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Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project – Deadline 5

Dear Mr Johansson,

Further to the Rule 8 letter issued by the Examining Authority (ExA) on 25 September 2024 [PD-009], we have submitted the documents listed below for the ExA's attention for Deadline 5.

Documents as requested in the Rule 8 letter for submission at Deadline 5

New documents:

- 10.34 Applicant's Comments on Deadline 4 Submissions
- 10.34.1 Applicant's Comments on Natural England's Deadline 4 Submissions

Following receipt of indicative pylon locations associated with the NGET East Anglia Connection Node substation, the Applicant has prepared updated and new visualisations (10.34.2 to 10.34.13) in support of its comments on Deadline 4 submissions. An assessment of the onshore cumulative impacts is included within Appendix 1 of 10.34 Applicant's Comments on Deadline 4 Submissions.

- 10.34.2 VP1 Ardleigh Road near Normans Farm
- 10.34.3 VP2 Barn Lane PRoW
- 10.34.4 VP3 Grange Road PRoW
- 10.34.5 VP4 Ardleigh Road near Jennings Farm
- 10.34.6 VP5 Barlon Road near Little Bromley

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- 10.34.7 VP6 Badley Hall Road
- 10.34.8 VP7 Little Bromley PRoW
- 10.34.9 DVAONB Additional Viewpoint Locations
- 10.34.10 VP1 Dazeleys Lanemiddle
- 10.34.11 VP2 Dazeleys LaneSouth
- 10.34.12 VP3 Flatford Road PRoW
- 10.34.13 VP4 Flatford Roadgate
- 10.35 Applicants Response to Rule 17 requests for information for Deadline 5

Updated documents:

- 1.3 Guide to the Application (and Glossary) Revision I (Tracked and Clean)
- 3.1 Draft Development Consent Order Revision F (Tracked and Clean)
- 10.2 Land Rights Trackers- Revision F (Tracked and Clean)

Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs):

The Applicant has endeavoured to agree final SoCGs with all Interested Parties as requested by the ExA. As highlighted by the Applicant during the hearings, due to a range of factors, not all SoCGs have been signed as final. Where SoCGs have not been signed, the Applicant has submitted final unsigned drafts of those SoCGs, which it expects to be agreed with the Interested Party soon where possible. In some cases, submission of the current version of the unsigned SoCG would not be a fair representation of the current state of discussion and as such, the Applicant has not submitted them. In addition, the Applicant has agreed with some Interested Parties that an SoCG is not required for example where a separate agreement or protective provisions have been or are in the process of being agreed with that party.

Revision E of the Statement of Commonality includes full details of the status of each SoCG.

- 10.10 Statement of Commonality Revision E (Tracked and Clean)
- 10.10.3 Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths NLP Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.4 United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.5 Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.6 East Suffolk Council Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.7 Environment Agency Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.8 Essex County Council and Tendring District Council Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.9 Essex County Fire and Rescue Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.10 Essex Wildlife Trust Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.11 Harwich Haven Authority Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.12 Historic England Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.13 London Gateway Port Limited Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.14 Marine Management Organisation Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.15 Maritime and Coastguard Agency Statement of Common Ground

- 10.10.16 National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.17 National Highways Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.18 Suffolk County Council Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.19 Harwich Harbour Fishermen's Association Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.20 Port of London Authority Statement of Common Ground
- 10.10.21 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Statement of Common Ground

Additional documents updated at Deadline 5

The Applicant has submitted the following updated documents at Deadline 5 for the attention of the ExA. These updates have been made to correct minor issues, improve the quality figures/plans/images, or to align with other updated documents or project information.

2.8 Street Works and Access Plans - Revision C

This plan does not contain tracked changes. Changes made to the document are to amend the access zones for AC-9 and AC-12 to provide more flexibility. These are shown on Sheets 14 and 15, and 17 and 18 respectively.

• 2.18 Temporary Speed Reduction Plan - Revision C

This plan does not contain tracked changes. Changes made to the document are on Sheets 2 and Sheet 3 to address Essex County Council comments.

• 4.1 Book of Reference - Revision E (Tracked and Clean)

The Book of Reference has been updated following ongoing due diligence. An explanation for each change is included in the 'schedule of changes' tables in the updated Book of Reference.

- 5.4.3 HRA Screening Matrices Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 5.5.2 Outline Benthic Implementation and Monitoring Plan Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 5.5.3 Lesser Black Backed Gull Compensation Evidence, Site Selection and Roadmap Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 5.5.4 Kittiwake Evidence, Site Selection and Roadmap Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 5.5.5 Guillemot and Razorbill Evidence, Site Selection and Roadmap Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 5.5.6 Lesser Black Backed Gull Implementation and Monitoring Plans Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 5.5.7 Kittiwake Implementation and Monitoring Plans Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 5.5.8 Guillemot and Razorbill Implementation and Monitoring Plans Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.13 Margate and Long Sands Special Area of Conservation Benthic Mitigation Plan Revision D (Tracked and Clean)

- 9.16 Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan Revision C(Tracked and Clean)
- 9.20 Outline Navigation and Installation Plan Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.21 Code of Construction Practice Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.24 Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan Revision D (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.25 Outline Public Access Management Plan Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.26 Outline Workforce Travel Plan Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.31 Schedule of Mitigation Routemap Revision B (Tracked and Clean)
- 9.32 Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 10.12 Marine Plan Policy Assessment Revision C (Tracked and Clean)
- 10.13 Marine Mammal iPCoD Modelling for Project alone Revision B (Tracked and Clean).

New documents submitted at Deadline 5

The Applicant has submitted the following additional new documents at Deadline 5, for the attention of the ExA, as additional evidence to support the application.

- 10.20.9 Technical Note: Use of Ports for Construction
- 10.35 Consultation Report Change Request This document was submitted on 7 January 2025.
- 10.36 Onshore Substations Outline Operational Noise Complaints Protocol
- 10.37 Onshore Historic Environment Desk-Based Assessment Figures
- 10.38 Without Prejudice HRA DCO Schedules

If you have any questions about our response and the submitted documents, or if there is anything further we can provide, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

Yours sincerely,

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