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Date: 17 February 2025

Dear Sirs

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

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

Request for further information

Further to the receipt of your Deadline 6 submissions, most particularly the revised version of the Onshore Substation Design Principles Document (Document 9.4, Revision B) [REP6-018], the Examining Authority (ExA) notes that the applicant:

“... has actively participated in the Design Council review process, initiated by North Falls to support the initial design stages for the two co-located substations. The Design Council were invited to provide an independent review of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)-stage designs, and issue recommendations to Five Estuaries and North Falls; the projects have carefully considered these recommendations and have incorporated them where it is has been appropriate to do so.” (paragraph 2.4.2)

The ExA further notes that design review undertaken by the Design Council included an on-site meeting and two online review meetings. As part of its review the Design Council issued three advice letters, respectively in December 2023, March 2024 and June 2024, as explained in Table 2 of the revised Onshore Substation Design Principles Document.

The ExA considers it would assist its understanding of: the design review undertaken by the Design Council; and how that review has contributed to the formulation of the applicant's proposals for the onshore substation zone, if all of the advice referred to in Table 2 was to be submitted as examination documentation. Accordingly, the applicant should submit **all** of the written advice from the Design Council and received by the applicant no later than **Deadline 6A** (21 February 2025).

Yours faithfully

Grahame Gould

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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