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To: Dogger Bank South

**Subject:** Responses to Rule 17 Request for Information - Albanwise/ Albanwise Synergy

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## **Dear Examining Authority**

We would like to submit the following update that was requested from Interested Parties: Albanwise Ltd (**DGBS-AFP156**) and Albanwise Synergy Ltd (**DGBS-AFP162**) (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'Albanwise') in the following Rule 17 Request for Information (in letter EN010125, dated 9 June 25).



## Request for Information Reference R17.45: Compulsory Acquisition – Update on negotiations

**Q.** Could you provide an update on the current position in relation to your negotiations with the applicants, including a summary of what issues you consider to be outstanding, along with an indication as to whether you consider these matters are likely to be agreed by the end of the examination.

**A.** We have been in active discussions and negotiations with RWE via Dalcour Maclaren since April 2022 and we have provided updates to the Examining Authority on the progress made in Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 held on 7 April 2025 and our responses to the ExA's ExQ1 questions LUA 1.6 and 1.9, submitted by email on 25 April 2025.

The current situation is that whilst we have had intermittent discussions with RWE and their agent, Heads of Terms have unfortunately not yet been finalised, so completion of a voluntary agreement remains uncertain. HoTs were believed to have been agreed when signed by us and returned on 9 May. But we were subsequently informed by RWE that this was not the case.

To drive this forward to agreement we have been pressing for a considerable period for a day-long, all-parties meeting to agree all matters while in the same room. We had hoped to have had this meeting well before now but RWE's earliest availability for this was 2 July, and attendance however remains unconfirmed from their side.

We have been immensely frustrated by RWE's reluctance to bring this matter to a constructive conclusion and by the time and resources this is consuming on our side. This is especially the case when, in our opinion, only relatively small points require

agreement.

Whilst we are prepared to reach a voluntary agreement with RWE, the terms however need to reflect the considerable potential blight and impact on our land holdings and our farm tenants as well as on the capital value of our residential, agricultural and commercial properties, together with addressing the potential impact on other schemes over the land area that RWE wish to utilise.

Our previous comments on the negative impacts of this scheme remain and, given the complexities of the land area and the significance of the properties and other projects affected by their DCO application we are concerned that RWE are far from actively engaged in concluding this voluntary agreement.

With the deadline for the submission of closing statements to the Examining Authority on 3 July it is imperative for us to see that a productive meeting on 2 July takes place. We can then base our closing statements on the outcomes of that meeting.

If the meeting fails to happen on 2 July then we believe matters will remain outstanding which will have serious consequences for us as landowners and the tenants who may be impacted by the proposals.



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