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Dear Sir/Madam,

North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 2.

1. Natural England's Deadline 2 Submissions

Natural England has reviewed the documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 1. An update of Natural England's position regarding documents relevant to our remit is provided in Annex 1, including anticipated timing of responses. Natural England is also submitting the following detailed responses, signposted from Annex 1:

- EN010119 501981 North Falls Appendix L2 – NE comments on 7.10 Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan [APP-245] - Deadline 2.pdf
- EN010119 501981 North Falls Appendix M2 - Natural England's Response to ExQ1 – Deadline 2.pdf

2. Natural England's Risk and Issues Log at Deadline 2

Please note that owing to the back-to-back North Falls and Five Estuaries deadlines, we have not had sufficient time to update our Risk and Issues Log. However, we aim to provide an update to the Risk and Issues Log at Deadline 3, following review of the Applicant's Deadline 1 documents.

3. 7.10 In Principle Monitoring Plan [APP-245]

Natural England has reviewed the Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan [APP-245] and provided our detailed advice in Appendix L2 to this Deadline 2 submission.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours faithfully,

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Marine Senior Officer – Offshore Wind

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Annex 1: Natural England's Response to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 1 Relevant to our Remit.

PINS Document Reference	Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
Deadline 1 Documents		
REP1-001	9.16 Cover Letter	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP1-003	1.3 Guide to the Application (Rev 4) (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP1-005	2.5 Co-ordination Report (Rev 2) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-007	2.6 Schedule of Mitigation (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-012	6.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Rev 2) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-014	6.3 Book of Reference (Rev 2) (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP1-016	7.2.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment Appendix 1 Compensatory Measures Overview (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-018	7.2.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment Appendix 2 Lesser Black Backed Gull Compensation Document (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-020	7.2.2.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment Annex 2A Outline Lesser Black Backed Gull Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-022	7.2.3 Habitats Regulations Assessment Appendix 3 Red Throated Diver Compensation Document (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-024	7.2.3.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment Annex 3A Red Throated Diver Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Rev 1)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4

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REP1-026	7.2.4.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment Annex 4A Outline Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-028	7.2.5 Habitats Regulations Assessment Appendix 5 Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Document (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-030	7.2.5.1 Habitats Regulations Assessment Annex 5A Outline Guillemot and Razorbill Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-034	7.13 Outline Code of Construction Practice (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-036	7.15 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-038	7.15 Outline Horizontal Directional Drilling Method Statement and Contingency Plan (Rev 1) (Tracked)	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-041	7.29 District Level Licence Certificate (Rev 1)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP1-042	7.30 Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO (Rev 1)	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-044	9.1 Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations from Natural England	Natural England reserves the right to comment on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-045	9.2 Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations from Statutory Consultees and Non Prescribed Consultees	Natural England reserves the right to comment on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-046	9.3 Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations from Local Authorities and Parish Councils	Natural England reserves the right to comment on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-050	9.7 Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy Technical Note	Natural England reserves the right to comment on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-055	9.12 Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.

PINS Document Reference	Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP1-056	9.13 Habitats Regulations Assessment Shadow Appropriate Assessment for Guillemot at the Farne Islands SPA	Natural England will provide a response on this document no later than Deadline 4.
REP1-057	9.14 Further Information Regarding Marine Mammals	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.
REP1-059	9.17 Export Cable Crossing Zone Plan	Natural England will provide a response on this document at Deadline 3.