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By email: fiveestuaries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Mr Wheadon,

RE: Application by Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm ("the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Project") – Secretary of State Consultation 2 – 14 August 2025

Further to the letter published 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025, we are grateful for the opportunity to comment on the additional information provided by Five Estuaries, particularly in relation to the alternative land plans submitted for the Onshore Substation Site at Normans Farm (C1-007 – 10.73 Applicants Response to Secretary of State Request for Information Part 1 and C1-008 Land Plans).

We appreciate that Five Estuaries have provided a land plan which removes some of the land immediately to the rear of Normans Farm house and yard in plot **17-024**, however we are disappointed that this does not go further as per our previous representations.

The new land plans leave an entirely unproductive area of land which could not be farmed as part of the remainder of the field given the size of machinery. We do not see the benefit of the strip of planting which protrudes behind the buildings closest to the yard and have made numerous requests that this be removed, even if additional planting is required closer to the substation in order to leave us with a more suitable field shape.

Enclosing the remainder of the field, with the 20m deep tree planting belt will have a significant impact on farming operations due to shading on some of our best Grade I land.

We strongly feel that greater weight should be given by all involved to those who are going to be most affected by the Onshore Substation Site.

We have a meeting with Five Estuaries and North Falls as part of their Landscape Design Guide consultation w/c 17<sup>th</sup> September, and hope that the Applicant will engage meaningfully with our concerns and be open to further changes.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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