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Dear Ms McKay,

NORTH FALLS OFFSHORE WIND FARM (EN010119) – DEADLINE 4 SUBMISSION

Further to National Highways' oral submission at Issue Specific Hearing 1, we have had further constructive meetings with the Applicant on the outstanding matters of concern in respect of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

Several matters have now been addressed to National Highways' satisfaction, and this is reflected in the SOCG, which is being submitted by the Applicant today. This includes the updated OCTMP, which has addressed all our concerns to date, although this may be affected by the outcome of the junction capacity modelling exercise, which is still being reviewed. The remaining outstanding issues continue to be discussed and a path towards resolution is clear.

In summary;

1. Traffic Modelling

There remain some outstanding queries regarding the two junction assessments undertaken by the Applicant, well as some of the information that feeds into the junction modelling, and these are being addressed currently. Nevertheless, until these matters are closed out, we are unable to rule out the need for additional junction assessments to be undertaken.



2. Protective Provisions

The Protective Provisions, whilst not yet in an agreed form, are progressing adequately. We are working with the Applicant to agree the form of Protective Provisions and are hopeful that they can be agreed before the Close of Examination.

We will continue to work with the Applicant to close out these remaining matters in a timely fashion.

Yours sincerely,

Spatial Planning Manager (East)