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Deadline 5 Cover Letter

This letter summarises and explains the content of the Applicants' submissions to Deadline 5 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 (ExA's) Rule 17 letter [PD-019] of 15 April 2025.

Responses to ExAQ2

The Applicants' answers to the ExA's Further Written Questions [PD-022] are provided in **15.2 The Applicants' Responses to ExAQ2**. A number of documents are also updated at the ExA's request:

- **Environmental Statement Chapter 20 – Flood Risk and Hydrology (Revision 3)**
- **Environmental Statement Chapter 20 – Flood Risk and Hydrology Figure 20-1 to Figure 20-6 (Revision 2)**
- **Environmental Statement Chapter 20 Appendix 20-3 – Water Environment Regulations Compliance Assessment (Revision 4)**
- **Environmental Statement Chapter 21 – Land Use (Revision 4)**
- **Environmental Statement Chapter 21 – Land Use Figure 21-1 to Figure 21-6 (Revision 3)**
- **Principles of Greenhouse Gas Assessment in Offshore Wind (Revision 2)**
- **6.1 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Habitats Regulations Assessment Part 1 of 4 – Introduction and Terrestrial Ecology (Revision 3)**

In response to IOU2.18 the Applicants intend to provide an addendum to Wake Effects - Response to ISH3 Action Points Submission for Deadline 4 [REP4-099] (submitted at Deadline 4) at a later date. This document will provide a wake assessment for DBB, DBC, Hornsea 1, 2, 3 and 4. Given the short timeframe between the request in the ExA's Further Written Questions [PD-022] and Deadline 5 on the 23rd May it was not possible to submit this document at Deadline 5. The Applicants acknowledge the ExA's preference for documents not to be submitted between Examination deadlines. However, the Applicants consider that it would be of assistance to the Examination for this information to be submitted before Deadline 6 and before ISH6 due to be held on 5 June 2025 to give the ExA and Interested Parties an opportunity to review the information before ISH6. With this in mind, the Applicants intend to submit an addendum to Wake Effects - Response to ISH3 Action Points Submission for Deadline 4 [REP4-099] to the ExA and directly to the relevant Interested Parties in advance of ISH6 and would request for the ExA to exercise their discretion to accept this into examination once submitted.

Updated draft DCO

Revision 8 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.

Any further information requested by the ExA

The Applicants have reflected on the Rule 17 letter dated 25 April 2025 [PD-019]:

"The ExA therefore request that the applicants review and update the ES, as a whole, before the close of the examination so that the ES accurately reflects the proposed development and contains all the updated information within the relevant chapter, which the ExA will need to report on, and the Secretary of State will need to consider."

The Applicants will be updating (to some extent) all Environmental Statement chapters except Chapters 2 and 7 (Need case and Consultation respectively) which are unaffected by the requested updates. While the proposed updates reflect the breadth of positive changes resulting from accepted Project Change Requests 1 and 2, many of the amendments are minor in nature. The Applicants wish to emphasise that updates to the chapters will be based on the accepted Project Changes 1 and 2, updated assessments that reflect an update to the worst case during Examination following requests from interested parties and the ExA, and minor errata. Resource constrained interested parties should not need to review the entire Environmental Statement and would not be prejudiced by their revision.

The Applicants will only be updating figures where the understanding of that figure would be affected by the changes to the red line boundary ; around a quarter of the figures are unaffected.

Generally, appendices will not be updated with the exception of those appendices which provide the basis for assessment updates incorporated within the chapter updates. Any updated appendices will be submitted at Deadline 7.

Comments on submissions received by Deadline 4

The Applicants are providing comments on the material provided by interested parties at Deadline 4 in a single document, **15.3 The Applicants' Responses to Deadline 4 Documents**. Additionally, **15.4 The Applicants' Responses to RSPB's Deadline 3 Additional Submission** answers a late submission to Deadline 3.

The Applicants note that the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisation's Responses to ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1) [REP4-105] is identical to that previously submitted under the Response to ExQ1 [AS-172]. As such, the Applicants direct the ExA to the Applicants' responses previously submitted in Table 2-8 of **The Applicants' Comments on the Responses to ExQ1** [REP4-087].

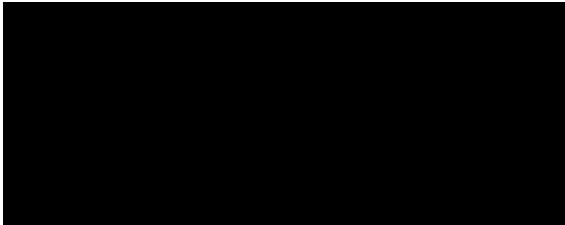
Other documents

The Applicants are using this opportunity to provide technical notes and updates to a number of documents sought by interested parties:

- For the Environment Agency:
 - **7.18.18.10 Environmental Statement Chapter 18 Terrestrial Ecology and Ornithology Appendix 18-10 - Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy (Revision 2)**
 - **15.5 Flood Risk and Climate Change Technical Note**
- For the Marine Management Organisation (and CEFAS)
 - **8.18 Disposal Site Characterisation Report (Revision 3)**
 - **15.8 Modelling of underwater noise associated with alternative piling locations to inform potential impacts on Atlantic Herring spawning grounds**
- For the Maritime and Coastguard Authority
 - **8.30 Outline Vessel Traffic Monitoring Plan (Revision 2)**
- For Natural England
 - **7.11.11.4 iPCoD Modelling (Revision 3)**
 - **8.23 In Principle Monitoring Plan (Revision 4)**
 - **14.9 Illustrative Underwater Noise Reduction Technical Note (Revision 2)**
 - **15.6 Assessment of Coastal Processes at the Dogger Bank South Landfall**
 - **15.7 Ecological Halo Effects Technical Note**
 - **6.1 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Habitats Regulations Assessment Part 3 of 4 – Annex II Marine Mammals (Revision 3)**

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

Yours sincerely,



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