



Meeting note

File reference	EN010098 Hornsea Project Four
Status	Final
Author	Planning Inspectorate
Date	22 January 2021
Meeting with	Ørsted (Applicant), key stakeholders
Venue	Teleconference (hosted by Ørsted)
Attendees	PINS, Ørsted, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Joint Nature Conservancy Council, Natural England, Natural Resources Wales, The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, The Marine Management Organisation, Historic England, DEFRA, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations.
Meeting objectives	Compensation Workshop
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given:

An overview of pre-workshop consultation and communication to date was discussed. Ørsted presented the work undertaken to date on gathering evidence to inform the proposed package of compensation measures for Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm.

PINS advised that any compensation plans submitted with the application should be clearly defined so that it can be understood by the decision maker (ie the competent authority) what measures are being relied upon to compensate for any adverse effects. PINS cautioned that in the event that the decision maker decides to alter the DCO prior to granting, they will need to understand what, if any, implications there may be for the compensation plans. PINS also advised that careful consideration should be given to how the compensation measures are reflected and secured in the draft DCO and DML submitted with the application.

In discussion around the presentation of the information to support the appropriate assessment, PINS advised that it will be necessary for the application documents to clearly set out the European sites and features assessed and how each of the relevant Conservation Objectives could be affected by the Proposed Development.

Discussion around positions reached with stakeholders to date was also held and PINS noted that submission of Statements of Common Ground with an application was considered helpful and that it would welcome a high level of detail where possible on matters agreed, in discussion, and not agreed.

Follow up/ next steps

A review of actions was made including a discussion of the next suite of information to be made available by Ørsted to stakeholders. A further meeting date was not set.