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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 3 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 3.

This Cover Letter **[9.24 (Rev 0)]** is structured as follows:

- Section 1 – Applicant's comments on Written Representations and other deadline submissions
- Section 2 – Documents submitted at Deadline 3;
- Section 3 – Contact Details.

1. APPLICANT'S COMMENTS ON WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS AND OTHER DEADLINE SUBMISSIONS

1.1 Applicant's comments on Written Representations

- 1.1.1 The Applicant has provided a response to Written Representations. In some cases the Applicant has deferred a full response to a later deadline, in particular where detailed technical matters that require additional time than was available between Deadline 2 and 3.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant has limited the amount of information for which a response is to be deferred and has provided a response to all of the Written Representation summaries.
- 1.1.3 The Written Representations that the Applicant requires further time to comment on in order to address detailed technical matters are as follows:
 - London Gateway Port Limited WR [REP2-041]
 - Port of London Authority WR [REP2-056]

1.2 Applicant's comments on other deadline submissions

- 1.2.1 The Applicant had previously deferred responses to a limited number of submissions from Interested Parties that were made at previous deadlines.
- 1.2.2 This information is now provided in a separate stand-alone document titled 'Applicant's Comments on Other Deadline Submissions' [9.28, (Rev 0)]

2. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 3

2.1 Documents requested in the Examination Timetable

2.1.1 Table 2.1 outlines the updated and new documents submitted at Deadline 3 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
New Application Documents as requested in the Examination Timetable			
Applicant's comments on responses to ExQ1	9.25	0	Clean
Applicant's comments on Written Representations (WRs)	9.26	0	Clean
Applicant's Comments on other Deadline 2 Submissions and Applicant's responses on comments to Relevant Representations	9.27	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.

2.2.2 The Applicant has made some minor amendments to the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 3 in order to address comments made by stakeholders and to reflect changes made to the draft DCO for Five Estuaries submitted at their Deadline 7. The Applicant notes that the Five Estuaries Examination closed on 17 March 2025 and therefore any final amendments made to the draft DCO for Five Estuaries, including the inclusion of agreed protective provisions with statutory undertakers, will be included in the North Falls draft DCO submitted at Deadline 4.

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			

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Guide to the Application	1.3	6	Clean & Tracked
Planning Statement	2.2	2	Clean & Tracked
Public Rights of Way Plan	5.11	1	Clean
Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan	5.12	1	Clean
draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	6.1	4	Clean & Tracked
Outline Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation	7.11	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)	7.13	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS)	7.14	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan OCTMP	7.16	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (OPRoWMP)	7.17	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Offshore Operation and Maintenance Plan	7.20	1	Clean & Tracked
Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy	7.22	1	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the dDCO	7.30	3	Clean
Outline Project Environmental Management Plan (PEMP)	7.6	1	Clean & Tracked
Draft Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol	7.7	1	Clean & Tracked
Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy Technical Note	9.7	1	Clean & Tracked
Progress with Statements of Common Ground Document (PSoCG)	9.11	2	Clean & Tracked
Suggested Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) Itinerary	9.9	2	Clean & Tracked
Statement of Common Ground - Forestry Commission	10.2	1	Clean & Tracked
New Application Documents in response to other relevant matters			

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Applicant's Cover Letter	9.24	0	Clean
Applicant's Comments on Other Deadline Submissions	9.28	0	Clean
Updated Information for Offshore Ornithology Cumulative Effects Assessment	9.29	0	Clean
Indicative Planting cross-sections at the onshore substation	9.30	0	Clean
Cumulative Effects Assessment Summary	9.31	0	Clean
Onshore substations operational noise and the outline noise complaints protocol	9.32	0	Clean
Assessment of the Special Qualities of the Suffolk and Essex Coast and Heaths National Landscape and Suffolk Heritage Coast - Technical Note	9.33	0	Clean
Further Information Regarding Seabed and Bedform Mobility, and Implications for Sand Wave Recovery after Levelling	9.34	0	Clean
Further Information Regarding Marine Mammals Disturbance due to Vessel Presence	9.35	0	Clean
Sandeel and Herring Habitat Heat Mapping Clarification Note	9.36	0	Clean
Environmental Statement Chapter 23 Onshore Ecology Supplemental Information - Technical Note	9.37	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - National Trust	10.5	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground – Trinity House	10.9	0	Clean
HRA Annex 1D Letter of Comfort from Cornwall Wildlife Trust	7.2.1.4	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:-

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