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Dear Ms McKay,

**Planning Act 2008**

**Project Title:** North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

**Applicant:** North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited

**Application Reference:** EN010119

This letter is provided in response to the Examining Authority's ("ExA") Rule 8 letter - notification of timetable for the examination **[PD-008]** and is submitted at Deadline 1.

This Cover Letter **[9.16 (Rev 0)]** is structured as follows:

- Section 1 – Applicant's comments in relation to co-ordination with other projects;
- Section 2 – Documents submitted at Deadline 1; and
- Section 3 – Contact Details.

## 1. SECTION 1 – CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER PROJECTS

### 1.1 Co-ordination with other projects

- 1.1.1 As referred to by the Applicant's representative at the Preliminary Meeting, the Co-ordination Report [updated for Deadline 1] **[2.5, (Rev 2)]** sets out the Applicant's position with respect to co-ordination with other projects and how North Falls, in conjunction with Five Estuaries, has sought to reduce impacts on communities and the local environment.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant has sought to balance the different factors influencing co-ordination and has taken a systematic approach to exploring the feasibility of different offshore and onshore options, starting from the initial design stage through to the implementation and construction stages.
- 1.1.3 Section 6 of the Co-ordination Report outlines the approach taken with respect to grid connection optionality, the build options, and related delivery scenarios.
- 1.1.4 Section 7 of the Co-ordination Report outlines the approach taken by the project promoters to work collaboratively with one another in practical terms during scheme development; and then details the outcome of this work in terms of the design and siting of both offshore and onshore infrastructure.
- 1.1.5 Section 8 of the Co-ordination Report outlines the enhancement, mitigation, and compensation measures that are shared between NSIPs as well as details the delivery scenarios for how the mitigation measures will be delivered.
- 1.1.6 The Co-ordination Report is a "live" document and will be updated during the course of the Examination where necessary.
- 1.1.7 As set out in paragraphs 5.1.3 of and Appendix B to the Statement of Reasons **[AS-028]**, the Applicant has also adopted a coordinated approach to the negotiation of voluntary agreements with landowners.

## 2. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 1

### 2.1 Documents requested in the Examination Timetable

- 2.1.1 Table 2.1 outlines the updated and new documents submitted at Deadline 1 as requested in the Examination Timetable by the Examining Authority (ExA).
- 2.1.2 The National Policy Statements Accordance Table **[9.10, (Rev 0)]** will be updated throughout the Examination as requested in the ExA's Rule 8 letter. The final version submitted for Deadline 8 will cross refer to the final versions of any relevant documents (including but not limited to the Appendix 1 Compensatory Measures Overview **[7.2.1, (Rev 1)]**).
- 2.1.3 As only minor amendments have been made to the draft DCO for Deadline 1 **[6.1, (Rev 2)]**, the Applicant has not updated the Explanatory Memorandum **[AS-024]** -but has set out details of the changes and reasons in the Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO **([7.3, (Rev 1)]**).

**Table 2.1 – Documents requested in the Examination Timetable**

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
<b>Updated Application Documents as requested in the Examination Timetable</b>			
Guide to the Application	1.3	4	Clean & Tracked
draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	6.1	2	Clean & Tracked
Book of Reference (BoR)	6.3	2	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the dDCO	7.30	1	Clean
Applicant's Land Rights Tracker	8.4	0	Clean
<b>New Application Documents as requested in the Examination Timetable</b>			
Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations Received from Natural England	9.1	0	Clean
Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations Received from Statutory Consultees and Non Prescribed Consultees	9.2	0	Clean
Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations Received from Local Authorities and Parish Councils	9.3	0	Clean

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations from parties with Land Interests	9.4	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations from members of the public	9.5	0	Clean
Applicant's Written summaries of oral submissions made at the Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing	9.8	0	Clean
Suggested Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) Itinerary	9.9	0	Clean
National Policy Statements (NPS) Accordance Table	9.10	0	Clean
Progress with Statements of Common Ground Document (PSoCG)	9.11	0	Clean
Schedule of Changes to the BoR	9.12	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - Essex Police	10.1	0	Clean

## 2.2 Documents provided in response to other relevant matters

2.2.1 Table 2.2 outlines the updated and new application documents provided in response to other relevant matters including: the ExA's S51 Advice; the Applicant's response to Relevant Representations; updates to the status of matters relevant to the Project; and other minor updates.

**Table 2.2 – Documents provided in response to other relevant matters**

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
<b>New Application Documents in response to ExA's S51 Advice</b>			
Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)	9.6	0	Clean
<b>Updated Application Documents in response to other relevant matters</b>			
Co-ordination Report	2.5	2	Clean & Tracked

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Schedule of Mitigation	2.6	1	Clean & Tracked
ES Appendix 27.2 Abnormal Indivisible Load Access Report Tracked	3.3.65	1	Clean & Tracked
Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Plan (Rev 1) (Amendments to the plan have been made to align with the changes made to the speed limits referred to in Part 3 of Schedule 3 to the draft DCO).	5.19	1	Clean
Appendix 1 Compensatory Measures Overview (Rev 1)	7.2.1	1	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 2 Lesser Black-Backed Gull Compensation Document (Tracked)	7.2.2	1	Clean & Tracked
Annex 2A Outline Lesser black backed gull Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan	7.2.2.1	1	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 3 Red Throated Diver Compensation Document (Rev 1)	7.2.3	1	Clean & Tracked
Annex 3A Outline Red Throated Diver Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Rev 1)	7.2.3.1	1	Clean & Tracked
Annex 4A Outline Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan	7.2.4.1	1	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 5 Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Document	7.2.5	1	Clean & Tracked
Annex 5A Outline Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan	7.2.5.1	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation	7.11	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Code of Construction Practice (OCoCP)	7.13	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS)	7.14	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Horizontal Directional Drill Method Statement and Contingency Plan	7.15	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP)	7.16	1	Clean & Tracked
District Level Licence Certificate	7.29	1	Clean



DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
<b>New Application Documents in response to other relevant matters</b>			
Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy Technical Note	9.7	0	Clean
HRA Shadow appropriate assessment for Guillemot at the Farne Islands SPA	9.13	0	Clean
Further Information Regarding Marine Mammals	9.14	0	Clean
Updated apportioning for LBBG at the Alde Ore Estuary	9.15	0	Clean
Applicant's Cover Letter	9.16	0	Clean
Export Cable Crossing Zone Plan	9.17	0	Clean

### 3. CONTACT DETAILS

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

Yours Faithfully,

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