue | Teleconference |
| Meeting objectives | Preparation for upcoming HRA Derogation Workshop with Ørsted |
| Circulation | All attendees |

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Attendees provided updates on their knowledge of the project following recent meetings with the developer, Ørsted. The main item for discussion was the potential change to the wind farm development area due to interactions with existing shipping lanes and interests, and the subsequent implications for the environmental assessments undertaken to date including the information which would support an assessment under the Habitats Regulations.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

Some matters were discussed regarding outstanding concerns and potential solutions, and it was agreed for PINS and other attendees to raise these as appropriate in the upcoming derogation workshop with the developer (planned for 24th June 2020):

- The change to the project description could be significant and could have significant and complex implications for the environmental assessments;
- A full update of the environmental assessments would be expected at application, proportionate to the changes;
- Adequate time for stakeholders to consider the information pre-application is of key importance;
- It will be important to clarify if the changes to the project will be presented as an option/alternative design and if so, to raise potential issues around assessing the environmental effects of a project with large degree of flexibility in design.

These issues will be discussed with the developer at the workshop.