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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) (Examination Rules) – Rule 8(3) variation of Examination Timetable

Application by Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm project

Further to the holding of the third round of Examination Hearings between 21 and 23 January the Examining Authority (ExA), pursuant to Examination Rule 8(3), has concluded that it is necessary to add two new deadlines and make some other minor changes to the Examination Timetable [Annex A in [PD-009](#), as varied by [PD-021](#)].

The changes to the Examination Timetable are as follows and have been highlighted in red text in **Annex A** to this letter.

- New Deadline 6A (Friday, 21 February 2025). Deadline 6A has been added to the Timetable to enable the Applicant and other Interested Parties to respond to any submissions made at Deadline 6 further to Issue Specific Hearing 6's Action Point 9 (discharging the duty under Section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, as amended by Section 245(6) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 etc).
- New Deadline 8A (Friday, 14 March 2025). Deadline 8A has been introduced, on a precautionary basis, to enable submissions to be made in response to any requests for information issued by the ExA under Rule 17 following the receipt of submissions at existing Deadline 8.

Yours faithfully

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Annex A

Extant Five Estuaries Examination Timetable with variations in **Red**

Item		Date
19.	Publication by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required) The ExA's Written Questions (ExQ3) (if required) 	3 February 2025
20.	Deadline 6 Receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases and responses to any hearing action points arising from the hearings held w/c 20 January 2025 Further PADs update from Natural England (clean and tracked) Applicant's updated version of the dDCO (clean and tracked) (if required) Applicant's updated Guide to the Application documents (clean and tracked) Any SoCG updates, either agreed updating notes or unilateral notes (if required) Comments on any submissions received at Deadline 5 and Deadline 5A Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	11 February 2025
21.	Deadline 6A Receipt by the ExA of: Responses to any submissions made at Deadline 6 pursuant to Action Point 9 arising from the holding of Issue Specific Hearing 6	21 February 2025
22.	Deadline 7 Receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on the Report on the Implication for European Site (RIES) Comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required) Responses to the ExA's ExQ3 (if required) Applicant's final dDCO to be submitted in the SI template accompanied by a SI template validation report. This version of the dDCO should be submitted in an editable format and it should also be accompanied by an editable copy showing any 	3 March 2025

	<p>revisions to the preceding version shown with tracked changes (if required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant's final version of the Explanatory Memorandum (clean and tracked) • Final Land Rights Tracker (clean and tracked) • Final Book of Reference (BoR) and a schedule of any changes to BoR • Final Statement of Reasons (clean and tracked) • Certified copies of any executed (signed and dated) legal agreements • Applicant's final Guide to the Application Documents (clean and tracked) • Final PADs update from Natural England (clean and tracked) • Any SoCG updates, either agreed updating notes or unilateral notes (if required) • Comments on any submissions received at Deadlines 6 and 6A • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 	
23.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any submissions received at Deadline 7 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (if required) 	10 March 2025
24.	<p>Deadline 8A</p> <p>Receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (if required) 	14 March 2025
25.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months.</p> <p>Please note that the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six-month period if it is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	17 March 2025