Communications Strategy and Policy Group



The Planning Inspectorate By e-mail

13 June 2025

Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Project

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 13 May 2025, the Examining Authority (ExA) published written questions and requests for information (ExQ2). For those questions which were directed at the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), along with other interested parties, the table below provides the answers from the CAA.

ARMC.2.5	The applicants, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and DIO	Air Navigation Order 2016
		To the CAA and DIO
		The CAA and DIO are asked for their views as to the geographical extent of relevant provisions (articles 222 and 223) of the Air Navigation Order 2016. As the parties will be aware, s120 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) allows for a DCO to include provision applying and/ or modifying a statutory provision which relates to any matter for which provision may be made in the DCO.
		CAA answer We do not consider that Articles 222 and 223 of the ANO are intended to apply to offshore installations outside territorial waters.
		To the CAA, DIO and the applicant
		If either the CAA or DIO takes the view that the geographical extent of the Air Navigation Order does not extend to the proposed development site, should it

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be applied by express provision in the draft DCO [REP4-005]? The applicants are asked to liaise with the CAA and DIO in this regard and consider whether an additional article may be required to expressly apply relevant provisions of the Air Navigation Order (with modifications if necessary) to the draft DCO.

CAA answer

We have not been approached by the applicant but believe that an express provision in the DDCO should be applied as this provides for (i) potential mitigation to prevent a collision between an aircraft and a turbine and (ii) compliance with the international convention on civil aviation.

If the ExA has further questions on these or any other topic, we will be happy to provide whatever assistance we can.

Yours faithfully,



Head of Policy