



Meeting note

Project name	Hornsea Project Four Offshore Windfarm
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Meeting with	Ørsted, the MMO, RSPB, GoBe
Venue	Teleconference
Meeting objectives	Hornsea Four HRA Derogation Workshop initial meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

Ørsted provided an update on the project including programme.

- The project has now committed to a Shipping Exclusion Zone (SEZ). Ørsted provided information on the form the project changes would take and the background to this decision.
- The planned application date will be delayed to account for other delayed offshore wind farm decisions and in order for the submission to incorporate updates to the offshore assessment as a result to the commitment to the SEZ. All updates will be completed prior to application.
- An overview of the position on derogation was provided, currently the developer is preparing a derogation case alongside their information to inform an appropriate assessment but is currently working on the position that the derogation case will not need to be submitted with the application as their assessment concludes that there will be no adverse effects on integrity (AEoI). PINS advised that at acceptance it must be decided if adequate information has been submitted, and therefore if uncertainty remains around AEoI a derogation case would be needed at application.

Ørsted then provided a presentation of the compensation measures being considered as part of the potential derogation case, and initial feedback from attendees was sought and provided. Matters discussed included the mechanisms of securing compensation measures in the DCO and DML, advice on relevant stakeholders to engage in the process, initial comments on feasibility and likely effectiveness of measures, and the evidence to provide with the application.

Specific decisions / follow up required?

A further workshop is proposed in August, to be arranged by Ørsted.