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Dear Sir/Madam,

**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”)**

The following constitutes Natural England’s formal statutory response to the Secretary of State’s Request for Information (RFI) dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Natural England has been invited to comment upon:

**10. Natural England commented during the examination [REP2-065] that the Favourable Condition Status for Annex I Sandbanks was likely to be published later in 2025. Natural England are requested to indicate when this is now likely to be published.**

Due to resource constraints, the publication of the Favourable Condition Status for Annex I Sandbanks has unfortunately been delayed and will not be available within the pre-determination phase.

**12. The Secretary of State notes that the ExA proposed amendments [PD-028] to the DCO provisions in respect of cable protection in the event that any area of cable protection exceeds 5 per cent of navigable depth. The Secretary of State notes that the Applicants, the MMO and Natural England commented on those amendments and, in the case of MMO, proposed further additions to the drafting. The Applicants, MMO and Natural England are invited to provide any further, final views on the following drafting in italics in condition 15(1)(c) of Schedules 10 and 11, condition 13(1)(c) of Schedules 12 and 13, and condition 11(1)(c) of Schedules 14 and 14A.**

Natural England are supportive of MMO’s proposed amendments to the relevant conditions.

Natural England note that further submissions have been made by the Applicant and other Interested Parties both in response to the RFI dated 6th November 2025 and subsequent to that deadline, however a request to review them has not featured in the present RFI. Natural England respectfully request confirmation of if/when we are to be consulted on these.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours faithfully,

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