

The Planning Inspectorate Temple Quay House Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN

Your Ref: EN010125 Identification No. 20049822

16th APRIL 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farm Project Written Response to Examining Authority's First Round of Written Questions (ExQ1) for Deadline 4

We refer to the above application for Development Consent and the Examining Authority's First Round of Written Questions issued on 28th February 2025, and the subsequently Rule 17 request for further information letter, issued on 15th April 2025.

Question:- ARMC.1.1

Colour of Offshore Structures

The colour requirement for the proposed offshore structures differs between International Civil Aviation Organisation and Trinity House [APP-125, paragraphs 35 and 36]. Condition 11 of Deemed Marine Licence (DML) 1 [REP1-004] states, 'the undertaker must paint all structures forming part of the authorised scheme yellow (colour code RAL 1023) from at least HAT to a height as directed by Trinity House. Unless the MMO otherwise directs, the undertaker must paint the remainder of the structures grey (colour code RAL 7035)'.

Could you comment on the appropriateness of the colour secured in the DML condition, whether the colour requirement inconsistencies are resolvable, and provide appropriate justification?

Trinity House Response:-

Trinity House respectfully highlights the Civil Aviation Authority Document "CAA Policy and Guidelines on Wind Turbines" (CAP764), which, at section 3.21 of Chapter 3, states "The CAA does not typically request specific markings for offshore obstacles."

Trinity House courteously requests that offshore turbines are painted in accordance with the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IALA) Guideline G1162 (The Marking of Offshore Man-Made Structures).

Trinity House further submits that its preferred wording of Schedule 10, Part 2, Condition 11 of Deemed Marine Licence (DML) 1 [REP1-004] would read:

"Colouring of structures

- 11 (1) Except as otherwise required by Trinity House the undertaker must colour all structures forming part of the authorised scheme yellow (colour code RAL 1023) from at least HAT to a height directed by Trinity House or must colour the structure as directed by Trinity House in writing from time to time.
- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (1) above, unless the MMO otherwise directs in writing, the undertaker must paint the remainder of the structures submarine grey (colour code RAL 7035)."

The above preferred wording would bring this provision in line with the pre-agreed standard navigation conditions.

We trust that this response is helpful and would ask that all correspondence regarding this matter is addressed to myself at at mavigation@trinityhouse.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Legal Executive