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Dear Sir/Madam,

## Re: Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets

Further to my response dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, I write to provide you with an answer to the Examining Authority's question ISN12. Unfortunately, an answer was unable to be provided by Deadline 3.

ISN12	The Applicant MoD/ DIO	Submarine Nautical Paths
	BAE Systems Marine Ltd	BAE Systems Marine Ltd [RR-007] has commented that there appears to have been no consideration regarding potential impacts on submarine nautical paths. Submarines are part of national defence and national security and so BAE requires further and more in-depth consultation with the Royal Navy/ MoD on the matter of submarine nautical paths.
		In its response [PD1-011] the Applicant indicates that previously no concerns had been raised, by the MoD and ABP.
		Could all parties please set out their latest understanding of the situation.

No concerns relating to submarine nautical paths have been raised by the MOD in its representations so far. Following receipt of this question, the Navy have been contacted to confirm that this is the case given the comments from BAE Systems Marine Ltd. It has been confirmed that the proposed

development will not affect submarine nautical paths, and the MOD therefore has no concern relating to this matter.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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