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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 7 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 **[9.100 (Rev 0)]** is structured as follows:

- Section 1 – Examiner's Written Questions Three (ExQ3);
- Section 2 – Applicant's Response to Questions Q7 and Q27 in relation to the ExA's Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES);
- Section 3 – Documents submitted at Deadline 7; and
- Section 4 – Contact Details.

1. EXAMINING AUTHORITY WRITTEN QUESTIONS THREE (EXQ3S)

1.1 Examining Authority Written Questions Three (ExQ3s)

- 1.1.1 On the 1 July 2025 the Examining Authority (ExA) published the Examining Authorities Written Questions Three (ExQ3s).
- 1.1.2 The Applicant has prepared the requested information within the document titled 'Applicant's Response to ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) **[9.99 (Rev 0)]**.

2. APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS Q7 AND Q27 IN RELATION TO THE EXA'S REPORT ON IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPEAN SITES (RIES)

2.1 Applicant's Response to Questions Q7 and Q27 in relation to the ExA's Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

- 2.1.1 The Applicant notes that the ExA's Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) **[PD-020]** included two questions that required a response for Deadline 7. These were questions Q7 and Q27.
- 2.1.2 The Applicant has provided a response to these questions within the 'Applicant's Response to The ExA's Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (RIES Q7, Q26)' **[9.103 (Rev 0)]**.
- 2.1.3 The Applicant will provide a response to other RIES written questions, and where appropriate and relevant on the RIES more broadly, at Deadline 8.

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:

- Responses to ExQ3, if required
- Comments on the ExA's schedule of changes to the dDCO, if issued
- Comments on any submissions received at the previous deadline
- Responses to any further information requested by the ExA

3.2 New documents requested in the Examination Timetable

3.2.1 Table 2.1 outlines the new documents submitted at Deadline 7 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
New Application Documents as requested in the Examination Timetable			
Applicant's Response to Natural England's Deadline 6 submissions (Rev 0)	9.101	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Deadline 6 Submissions (Rev 0)	9.102	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to The ExA's Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (Rev 0) (REIS Q7, Q26)	9.103	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3) (Rev 0)	9.99	0	Clean
Appendix to Applicant's Response to ExA's Third Written Questions (ExQ3)	9.113	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to the ExA's Proposed Schedule of Changes to the dDCO	9.106	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
Updated Application Documents in response to other relevant matters			
Guide to the Application (Rev 10)	1.3	10	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the dDCO	7.30	7	Clean
Statement of Reasons	6.5	2	Clean & Tracked
draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	6.1	8	Clean & Tracked
Without Prejudice HRA DCO Schedules	9.73	2	Clean & Tracked
Hydrodynamic and Dispersion Modelling Report	9.54	2	Clean & Tracked
Site Characterisation Report	7.26	2	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Mitigation	2.6	3	Clean & Tracked
Outline Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan	7.9	2	Clean & Tracked
Marine Conservation Zone Assessment Report	7.3	1	Clean & Tracked
RIAA Part 2 Benthic Ecology Annex I Habitat in SACs and SPA Supporting Habitat	7.1.2	1	Clean & Tracked
Habitats Regulations Assessment Land Rights Tracker	9.75	1	Clean
Crown Land Plan	5.4	1	Clean
Book of Reference	6.3	5	Clean & Tracked
Schedule of Changes to the BoR	9.12	3	Clean

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Progress with Statements of Common Ground Document (PSoCG)	9.11	6	Clean & Tracked
Statement of Common Ground - Environment Agency	10.4	3	Clean & Tracked
Statement of Common Ground - Essex County Council / Tendring District Council	10.17	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (Rev 4)	7.16	4	Clean & Tracked
Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy	7.14	6	Clean & Tracked
Outline Horizontal Directional Drill Method Statement and Contingency Plan	7.15	3	Clean & Tracked
New visualisation (VP9) from Barn Lane - Grange Road	9.93	1	Clean
Offshore In-Principle Monitoring Plan	7.10	2	Clean & Tracked
Outline Code of Construction Practice	7.13	5	Clean & Tracked
Habitats Regulations Derogation Provision of Evidence	7.2	2	Clean & Tracked
HRA Appendix 1 Compensatory Measures Overview	7.2.1	3	Clean & Tracked
Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan (CSIP)	9.53	3	Clean & Tracked
New Application Documents in response to other relevant matters			
Applicant's Cover Letter	9.100	0	Clean
Without Prejudice Ports Protective Provisions	9.111	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - Maritime and Coastguard Agency	10.16	0	Clean
Statement of Common Ground - Port of London Authority	10.13	0	Clean
Further information on the socio-economic impacts on vessels to/from Tidal Thames	9.104	0	Clean
Addendum to the Outline Skills and Employment Plan	9.108	0	Clean
Updated offshore ornithology in-combination tables	9.95	0	Clean
Appendix 6 Outline Benthic Compensation Implementation and Monitoring Plan	9.109	0	Clean
Draft Statement of Common Ground – Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB)	10.26	0	Clean

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Draft Statement of Common Ground - East Suffolk Council	10.27	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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