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To NatureScot
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Our Ref: EN010119
Date: 1 July 2025

Dear NatureScot

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

Application by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd for an order granting development consent for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm project

Request for further information

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended).

The Examining Authority requests that NatureScot respond to the following:

- (1) Question number 42 (para 4.1.20) within the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) featuring in the Examination which states: *Is NatureScot in agreement with the proposed without prejudice compensation measures in Scotland for red-throated divers? If not, please set out any concerns and how they may be managed.*
- (2) Question number 10.0.6 featuring in the 'third set of Examining Authority's Written Questions' (ExAQ3) document which states: *Does NatureScot have any other comments to make on the Applicant's without prejudice compensation details related to red-throated diver compensation delivery or effectiveness?*

Both documents referred to in (1) and (2) were issued on 1 July 2025 and can be found via the relevant project page at:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010119>

Responses should be submitted by no later than Examination **Deadline 7** which is on the **15 July 2025**.

For the avoidance of any doubt in accordance with our request, statutory parties are defined as the parties listed in Schedule 1 to The Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 2015.

Yours sincerely

Wendy McKay

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Lead member of the panel of examining inspectors

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