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By email only

Dear Ms Sahai

National Infrastructure Planning: Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Projects

I write to provide an update on the safeguarding position of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in relation to the proposed Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon wind farm extensions.

Through a letter dated 19 January 2023, MOD set out objections to the proposed wind farm extensions on the grounds of the unacceptable impact that the development would have on:

- 1. air defence radar systems sited at RRH Trimingham and RRH Neatishead; and
- 2. technical asset (communications equipment) sited at RAF Weybourne.

Subsequently the applicant has met with MOD Safeguarding to discuss potential routes to address these objections.

At this time the applicant has provided additional information clarifying the works and operations that would be carried out within the vicinity of RAF Weybourne. Specifically, it has been made clear that no groundworks, construction compounds, or stores would be located to the west of the identified access route. To complete duct stringing/welding, which would be carried out using butt fusion welding, 12m sections of duct would be mounted on rollers at approximately 500mm above ground level. The works are projected to take up to 32 weeks including 4 weeks of duct stringing and 6 weeks of duct installation

This additional information is sufficient to allow MOD to withdraw the objection relating to the potential impact of the development on technical assets at RAF Weybourne.

For the avoidance of any doubt, MOD maintains an objection to the proposal on the grounds that the development would have an unacceptable impact on the operation and capability of air defence radar systems sited at RRH Trimingham and RRH Neatishead, as set out in the letter dated 19 January 2023.

I hope this adequately explains our position on the matter.

Yours sincerely

James Houghton Senior Safeguarding Manager