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Dear Consultee,

THE DOGGER BANK SOUTH ORDER 2026 - REQUEST TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE 18 OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

I refer to the Dogger Bank South East and West Offshore Wind Farms Order 2026 (SI 2026 No. 577) ("the Order") which was made by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ("the Secretary of State") on 14 May 2026.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you, in accordance with Paragraph 23, Schedule 18 of the Order that the Secretary of State received a request by the Applicant, RWE Renewables UK, to make changes to the timings and triggers in relation to compensatory measures required for the guillemot feature of the Farne Islands Special Protection Area and the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area. For ease, Paragraph 23 sets out that:

'No construction of offshore works relating to Work No. 1A or Work No. 1B may be commenced unless the measures set out in the guillemot CIMP approved by the Secretary of State have been in place for at least two breeding seasons prior to commencement of construction, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Secretary of State in consultation with the relevant statutory nature conservation body and where appropriate the MMO and/or the relevant local planning authority.'

In accordance with Paragraph 23 that allows changes to be approved in writing by the Secretary of State in consultation with the relevant statutory nature conservation body and where appropriate, the MMO and/or the relevant local planning authority, the Applicant has requested that changes to the timing and triggers of the guillemot compensation are made. I attach a copy of the request letter detailing the changes and rationale. As a named consultee within Paragraph 23, if you have any comments on the contents of the attached letter please provide those comments by **5 August 2026**.

Yours sincerely,

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