

OUR REF S6152.23/CBW/CWI YOUR REF 11 February 2025

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Dear Sir

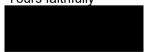
Five Estuaries Offshore Windfarm Project (the "Project")
Application Ref: EN010115
East Anglia ONE North Limited's Deadline 6 Submission

We refer to the above Examination and confirm we are instructed by East Anglia ONE North Limited.

## 1. Lesser Black Backed Gull SoCG

- 1.1 Since requesting at Deadline 4 that a Statement of Common Ground ("**SoCG**") be entered into with regards to lesser black backed gull (REP4-071), East Anglia ONE North Limited have not had any engagement from the Applicant on these despite East Anglia ONE North Limited trying to commence negotiations.
- 1.2 We note that the deadline for final SoCGs as per the Examination timetable was at Deadline 5, which the Applicant referred to in their response to our requests at Deadline 5 (REP5-073); however we note from the Statement of Commonality (REP5-047) that a number of SoCGs are still being negotiated and that the ExA has asked for any updates on SoCGs at this Deadline 6 and at Deadline 7. We therefore do not think that it is too late to be able to negotiate and agree a SoCG with the Applicant on this narrow point, particularly if both parties engage efficiently in the negotiations.

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP