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Dear Jo Dowling,

Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

I am writing on behalf of the RSPB further to the Examining Authority's issuing their First Written Questions on 28 February 2025 and the Rule 17 letter dated 3 March 2025 updating those Questions, and requiring a response by Deadline 3 (19 March 2025).

I am also using this letter to respond to your invitation to the RSPB to attend Issue Specific Hearing 5 on 10 April 2025.

Examining Authority's questions

We have reviewed the list of questions generally as well as those specifically for the RSPB carefully and note that the majority of questions for the RSPB relate to offshore ornithology matters. We have also noted the Examining Authority's reminder to Interested Parties that documents received after the relevant deadline are only accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority and may not be accepted to ensure fairness to all parties.

Therefore, we wished to advise you in advance of Deadline 3 that we will only be able to make a partial response to the Examining Authority questions by that deadline, covering the following questions: OR.1.25, OR.1.26, OR.1.29, OR.1.32 and OR.1.41. Due to the RSPB's offshore ornithology specialist being heavily committed and unavailable, unfortunately we are not in a position to respond to all the offshore ornithology related questions by Deadline 3.

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However, we have made arrangements in our specialist's work programme to ensure that we will submit our responses to all the offshore ornithology questions by 8 April 2025 at the latest. We apologise for the delay involved but remain keen to engage as fully as possible with the Examination within our available resources.

Issue Specific Hearing 5

Due to our constrained resources, we will be unable to attend the Issue Specific Hearing.

Yours sincerely,

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