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Dear Sir/Madam,

Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 6A.

 Deadline 6A – 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) [PD-025]

Natural England notes [PD-025] that Deadline 6A has been added to the Five Estuaries Examination Timetable to enable the Applicant and Interested Parties to respond to any submissions made at Deadline 6 further to the 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). Natural England reserves the right to comment on any relevant Deadline 6 or 6A submissions on this matter by Deadline 8.

2. Natural England's Deadline 6A Submissions

Natural England is submitting the following detailed response:

 EN010115 502602 Five Estuaries Appendix L6A – Natural England's Risk and Issues Log DL6A.xls

This latest version of Natural England's Risk and Issue Log includes three minor updates to the Risk and Issues Log submitted at Deadline 6 on 11 February 2025. These changes include the omitted update to our advice on Fish Ecology (Worksheet G) at Deadline 5, and updates

to two issues: C33 (Worksheet C – Offshore Ornithology) and P3 in the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADSS).

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours faithfully,

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