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National Highways

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010115

Date: 12 March 2025

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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**

**Requests for further information**

The Examining Authority (ExA) has the following requests for further information from National Highways (NH):

1. In one of its Deadline 8 submissions (applicant's reference 10.63 - Comments on Deadline 7 submissions) the applicant has stated in relation to the issue of Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) using the A120 Wix Bypass that it has now provided proposed mitigation options to NH. Can NH confirm whether that revised information from the applicant provides you with sufficient comfort that AILs can potentially be transported to the site of the proposed development from Harwich International Port using the A120?
2. In your Deadline 7 submission [REP7-100] you confirmed that matters pertaining to Protective Provisions between NH and the applicant are now resolved, except for the clause relating to compulsory purchase which remains unacceptable to NH. It is further explained that NH and the applicant are working to expedite a series of land agreements which would enable the clause to be removed. Have those agreements now been agreed such that the compulsory purchase clause can be removed?

The response to this request for further information must be submitted no later than Examination **Deadline 8A** (14 March 2025).

Yours faithfully

*Grahame Gould*

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**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

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