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Our Ref: EN010121

Date: 10 February 2025

Dear Sirs

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

Application by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets

Request for further information

On 4, 5 and 6 February 2025 we held Issue Specific Hearings into the above project.

At Deadline 3, Wednesday 22 January 2025, the Applicant submitted a document entitled 'Habitats Regulations Assessment Without Prejudice Derogation Case – Red-Throated Diver at Liverpool Bay / Bar Lerpwl SPA'. This can be found in the Examination Library at reference [\[REP3-065\]](#).

This provides, on a without prejudice basis, for compensation for the effects of the Proposed Development on Red Throated Diver were the Secretary of State to conclude that, there being no alternative solutions, the plan or project must be carried out for imperative reasons of overriding public interest.

As you will note, the compensation sites concerned are located in Scotland and consequently NatureScot is requested make any comments it feels appropriate.

We understand that NatureScot has been provided with an unredacted version of this document by the Applicant. However, should it require a copy, please contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team who will provide a copy

NatureScot is requested to make any such comments by **Deadline 4 (Tuesday 18 February 2025)**. We appreciate that this is a short period of time, but to enable us to successfully complete the Examination by 23 April 2025 in line with the statutory deadline and to allow us to give the Applicant sufficient time to respond in the interests of fairness, we need a response as set out, even if it is that NatureScot does not wish to comment.

Yours sincerely

Robert Jackson

Robert Jackson
Lead Panel Member of the Examining Authority

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