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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 4 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]**.

This Cover Letter **[9.38 (Rev 0)]** is structured as follows:

- Section 1 – Ongoing Engagement with Interested Parties
- Section 2 – Information requested by the ExA and Interested Parties at the Issue Specific Hearings (ISH1/ISH2)
- Section 2 – Documents submitted at Deadline 4;
- Section 3 – Contact Details.

## 1. ONGOING ENGAGEMENT WITH INTERESTED PARTIES

### 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 As evidenced in the Progress with Statements of Common Ground [9.11, (Rev 3)] the Applicant continues to engage with Interested Parties to progress matters as far as reasonably practical.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant would like to provide further context to the ExA regarding the engagement with some of the Interested Parties as the Project approaches a mid-way point of the Examination.
- 1.1.3 Engagement is summarised in Table 1.1 below:

**Table 1.1 – Ongoing engagement with Interested Parties**

INTERESTED PARTY	APPLICANT'S UPDATE
Royal Society of Protection of Birds (RSPB)	The Applicant understands due to resourcing constraints, the RSPB are unable to provide comment on the draft SoCG shared with them and it is understood they are prioritising their written representation. The Applicant has been unable to submit a draft into the Examination and awaits further response from the RSPB.
Combined Fisheries Working Group (CWFG)	<p>We note the Harwich Harbour Fishermen's Association alongside other fishing stakeholders has formed the umbrella group of the 'Combined Fisheries Working Group' (CWFG). It is understood CWFG represent a number of the stakeholders as follows and are seeking to agree a joint SoCG with the Applicant. The CWFG includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Harwich Harbour FA</li><li>• Felixstowe Ferry FA</li><li>• West Mersea FA</li><li>• Thanet FA</li><li>• Southwold FA</li><li>• Kent &amp; Essex IFCA</li><li>• MMO (note they are part of CFWG but there is a separate SoCG between the MMO and the Applicant)</li></ul>

INTERESTED PARTY	APPLICANT'S UPDATE
Parties with an interest in Ports, Shipping and Navigation	The Applicant is in SoCG discussions with a number of the shipping and navigation stakeholders and a meeting is taking place specifically with the Ports on the 30 April 2025 to discuss relevant technical matters regarding cable burial.

## 2. INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE EXA AND INTERESTED PARTIES AT THE ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS (ISH1/ISH2)

### 2.1 Information Requests from ISH1 and ISH2

- 2.1.1 During the Issue Specific Hearings (ISH1 and ISH2) a number of technical matters were discussed by the Applicant, the ExA, and Interested Parties. As part of those discussions there were requests from both the ExA and Interested Parties that required the Applicant to provide additional information into the Examination.
- 2.1.2 The Applicant has provided responses to these requests in a separate document titled the 'Applicant's Response to Actions List for ISH1 and ISH2' **[9.50, Rev 0]**. The responses either signpost where the information has been provided or provides it directly within the document.
- 2.1.3 Some ISH1 and ISH2 requests for written information were time-restricted for Deadline 4. Where possible the Applicant has endeavoured to provide all information that was requested for Deadline 4. In the event this has not been possible, an adjusted timeframe for providing the written information has been indicated.

### 3. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 4

#### 3.1 Applicant's Response to submissions made at Deadline 2

3.1.1 The Applicant has responded to the following Written Representations at Deadline 4, having deferred full responses at Deadline 2. These are:

- London Gateway Port Limited WR **[REP2-041]**;
- Port of London Authority WR **[REP2-056]**; and
- Marine Coastguard Agency **[REP2-046]**.

#### 3.2 Information requested for Deadline 4 in the Examination Timetable

3.2.1 The ExA's Rule 8 Letter **[PD-008]** requests the following submissions:

- Responses to comments on WR and ExQ1;
- Post hearing submissions including written summaries of oral submissions made at the hearings;
- Responses to any further information requested by ExA;
- Comments on any submissions received at the previous deadline; and
- Natural England's principal areas of disagreement summary statement (PADSS) update 25 April 2025 Annex A A4 (Not for the Applicant).

3.2.2 Requested from the Applicant if changes have been made:

- Updated Guide to the Application document tracker
- Updated Land Rights Tracker
- Updated Consents and Licenses Statement
- Updated dDCO
- Updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO
- Updated EM
- Updated SoCG and PSoCG



- Updated NPS Accordance Table
- Updated legal agreements, if identified

### 3.3 Documents requested in the Examination Timetable

3.3.1 Table 2.1 outlines the new documents submitted at Deadline 4 as requested in the Examination Timetable by the ExA.

**Table 2.1 – New documents requested in the Examination Timetable**

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
<b>New Application Documents as requested in the Examination Timetable</b>			
Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1)	9.41	0	Clean
Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions made at the Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2)	9.48	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Deadline 3 Submissions & Deferred Responses from D2	9.42	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Natural England's Deadline 3 submissions	9.43	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Actions List for ISH1 and ISH2	9.50	0	Clean

### 3.4 Documents provided in response to other relevant matters and documents that have been updated

3.4.1 Table 2.2 outlines the updated and new application documents provided in response to other relevant matters, and documents provided where updates have been made.

**Table 2.2 – Documents provided in response to other relevant matters and documents that have been updated**

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
<b>Updated Application Documents in response to other relevant matters</b>			
Guide to the Application	1.3	7	Clean & Tracked
draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	6.1	5	Clean & Tracked
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy	7.14	3	Clean & Tracked
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP)	7.16	3	Clean & Tracked
Outline Navigation and Installation Plan	7.24	1	Clean & Tracked
Site Characterisation Report	7.26	1	Clean & Tracked
Cable Statement	7.27	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan	7.9	1	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the dDCO	7.30	4	Clean
Applicant's Land Rights Tracker	8.4	2	Clean
Progress with Statements of Common Ground Document (PSoCG)	9.11	3	Clean & Tracked
Indicative planting cross-sections at the onshore substation	9.30	1	Clean
Applicant's Cover Letter	9.38	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - Environment Agency	10.4	1	Clean & Tracked
<b>New Application Documents in response to other relevant matters</b>			
HRA Annex 2B Lesser Black-backed Gull Compensation; Effects on Designated Sites	7.2.2.2	0	Clean
Electro-Magnetic Fields Technical Statement	9.39	0	Clean
Electro-Magnetic Fields Non-Technical Statement	9.40	0	Clean

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Cumulative visualisations at the onshore substation, including the Norwich to Tilbury Pylons wirelines (Part 1 of 2)	9.44	0	Clean
Cumulative visualisations at the onshore substation, including the Norwich to Tilbury Pylons wirelines (Part 2 of 2)	9.44	0	Clean
Addendum to Environmental Statement Chapter 33 Climate Change	9.45	0	Clean
Flood Risk Assessment (Clarification regarding flood risk associated with watercourse crossings) - Technical Note	9.46	0	Clean
Flood Risk Assessment (Updated NaFRA2 dataset) - Technical Note	9.47	0	Clean
Addendum to Environmental Statement Chapter 25 Onshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	9.49	0	Clean
Applicant's Cover Letter (Rev 0)	9.38	0	Clean
Addendum to the Needs Case and Project Benefits Statement	9.51	0	Clean
Outline Sediment Disposal Management Plan	9.52	0	Clean
Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan	9.53	0	Clean
Hydrodynamic and Sediment Dispersion Modelling Report	9.54	0	Clean
Supporting Information on Offshore Additional Mitigation	9.55	0	Clean
Hydrodynamic and Sediment Dispersion Modelling Results Interpretation	9.56	0	Clean
Deep Water Route Cable Installation Areas (Future Dredging Depths) Plan	9.57	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to the Ports' Request for Protective Provisions	9.58	0	Clean
Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Viewpoints and the Dedham Vale National Landscape Plan	9.59	0	Clean
Five Estuaries' Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan – Revision F (ISH1 action 9)	9.60	0	Clean
Five Estuaries' Applicant's Comments on Natural England's Deadline 4 Submissions - Revision A (ISH 2 action 19)	9.61	0	Clean

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Onshore Substation Zone of Theoretical Visibility and Viewpoint Locations with Dedham Vale National Landscape	9.62	0	Clean
New Forest National Park Authority v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Mr Simon Lillington [2025] EWHC 726	9.63	0	Clean
(Draft) Statement of Common Ground - Essex Wildlife Trust	10.6	0	Clean
(Draft) Statement of Common Ground - National Highways	10.7	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - Royal Yachting Association	10.10	0	Clean
(Draft) Statement of Common Ground - Port of Tilbury London Limited	10.14	0	Clean
(Draft) Statement of Common Ground - UK Chamber of Shipping	10.15	0	Clean
(Draft) Statement of Common Ground - Marine Management Organisation	10.19	0	Clean

## 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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