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Dear Mr Hunter,

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Deadline 4 Cover Letter

The Applicants note and welcome your appointment to the Examining Authority [PD-019]. We wish Ms Dowling well and trust the handover of the Lead Examiner role can be delivered efficiently.

This letter summarises and explains the content of the Applicants' submissions to Deadline 4 of the Examination. Documents are described in the order requested by the Examination Timetable contained in the **Rule 8 letter** [PD-011]. This letter also responds to the Examining Authority's Rule 17 letter [PD-019] of 15 April 2025.

The Applicants have noted the consultation on revisions to EN-3 launched by DESNZ on 24 April 2025, which include proposed new wording regarding wake effects. For the avoidance of doubt, the Applicants have not attempted to address the implications of this consultation, given the shortage of time before Deadline 4.

Post hearing submissions

The Applicants' summaries of oral submissions are provided in **14.2 The Applicants' Written Summaries of Oral Submissions made at CAH2, ISH3, ISH4 and ISH5**. Over the course of the recent examination hearings, various other documents were requested to be provided by the Applicants, as set out in the **Action Points** [EV7-002, EV8-009, EV9-002 and EV10-002]. New documents are:

14.7 Review of Flamborough Front

14.8 Indirect effects on prey species technical note

14.9 Underwater noise reduction technical note

14.10 Greenhouse Gas Sensitivity Analysis of Wake Effects

14.12 Isles of Scilly Guillemot and Razorbill Survey and Habitat Assessment

14.13 The Applicants' Fish and Shellfish Response to the MMO

14.14 Wake Effects – Response to ISH3 Action Points

Responses to hearing Action Points

Specific responses to points raised in oral submissions at the hearings are generally provided in **14.11 The Applicants' Responses to April 2025 Hearing Action Points**, with more substantive responses provided as referenced documents listed above.

Comments on the responses to ExAQ1

On reviewing the responses by the Interested Parties to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions, the Applicants wish to comment on those provided by East Riding of Yorkshire Council [REP3-037], the Environment Agency [REP3-042], Historic England [REP3-043], Maritime and Coastguard Agency [REP3-044], the Marine Management Organisation [REP3-045], Natural England [REP3-057], Beverley and Holderness Internal Drainage Board [REP3-062], Dogger Bank ABC Projcos [REP3-063], Ørsted [REP3-064], the RSPB [REP3-065], the Wildlife Trusts [REP3-069], and the National Federation of Fishers' Organisations [AS-173]. These are provided in **14.3 The Applicants' Comments on the Responses to ExQ1**.

Updated draft DCO

Revision 7 of **3.1 Draft Development Consent Order** is now provided alongside **3.2 Explanatory Memorandum**, both clean and tracked, with **3.4 Schedule of Changes to dDCO** to explain the amendments.

Updated Land Rights Tracker

Revision 4 of **10.4 Land Rights Tracker** is now provided clean and tracked.

Updated Book of Reference

Revision 6 of **4.2 Book of Reference** is now provided clean and tracked.

Following changes to land ownership due to the implementation of the Jocks Lodge Junction works, in addition to updating 3.2 Book of Reference, the Applicants are also providing revised **4.7 Land Plans** and **4.9 Crown Land Plans**.

Updated SoCGs

All twenty Statements of Common Ground have been updated at document references **9.2 to 9.22**. Notably the Applicants have now resolved all areas of disagreement with the Humberside Archaeological Partnership, Trinity House and the UK Chamber of Shipping.

Updated Statement of Commonality of the SoCGs

This is provided as **9.1 Statement of Commonality of SoCG & Examination Progress Tracker**.

Updated Guide to the Application

1.4 Guide to the Application has been updated to include documents from this deadline.

Any further information requested by the ExA

The ExA issued a Rule 17 letter on 3 March 2025 [PD-016]. The Applicants acknowledge the request for a revised Environmental Statement.

The Applicants welcome the ExA's request for interested parties to provide information on time, and note that the Applicants have been funding multiple parties (including Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation) to have necessary resources in place.

The Applicants also welcome the ExA's request for interested parties to attend hearings, and re-iterate their preference for in-person hearings. An early indication of the likely subject matter of the June hearings will facilitate technical expert availability.

— **Comments on submissions received by Deadline 3**

The Applicants are providing comments on the material provided by the Marine Management Organisation [REP3-045 and AS-169], Ministry of Defence [REP3-047 and AS-175], Natural England [REP3-051-060], Dogger Bank ABC Projcos [REP3-063] and Ørsted [REP3-064], in a single document, **The Applicants' Responses to Deadline 3 Documents** (document ref: 14.4).

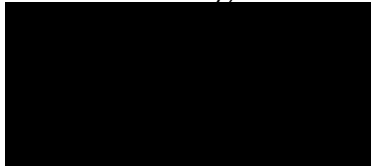
Other documents

14.5 Phase 2 Archaeological Evaluation Trenching Report is provided in response to the ExA's Rule 6 letter [PD-002] request.

14.6 Assessment of Cumulative Impacts is provided to answer ExAQ BGC 1.10

Please feel free to contact me if you require any clarification regarding the above.

Yours sincerely,



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