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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 6 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 **[9.85 (Rev 0)]** is structured as follows:

- Section 1 – Examining Authority Requests for further information – Rule 17
- Section 2 – Other Relevant Matters
- Section 3 – Documents submitted at Deadline 6; and
- Section 4 – Contact Details.

## 1. EXAMINING AUTHORITY REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION – RULE 17

### 1.1 Request for further Information [PD-014] – National Landscapes

- 1.1.1 On the 6 June 2025 the Examining Authority (ExA) published a request **PD-014** for further information under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).
- 1.1.2 The ExA requested that the Applicant provides a draft National Landscape Enhancement Scheme principles and a mechanism for securing such a scheme, on a without prejudice basis, at Deadline 6.
- 1.1.3 The Applicant has prepared the requested information within the document titled 'Applicant's Response to ExA's Request for further information (Rule 17) - National Landscapes' **[9.89, Rev 0]**.

### 1.2 Request for further Information [PD-015] – Galloper Ferry Route

- 1.2.1 On the 6 June 2025 the Examining Authority (ExA) published a request **[PD-15]** for further information under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).
- 1.2.2 The ExA requested that the Applicant responds to three points relating to the Galloper ferry route.
- 1.2.3 The Applicant has prepared the requested information within the document titled 'Applicant's Response to ExA's Request for further information (Rule 17) - National Landscapes' **[9.89, Rev 0]**.

## 2. OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS

### 2.1 Applicant's Response to Additional Submission Accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority - Network Rail [AS-053]

- 2.1.1 The Applicant notes the additional submission accepted at the discretion of the ExA was published on Planning Inspectorate website the 17 June 2025.
- 2.1.2 The Applicant has responded to some of the points raised in the Applicant's Response to Actions List for CAH1 **[9.97, Rev 0]**. Given the limited time the Applicant has had this information it will provide a further response, if required, at Deadline 7.
- 2.1.3 The Applicant has also included its response to ExQ2 6.0.10 in the Applicant's Response to Actions List for CAH1 **[9.97, Rev 0]** as discussed at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 17 June 2025.

### 2.2 Applicant's Land Rights Tracker

- 2.2.1 An updated version of Habitats Regulations Assessment Land Rights Tracker **[9.75]** will be submitted at Deadline 7.

### 2.3 Shipping, Navigation, and the Ports

- 2.3.1 The Applicant has had further direct engagement with the shipping and port stakeholders since Deadline 5. The Applicant is making consistent progress with Statements of Common Ground, with the Applicant providing further concessions since Deadline 5 around the geography of cable burial commitments.
- 2.3.2 Please note the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan **[9.53 Rev 2]** (see page 13), and Deep Water Route Cable Installation Areas (Future Dredging Depths) Plan **[9.57 Rev 1]**, have each been updated to now include cable burial in the Sunk Pilot Diamond to 22m Chart Datum, which is now in addition to the Trinity, Sunk A and Sunk B deep water routes. This commitment is secured in the DCO through Requirement 2(3). Note also the Technical Note on the interaction of North Falls with the PLA onshore communication links **[9.94 Rev 0]**, showing there is no impact on the Port of London Authority radio link between Holland Haven Marshes and Walton Pier.

### 3. DOCUMENTS REQUESTED IN THE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

#### 3.1 Documents requested in the Examination Timetable

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

- Post hearing submissions including written summaries of oral submissions made at the hearings
- Further PADSS update from Natural England
- Comments on any submissions received at the previous deadline
- Responses to any further information requested by
- ExA Updated Guide to the Application document tracker
- Updated Land Rights Tracker
- Updated Consents and Licences 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

3.1.2 There are no amendments to the Consents and Licences Statement or the Explanatory Memorandum so these documents have not been updated for Deadline 6.

#### 3.2 New documents requested in the Examination Timetable and Rule 17 Requests

3.2.1 Table 2.1 outlines the new documents submitted at Deadline 6 as requested in the Examination Timetable and Rule 17 requests 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 Comments on Responses to ExQ2	9.88	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Natural England's Deadline 5 submissions (Rev 0)	9.86	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Deadline 5 Submissions (Rev 0)	9.87	0	Clean
Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition Issue Hearing (CAH1)	9.92	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Actions List for CAH1	9.97	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to ExA's Request for further information (Rule 17) - National Landscapes	9.89	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to ExA's Request for further information (Rule 17) - Galloper	9.90	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - Suffolk County Council	10.23	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - Harwich Haven Authority	10.12	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations	10.20	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - London Gateway	10.24	0	Clean

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

3.3.1 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	9	Clean & Tracked



DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Offshore Order Limits and Boundary Coordinates Plan	5.8	2	Clean
draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	6.1	7	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the dDCO	7.3	6	Clean
Applicant's Land Rights Tracker	8.4	4	Clean
National Policy Statements Accordance Table (Rev 1)	9.10	1	Clean & Tracked
Progress with Statements of Common Ground Document (PSoCG)	9.11	5	Clean & Tracked
Habitats Regulations Derogation Provision of Evidence	7.2	1	Clean & Tracked
Deep Water Route Cable Installation Areas (Future Dredging Depths) Plan	9.57	1	Clean
Hydrodynamic and Dispersion Modelling Report.REV01	9.54	1	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 1 Compensatory Measures Overview (Tracked)	7.2.1	2	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 2 Lesser Black-Backed Gull Compensation Document (Tracked)	7.2.2	2	Clean & Tracked
Annex 2A Outline Lesser black backed gull Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Tracked)	7.2.2.1	2	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 3 Red Throated Diver Compensation Document (Tracked)	7.2.3	2	Clean & Tracked
Annex 3A Outline Red Throated Diver Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Tracked)	7.2.3.1	2	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 4 Kittiwake Compensation Document (Tracked)	7.2.4	2	Clean & Tracked
Annex 4A Outline Kittiwake Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Tracked)	7.2.4.1	2	Clean & Tracked
Appendix 5 Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Document (Tracked)	7.2.5	2	Clean & Tracked
Annex 5A Outline Guillemot and Razorbill Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan (Tracked)	7.2.5.1	2	Clean & Tracked

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Outline Project Environmental Management Plan (Tracked)	7.6	2	Clean & Tracked
Draft Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (Rev 3)	7.7	3	Clean & Tracked
Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan (Tracked)	7.10	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Code of Construction Practice	7.13	4	Clean & Tracked
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS)	7.14	5	Clean & Tracked
Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan (Tracked)	7.20	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Navigation and Installation Plan	7.24	3	Clean & Tracked
Cumulative Effects Assessment Summary (Tracked)	9.31	1	Clean & Tracked
Outline Sediment Disposal Management Plan	9.52	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan	9.53	2	Clean & Tracked
Archaeological Geophysical Survey Report (May 2025)	9.71	1	Clean & Tracked
Without prejudice HRA DCO Schedules	9.73	1	Clean & Tracked
Statement of Common Ground - Essex Wildlife Trust	10.6	2	Clean & Tracked
Statement of Common Ground - Historic England	10.22	2	Clean & Tracked
Statement of Common Ground - Essex County Council / Tendring District Council	10.23	1	Clean & Tracked
<b>New Application Documents in response to other relevant matters</b>			
Applicant's Cover Letter (D6)	9.85	0	Clean
New visualisation (VP9) from Barn Lane – Grange Road	9.93	0	Clean
Technical Note on the interaction of North Falls with the PLA onshore communication links	9.94	0	Clean

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Without prejudice DCO Requirement – Galloper (RR)	9.96	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:-

Yours Faithfully,

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North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited.



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