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Dear Mr Wheadon,

Planning Act 2008

Project Title: North Falls Offshore Wind Farm

Applicant: North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Application Reference: EN010119

This cover letter [**Document ref: 11.11, (rev 0)**] is provided by the Applicant (North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited or NFOW) in response to the Secretary of State's letter published on 18 February 2026 (the Letter) which invites comment on information provided in response to his information request dated 28 January 2026 in relation to the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm project.

This cover letter is structured as follows:

- Section 1 – Applicant's Response to Secretary of State's letter dated 18 February 2026;
- Section 2 – Energy Security;
- Section 3 – Documents Submitted; and
- Section 4 – Contact Details.

1. APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO SECRETARY OF STATE'S LETTER DATED 18 FEBRUARY 2026

1.1 Applicant's Response to Secretary of State's letter dated 18 February 2026

1.1.1 The document titled 'Applicant's Response to Secretary of State's Letter dated 18 February 2026' provides responses to relevant paragraphs within the Letter.

1.1.2 The Applicant notes that, in many instances, there are no additional comments to make on the submissions provided at the previous deadline, and this has been stated for clarity.

1.2 Updated and New Application Documents

1.2.1 New and updated documents submitted in response to the Letter are listed in section 3 of this cover letter.

1.3 Request for information from the Applicant

1.3.1 The Applicant has provided the requested information relating to the address for inspection of the Order plans and book of reference directly to the Planning Inspectorate prior to the 25 February 2026 deadline.

2. ENERGY SECURITY

2.1 Energy Security

- 2.1.1 The Applicant notes that energy security is identified as a relevant consideration within section 2 'Government policy on energy and energy infrastructure development', sub-section 2.4 'Security of energy supplies', of the National Policy Statement for Energy (NPS EN-1) (2025).
- 2.1.2 In light of current geopolitical events and their impact on global energy supplies, the Applicant wishes to highlight where energy security is addressed within the application documents.
- 2.1.3 Section 5.4 of the Needs Case and Project Benefits Statement [**Document ref: 2.1 (Rev 1)**] discusses the potential of physical supply disruptions (paragraph 5.4.3) and emphasises the consequent importance of strengthening domestic energy supply. Paragraph 5.4.4 further explains that expanding domestic renewable energy generation - of which North Falls would form a part - reduces reliance on international energy supplies.
- 2.1.4 Accordingly, the Applicant maintains that the Project will make a meaningful contribution to enhancing the UK's energy security.

3. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

3.1 Documents Submitted

3.1.1 Table 1.1 outlines the updated and new application documents provided in response to the Letter.

Table 1.1 – Documents Submitted

DOCUMENT TITLE	APPLICANT DOCUMENT REFERENCE	REV	TYPE
Application Documents Submitted			
Applicant's Cover Letter – March 2026	11.11	0	Clean
Applicant's Response to Secretary of State's Letter dated 18 February 2026	11.12	0	Clean
Guide to the Application	1.3	15	Clean & Tracked

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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