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**By email only**

Dear [REDACTED]

**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 write to provide an update on the MOD position with regard to the above application.

In response to consultation, the MOD originally objected to the proposed development on the basis that review of the proposals has identified that a significant and detrimental impact on the effective operation and capability of air defence radar systems sited/deployed at Remote Radar Head (RRH) Staxton Wold. The MOD has also identified that the development, during either or both the implementation and operational phases, has the potential to introduce physical obstacles to low flying aircraft.

Through a subsequent letter, dated 7 April 2025, the MOD withdrew that objection subject to a requirement designed to secure appropriate mitigation. Specific requirement wording was provided in an annex to that letter.

Following discussions and further work with the applicant, the MOD has amended the proposed requirement wording to make clear that it would apply to a specific part of the development, the Dogger Bank South, DBS West Project, Offshore works as defined in the draft Development Consent Order (Revision 10) at Schedule 1, Part 1 as Work No.1B(a). The updated wording is provided at Annex A.

**Military Low Flying – Lighting and Charting.**

As set out in previous representations, the introduction of physical obstructions in the low flying system would normally be mitigated by requirements/conditions that require the submission, approval and implementation of an aviation lighting scheme, and that sufficient data is submitted to ensure that structures can be accurately charted to allow deconfliction.

The applicant has recognised the need for these conditions, and has set out provisions within the submitted draft Development Consent Order (Revision 10, dated June 2025) at:

- Schedule 10, Deemed Marine Licence 1: DBS East Project Offshore Generation – Work Nos. 1A, 4A and 7A, Part 2, Condition 12;
- Schedule 11, Deemed Marine Licence 2: DBS West Project Offshore Generation – Work No. 1B, 4B and 7B, Part 2, Condition 12;
- Schedule 12, Deemed Marine Licence 3: DBS East Project Offshore Transmission – Work Nos. 2A, 3A, 7A and 8A, Part 2, Condition 10;
- Schedule 13, Deemed Marine Licence 4: DBS West Project Offshore Transmission – Work Nos. 2B, 3B, 7B and 8B, Part 2, Condition 10; and
- Schedule 14, Deemed Marine Licence 5: DBS East Project and DBS West Project Offshore Transmission – Work Nos. 5A, 5B, 7A and 7B, Part 2, Condition 8.

Subject to these conditions being applied through any Development Consent Order that might be made, the MOD is content that the potential for the development to degrade aviation safety for aircraft operating at low level within the locality of the proposed Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms would be mitigated.

### **Conclusion.**

In summary, subject to the Requirement wording set out at Annex A of this letter being added to any Development Consent Order that might be made, and the retention of the conditions identified above and set out in the applicant's draft Development Consent Order, the MOD has no objection to this development.

I trust this adequately explains our position on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information, or should you wish to discuss matters.

Yours sincerely,

  
Senior Safeguarding Manager

Enc. Annex A

## **Annex A**

### **Ministry of Defence Surveillance Operations.**

- 1) No wind turbine generator forming part of Work No. 1B is permitted to rotate its rotor blades on its horizontal axis until the Secretary of State, having consulted with the Ministry of Defence, confirms satisfaction in writing that appropriate mitigation will be implemented and maintained for the life of the DBS West Project Offshore works and that arrangements have been put in place with the Ministry of Defence to ensure that the approved mitigation is implemented.
- 2) For the purposes of this requirement—
  - a) “appropriate mitigation” means measures to prevent or remove any adverse effects which the DBS West Project Offshore works will have on the air defence radar(s) at Remote Radar Head (RRH) Staxton Wold, and the Ministry of Defence’s air surveillance and control operations;
  - b) “approved mitigation” means the detailed Radar Mitigation Scheme (RMS) that will set out the appropriate measures and timescales for implementation as agreed with the Ministry of Defence at the time the Secretary of State confirms satisfaction in writing in accordance with paragraph (1); and
  - c) “Ministry of Defence” means the Ministry of Defence as represented by Defence Infrastructure Organisation – Safeguarding, St George’s House, DIO Head Office, DMS Whittington, Lichfield, Staffordshire, WS14 9PY or any successor body.
- 3) The undertaker must thereafter comply with all other obligations contained within the approved mitigation for the life of the DBS West Project Offshore works.