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Dear Wendy McKay,

## **Planning Act 2008, Proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Project Order Deadline 1 Submission**

On 22 August 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 North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd, (the “Applicant”) for determination of a development consent order for the construction, maintenance and operation of the proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Project (the “DCO Application”) (MMO ref: DCO/2021/00002; PINS ref: EN010119).

The DCO Application seeks authorisation for the construction, operation and maintenance of North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (the ‘Project’ or ‘North Falls’): an offshore generation station with a capacity exceeding 100 megawatts (MW) comprising up to 57 wind turbine generators together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure and all associated development.

Three Deemed Marine Licences (DML) are included in the draft DCO. One in relation to generation assets and two in relation to transmission assets. One in relation to Wind Turbine Generators (WTG) and Associated Infrastructure, and one for Offshore Substation Platforms and Interconnector Cables.

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 are drafted in a DML that enable the MMO to fulfil these obligations.



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This document comprises the MMO's summary for the submission for Deadline 1. 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. Comments on Relevant Representations from other Interested Parties

1.1 The MMO's Deadline 1 response contains detailed comments on the following Interested Parties' Relevant Representations:

- Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strong (TH) (RR-059)
- Environment Agency (EA) (RR-091)
- Historic England (HE) (RR-130)
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) (RR-217)
- National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO) (RR-238)
- Natural England (NE) (RR-243)
- Essex Wildlife Trusts (EWT) (RR-095)
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) (RR-294)
- UK Chamber of Shipping (UKCOS) (RR-343)

1.2 The MMO will be reviewing the responses from the Interested Parties (IPs) throughout examination and hopes to see issues between the above IPs and the Applicant resolved.

## 2. Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

2.1 The MMO has worked with the Applicant to prepare a SoCG which will be submitted at Deadline 1. The MMO will continue to work with the Applicant outside of the written process to ensure issues are being moved to resolution where possible.

## 3. Further Comments

3.1.1 The MMO would highlight that the Underwater noise policy papers have been published, by DEFRA, JNCC, NE and Cefas. These set out the direction of travel into reducing the noise at source for piling and sets out further detail on how UXO mitigation

- [Reducing noise policy](#)
- [UXO position statement](#)
- [NE/JNCC/Cefas joint position on Noise Abatement](#)

3.1.2 The MMO has included links above but will enter these into the examination at Deadline 2 (if another interested party has not done this at Deadline 1). The MMO would ask the Applicant how the publication of these documents changes their Applicant and what updates will be made and at which deadline. This will assist in managing resources to review the most up to date information.

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