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By email only

Dear Mr Wheadon,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Ltd and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Ltd (“the Applicants”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms (“the Proposed Development”)

I write in response to the Request for Information letter dated 6 November 2025, specifically to section 29.

Section 29 invites comment on a proposed alternative wording of Requirement 31 which requires mitigation of the impacts of the development on Air Defence radar. The alternative wording is similar to that set out in ‘The Examining Authority’s Schedule of Recommended Amendments to the Applicant’s draft Development Consent Order’ (19 June 2025) and it is understood that the alternative wording that is suggested could replace that of Requirement 31 set out in the applicant’s most recent draft Development Consent Order (Revision 12, dated July 2025).

The Requirement 31 wording set out in the applicant’s draft Development Consent Order replicates that provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) through a letter to the National Planning Infrastructure team dated 3 July 2025. That letter identified that, following discussions and further work with the applicant, the MOD had revised the requirement wording previously provided to the National Planning Infrastructure team to apply it to a specific part of the development only. The updated wording would apply to 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 only.

The wording agreed with the applicant is considered appropriate to secure the mitigation of detrimental effects of the Dogger Bank South (DBS West Project) development on the operation and capability of the air defence radar deployed at Remote Radar Head Staxton Wold. This is achieved by preventing the rotation of the blades of any wind turbine generator within Work No. 1B until such time as the MOD can confirm satisfaction that appropriate mitigation will be implemented and maintained for the life of the development.

The alternative wording provided in the Request for Information letter would introduce a restriction on the erection of any part of any wind turbine within Work No. 1B until such time as the MOD is able to confirm that appropriate mitigation will be implemented and maintained for the life of the development. This step is not considered necessary in this case.

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,

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Senior Safeguarding Manager