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To Whom it may concern,

YOUR REFERENCE:	EN010119
OUR REFERENCE:	26/00284/NACON
ADDRESS:	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm
PROPOSAL:	Application for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Project (20051023).

Tendring District Council (TDC) has reviewed the reports and submissions provided in response to the Secretary of State's information request of 28 January 2026. At this stage, TDC has no further comments to add beyond those set out in our previous detailed submissions on this Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

TDC has consistently expressed significant concerns regarding the pre-determined nature of this Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, which is entirely dependent on the Norwich to Tilbury (N2T) project obtaining development consent. As the N2T project has only recently entered its examination phase, TDC maintains that it is premature for any project to rely upon its delivery as a certainty.

TDC has also raised concerns about the potential impacts of offshore wind farm projects on the District's sensitive estuary environments, protected landscapes, wider coastal settings, its communities and businesses including key sectors such as tourism and agriculture. We wish to reiterate the importance of ensuring that decision-makers carefully assess the potential effects of such developments on nationally important views, National Landscapes, Conservation Areas, and affected communities and businesses.

TDC fully recognises the significant benefits of clean energy. However, large-scale energy and infrastructure projects, including offshore wind farms, have the potential to cause lasting and irreversible harm to sensitive and valued environments. TDC therefore emphasises that any decision to grant a Development Consent Order must rigorously balance these impacts against the benefits of the proposal, ensuring that the protection of our most important landscapes—as well as the interests of affected residents and businesses—remains at the forefront of decision-making.

Yours faithfully

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