



Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Case
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008, Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Ltd, Proposed Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Order

Deadline 8a Submission Summary

On 23 April 2024, the Marine Management Organisation (the “MMO”) received notice under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “PA 2008”) that the Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”) had accepted an application made by Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Ltd (the “Applicant”) for determination of a development consent order for the construction, maintenance and operation of the proposed Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm (the “DCO Application”) (MMO ref: DCO/2019/00008; PINS ref: EN010115).

The Applicant seeks authorisation for the construction, operation and maintenance of the DCO Application, comprising of up to 79 wind turbine generators together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure and all associated development (“the “Project”).

As a marine licence has been deemed within the draft DCO, the MMO is the delivery body responsible for post-consent monitoring, variation, enforcement, and revocation of provisions relating to the marine environment. As such, the MMO has an interest in ensuring that provisions drafted in a deemed marine licence enable the MMO to fulfil these obligations.

This document comprises the MMO’s summary of the submission for Deadline 8a.

This written representation is submitted without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the DCO Application throughout the examination process. This representation is also submitted without prejudice to any decision the MMO may make on any associated application for consent, permission, approval or any other type of authorisation submitted to the MMO either for the works in the marine area or for any other authorisation relevant to the proposed development.



Yours sincerely,



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1. MMO Comments on Applicant's Deadline 8 Submissions

1.1. General Comments

- 1.1.1. The MMO notes the Applicant submitted the following documents in Deadline 8:
- a. REP8-004/005 – 5.4 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment - Revision D (Tracked)
 - b. REP8-008/009 – 5.5.1 Benthic Compensation Strategy Roadmap - Revision C (Clean/Tracked)
 - c. REP8-022/023 – 9.13 Margate and Long Sands Special Area of Conservation - Benthic Mitigation Plan - Revision F (Clean/Tracked)
 - d. REP8-031/032 – 9.32 Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan Revision F (Clean/Tracked)
 - e. REP8-035 – 10.59 Applicant's Comments on Deadline 7 Submissions
- 1.1.2. The MMO has reviewed the documents above and notes the changes that were made to them. The MMO has provided any comments where necessary.
- 1.1.3. The MMO provided updated comments regarding the Transfer of Benefit, chemical condition and the disposal sites.



2. MMO Comments on Interested Parties' (IP) Deadline 8 Submissions

2.1. Natural England (NE)

2.1.1. The MMO notes NE submitted the following documents in Deadline 8:

- a. REP8-050 – Cover Letter
- b. REP8-051 – Appendix D8 to Natural England's Deadline 8 Submission
- c. REP8-052 – Appendix E8 to Natural England's Deadline 8 Submission
- d. REP8-053 – Appendix J8 to Natural England's Deadline 8 Submission
- e. REP8-054 – Appendix N8 to Natural England's Deadline 8 Submission

2.1.2. The MMO notes Natural England's comments regarding the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan Revision D, that clarification should be sought from the MMO in relation how this proposal is assessed and enforced. The MMO asked the Applicant for clarification on REP6-020/021 regarding whether the 22m minimum burial depth would be reflected in the total volumes of sediment to be dredged in our REP8-046. The MMO would highlight we are unable to review this information by the end of examination.

2.2. Port of London Authority (PLA)

2.2.1. The MMO notes the PLA submitted the following documents in Deadline 8:

- a. REP8-055 – Comments in Submissions Received at Deadline 7
- b. REP8-056 – Response to the Applicant's Document 10.62 "Note on dDCO Drafting – Applicant's Position on Protective Provisions"

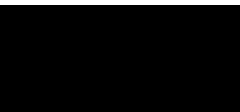
2.2.2. The MMO has reviewed the above documents submitted by the PLA. The MMO provided its position regarding PLA matters in our Deadline 8 response (REP8-046).

2.3. London Gateway Port Limited (LGPT) – REP8-045 – Comments on any submissions received at Deadline 7

2.3.1. The MMO notes comment 7.11 in REP8-045 and has provided a response on this and the outline Operations and Maintenance (O&M) plan.

2.3.2. The MMO would highlight that no O&M activities can take place until the MMO has approved the O&M plan in consultation with interested parties.

Yours sincerely,



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