

Dear North Falls Team

Case Reference EN010119

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Historic England would like to acknowledge the requested presence at the ISH 1 in relation to historic environment matters, unfortunately due to the pressure of casework, we are unable to field an officer at this time. Please accept our apologies. We would however like to be included at ISH2.

In relation to the agenda, we note Item 3.2 includes Historic Environment and Archaeological matters. We can therefore confirm we have received today (31/03/2025) an updated version of the DRAFT Archaeological mitigation Strategy and Outline WSI from the applicant. The effectiveness of the archaeological mitigation strategy is subject to the new documentation and is therefore still under review at this time. Other matters are currently subject to review in the SoCG.

Our Marine Planners have also noted in relation to your question "Whether the proposed offshore cable corridor from the proposed development would adversely affect sediment and geoarchaeological potential.", that in our Written Representation (see REP2-039) we highlighted the absence of geotechnical data collected pre-application to support the DCO application which presents risk in consideration of the geoarchaeological potential identified within the development area.

We acknowledge the response made by the Applicant at Deadline 3 (REP3-037). Their position states that sufficient measures exist within the current DCO conditions (REP3-009). In this instance, if the Examining Authority is not minded to include a specific condition, we would accept that geoarchaeological investigations and mitigation measures are provided for through the existing DCO condition and Outline Offshore WSI (REP3-016). We will therefore review the latest versions of these documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3 and will offer more detailed comments and amendments we may have at Deadline 4.

We are however also anticipating revised wording for the DRAFT DCO Requirements that will take into account the new AMS and the revised Outline WSI. This will need to be agreed prior to being submitted to the ExA.

Kind regards

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