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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 our letter of 14 March 2025 in respect of the Examining Authority's First Written Questions and subsequent Rule 17 letter dated 3 March 2025 updating those Questions, and requiring a response by Deadline 3 (19 March 2025).

Examining Authority's questions

In our letter of 14 March 2025, we advised that we would 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. These were submitted as REP3-066.

This was due to the RSPB's offshore ornithology specialist being heavily committed and unavailable, which meant we were not in a position to respond to all the offshore ornithology related questions by Deadline 3. We advised the Examining Authority we had made arrangements in our specialist's work programme to ensure that we would submit our responses to all the offshore ornithology questions by 8 April 2025 at the latest.

Unfortunately, since our 14 March 2025 letter, our specialist [REDACTED]
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Therefore, we have made arrangements for a colleague to cover those aspects of our specialist's work and, in respect of Dogger Bank South, to answer as many of the outstanding questions as is within their remit and capacity at this time.

We will therefore be aiming to submit responses to the following questions by the end of 3 April 2025: OR.1.12, OR.1.15, OR.1.28, OR.1.31, OR.1.40 and OR.1.51.

This will leave the following questions remaining to be answered: OR.1.3, OR.1.5, OR.1.6, OR.1.7, OR.1.18, OR.1.37, OR.1.44 and OR.1.52. We apologise for the delay involved but remain keen to engage as fully as possible with the Examination.

Yours sincerely,



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