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Good afternoon,

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

I wanted to take the opportunity to make you aware that Natural England have reviewed the Actions from ISH5 [EV10-002] held on 10th April 2025 and acknowledge the Examiner's request in the Rule 17 letter [PD-018] for responses to be provided at Deadline 4. We will respond as far as possible; however we will not be able to respond in full at this deadline. This is in part due to resource constraints as a result of the Easter bank holiday weekend, and also due to necessary information not yet being available for us to fully respond. We understand that the Applicant is due to submit key updated assessments, including benthic and ornithology RIAAs, as part of their Deadline 4 submissions. It is anticipated that these updates will progress and/or resolve several of the actions, particularly for ornithology. We also note that the Applicant will be submitting Written Summaries of their Oral Representations at Deadline 4, which often provide a more comprehensive view of the Applicant's positions than reviewing the auto-generated transcripts or recordings. We therefore consider that we will be able to provide more meaningful updates to the ExA following review of the Deadline 4 submissions and will therefore provide comments on actions relevant to these documents in full at Deadline 5.

Furthermore, Natural England acknowledges the ExA's disappointment at the lack of attendance at the recent hearings, and the early provision of dates for further hearings to be held week commencing 2nd June 2025, if required. Whilst we welcome the early notification and understand the ExA's desire for attendance at hearings, Natural England can confirm that we will not be attending, should they be held. We will set out our full reasoning in our response to deadline 4 but wanted to make you aware as early as possible.

I would be happy to discuss any of these points with you in more detail if helpful.

Kind regards,

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