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Dear Mr Wheadon,

**Planning Act 2008**

**North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited**

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This letter is provided by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited (“NFOW”) in response to a request for information raised by the Secretary of State (“SoS”) for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero in a letter dated the 21 August 2025 in relation to the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm [Ref: EN010115].

A hyper-link to letter on the Five Estuaries project webpage is provided below:

[EN010115-001934-Information request 21 August 2025.pdf\(Superseded\).pdf](#)

More specifically the Secretary of State invited a response from NFOW on the Noise Investigation Protocol – Paragraph 6 of the letter. A response from NFOW has been provided in the section below.

## 1. NOISE INVESTIGATION PROTOCOL – PARAGRAPH 6

### 1.1 Noise Investigation Protocol – Amendment to Requirement 15(2)

- 1.1.1 The SoS requested comments on the following proposed amendment to Requirement 15(2) of the Five Estuaries' Order as follows:

*15(2) Prior to the commencement of operation of Work No. 15B, the undertaker will consult and agree with North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited and National Grid a noise investigation protocol which must be submitted to and approved by the discharging authority. The noise investigation protocol must identify how the undertaker, North Falls and National Grid will jointly investigate noise.*

### 1.2 Five Estuaries Response

- 1.2.1 Five Estuaries have proposed the following drafting for Requirement 15(2):

*(2) Prior to commencement of operation of Work 15B, a noise investigation protocol must be submitted to and approved by the discharging authority. The protocol must set out a process for the investigation of cumulative operational noise from the proposed National Grid substation and the proposed North Falls substation as and when one or both is operational.*

### 1.3 North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited's Response

- 1.3.1 NFOW agree with the proposed drafting put forward by Five Estuaries in relation to Requirement 15(2) and do not request further amendments. For the avoidance of doubt this would be as above and is repeated below:

*(2) Prior to commencement of operation of Work 15B, a noise investigation protocol must be submitted to and approved by the discharging authority. The protocol must set out a process for the investigation of cumulative operational noise from the proposed National Grid substation and the proposed North Falls substation as and when one or both is operational.*

## 2. CONTACT DETAILS

- 2.1.1 If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details provided below:-

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