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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 by the Applicant to accompany the Applicant's submissions to the Examining Authority ("ExA") for Deadline 2 of the Examination for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm. It has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out by the ExA in the Rule 8 Letter dated 4 February 2025 **[PD-008]** and is submitted at Deadline 2.

This Cover Letter **[9.18 (Rev 0)]** is structured as follows:

- Section 1 – Documents not submitted at Deadline 2;
- Section 2 – Documents submitted at Deadline 2;
- Section 3 – Documents submitted to Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm as requested in the Rule 17 letter issued by their Examining Authority; and
- Section 4 - Contact Details.

1. DOCUMENTS NOT SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 2

1.1 Consents and Licences Statement [AS-030] and Explanatory Memorandum [AS-024]

- 1.1.1 The Examination Timetable requests submission of the Consents and Licences Statement **[AS-030]** if any updates have been made for Deadline 2. The Applicant confirms that there are no updates to this document for Deadline 2.
- 1.1.2 As only minor changes have been made to the draft DCO **[6.1, (Rev 3)]** for Deadline 2, an updated version of the Explanatory Memorandum **[AS-024]** has not been submitted. The Applicant will keep the Explanatory Memorandum under review throughout the Examination.

1.2 Needs Case and Project Benefits Statement [2.1, (Rev 1)]

- 1.2.1 The Needs Case and Project Benefits Statement **[2.1, (Rev 1)]** has been updated for Deadline 2 in response to the ExA's first written questions ExQ1 1.3.1 and 1.3.3.
- 1.2.2 On the 27 February 2025 (two working days prior to this Deadline 2) the Seventh Carbon Budget (pursuant to Section 34 of the Climate Change Act 2008) was published by the Climate Change Committee (CCC).
- 1.2.3 The Applicant proposes to update the Needs Case and Project Benefits Statement **[2.1, (Rev 1)]** to take into account the publication of the Seventh Carbon Budget for Deadline 4 in the Examination. This will also allow for any other updates (if required) following the Issue Specific Hearings.
- 1.2.4 This is to ensure that this recent Government publication (which is important and relevant) is appropriately considered, and to ensure that the Applicant has had sufficient time to evaluate it in the context of the Needs Case and Project Benefits Statement **[2.1, (Rev 1)]** and any other relevant application documents (including for example ES Chapter 33 Climate Change **[APP-047]**).

2. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 2

2.1 Documents requested in the Examination Timetable

2.1.1 Table 2.1 outlines the updated and new documents submitted at Deadline 2 as requested in the Examination Timetable by the Examining Authority (ExA).

Table 2.1 – Documents requested in the Examination Timetable

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Updated Application Documents as requested in the Examination Timetable			
Guide to the Application	1.3	5	Clean & Tracked
Applicant's Land Rights Tracker	8.4	1	Clean
Book of Reference (BoR)	6.3	3	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the BoR	9.12	1	Clean
draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	6.1	3	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the dDCO	7.3	2	Clean
Needs Case and Project Benefits	2.1	1	Clean & Tracked
New Application Documents as requested in the Examination Timetable			
Applicant's Response to Written Questions (ExQ1)	9.19	0	Clean
Appendix to Applicant's Response to Written Questions (ExQ1)	9.19.1	0	Clean
Applicant's Comments on other Deadline 1 Submissions	9.20	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Local Impact Reports	9.21	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Natural England's Relevant Representation Appendix I2 Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	9.22	0	Clean
Formal Safety Assessment Removal of the Galloper Recommended Ferry Route	9.23	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.

Table 2.2 – Documents provided in response to other relevant matters

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Updated Application Documents in response to other relevant matters			
Applicant's Suggested Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) Itinerary	9.9	1	Clean & Tracked
Offshore Order Limits and Boundary Coordinates Plan	5.8	1	Clean
Progress with Statements of Common Ground Document (PSoCG)	9.11	1	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 4 Kittiwake Compensation Document	7.2.4	1	Clean & Tracked
New Application Documents in response to other relevant matters			
Applicant's Cover Letter	9.18	0	Clean
Signed Statement of Common Ground - Forestry Commission	10.2	0	Clean
Draft Statement of Common Ground - UK Health Security Agency	10.3	0	Clean
Draft Statement of Common Ground - Environment Agency	10.4	0	Clean

3. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO FIVE ESTUARIES OFFSHORE WIND FARM EXAMINATION AS REQUESTED IN THEIR RULE 17 LETTER ISSUED BY THEIR EXAMINING AUTHORITY

3.1 Documents submitted on the 03 March 2025 to the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Examination

- 3.1.1 On the 20 February 2025 the Examining Authority for the Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm ('Five Estuaries') stated in their Rule 17 Letter the following:

The ExA considers it would be of assistance to its understanding of the differences in approach taken by the respective projects to the design for the proposed onshore substation zone if you submit to this examination any application document or documents for North Falls with similar topic coverage to the following Five Estuaries documents:

- *Onshore Substation Design Principles Document - current Five Estuaries examination library reference [REP6-018]*
- *Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan - current Five Estuaries examination library reference [REP6-026]*

- 3.1.2 On the 03 March 2025 NFOW submitted the following application documents to the Five Estuaries Examination:

- Design Vision **[APP-234]**
- Outline Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Strategy **[REP1-035]**

4. CONTACT DETAILS

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

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