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**Dear Sir/madam,**

**Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Project.**

**Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

**Examination Timetable – Deadline 3**

**Annex A – Updated ExQ1 on offshore and intertidal ornithology and relevant Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) aspects**

Thank you for inviting The Crown Estate (TCE) to provide additional information to the Examining Authority as part of its assessment of the proposed generation assets for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms project. We would like to submit the following response to the first written questions (ExQ1)

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Question and reference		TCE Response
OR.1.23	<p><b>Applicants' kittiwake compensation proposals.</b></p> <p>Can you respond in full to the questions from the RSPB, documented in section 6 of the RSPB's WR [REP1-087]? These are:</p> <p>1. What steps has The Crown Estate taken to secure a marine licence for an offshore ANS in the alternative Areas of Search?</p> <p>2. Assuming no steps have been taken as no decision has yet been taken on the preferred location for any offshore ANS under the KSIMP, what is the Applicants' and The Crown Estate's view on the implications of this for the implementation timeline for any such offshore ANS?</p>	<p>1. The Crown Estate have not progressed marine licensing for the offshore ANS in any Area of Search identified by the Kittiwake Strategic Compensation Plan (KSCP) or otherwise, and also notes that question OR 1.22 acknowledges the intent of the developer to apply for a marine licence for the structure. The intent of the KSCP is to consider the possible compensation options available for adverse effects on the kittiwake feature of the Flamborough &amp; Filey Coast SPA using a Steering Group consisting of Government departments (Defra, DESNZ), SNCB's (Natural England, JNCC), The Crown Estate and the relevant project developers (Dogger Bank South and Outer Dowsing). The KSCP has been submitted by RWE as a document to support the DCO application to provide the Examining Authority and Secretary of State clarity on the considerations of the Steering Group, areas of agreement and disagreement, and a recommended measure. The delivery of the measure remains with the relevant project developers, who will also be responsible for the consenting of the offshore ANS. It is The Crown Estate's understanding from RWE is that they intend to apply for marine licences for the offshore ANS but are currently identifying final locations to feed into the application.</p> <p>2. The Crown Estate are conscious that the delivery of offshore ANS for compensation are considered to be on the critical path for the project by RWE, who are exploring efficiencies to make the delivery align with the wider programme of the project including grid connection agreements and government 2030 offshore wind targets. RWE will be better placed to provide the Examiners with clarity on the overall programme for the project.</p>

Yours sincerely,

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