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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010– Rules 8(3) and 9**

**Application by GT R4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Project**

**Notice of variation to the Examination Timetable and Procedural Decision relating to a request for changes to the application as part of the applicant's submission for Deadline 4.**

Natural England notes the Examining Authority's Procedural Decision to vary the Examination Timetable in order to add an additional deadline (Deadline 4a) on 26 February 2025 for the receipt of responses to statements made during issue specific hearings held in the week commencing 10 February 2025, and for the receipt of additional evidence to support the applicant's case to be submitted into the examination at the earliest possible opportunity.

This letter to the Examining Authority in reply sets out that for Deadline 4a, Natural England will prioritise our advice to the ISH Actions. At Deadline 4a it is also our intention to provide advice to [REP3-030, REP4-072, REP4-085 and REP4-087].

Following a screening of the Deadline 4 documents and owing to their complexity, for the

remaining documents where advice is required, Natural England will provide our advice to the ExA at Deadline 5. This is summarised in the table provided in Annex 1. We hope this is useful to both the ExA and the Applicant. We will endeavour to provide advice to additional documents than indicated at Deadline 4a, should time and available resource allow. Our Deadline 4a cover letter will reflect this accordingly.

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

Yours sincerely

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<b>Annex 1: Natural England's Response/Summary Position to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline ** and those deferred from Previous Deadlines</b>		
REP4-001	1.2 Guide to the Application V8.0	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-106	21.1 The Applicant's Deadline 4 Covering Letter	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-002	2.0 Schedule of Changes for Plans V6	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-107	21.2 The Applicant's Responses to the Examining Authority's Written Questions 2	Under review. Natural England will review with consideration of any response required at Deadline 5.
REP4-108	21.3 The Applicant's Comments on Deadline 3 Submissions	Under review. Natural England will review with consideration of our response required at Deadline 5.
REP4-109	21.4 The Applicant's Response to Written Summaries of Oral Cases at ISH1	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-110	21.5 The Applicant's Response to Written Summaries of Oral Cases at ISH2	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-111	21.6 The Applicant's Response to Written Summaries of Oral Cases at ISH3	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-112	21.7 The Applicant's Response to Written Summaries of Oral Cases at CAH1	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-124	21.19 The Applicants Change Request dated 3 February 2025	Natural England has reviewed this document for our awareness.
REP4-113	21.8 The Applicant's Comments on Natural England's Risk and Issues Log	Under review. Natural England will review with consideration of our response required at Deadline 5.
REP4-030	7.1 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment V3 (Clean) Redacted	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-032	7.1 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment V3 (Tracked) CONFIDENTIAL	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-031	7.1 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment V3 (Tracked) Redacted_Reduced	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-038	7.2 Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening Report V2 (tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-040	7.3 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Appendix 1 Screening Matrices (tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.

REP4-042	7.4 Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment Integrity Matrices (tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-044	7.5 Habitats Regulations Assessment Derogation Case V2 tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-122	21.17 The Oyster Restoration Company Letter of Comfort	Natural England has reviewed this document for our awareness. No response required.
REP4-123	21.18 The Applicant's Change Notification dated 3 February 2025	Natural England has reviewed this document for our awareness. No response required.
REP4-101	15.18 Statement of Commonality V4.0	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-074	8.13 Schedule of Mitigation V4 (tracked)	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
<b>DCO</b>		
REP4-009	3.1 Draft Development Consent Order (Change Request) V7.1 (Tracked)	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-007	3.1 Draft Development Consent Order V7 (Tracked)	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-010	3.1.1 Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-012	3.2 Explanatory Memorandum V5 (Tracked)	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
<b>Onshore Ecology and Soils</b>		
REP4-068	8.1 Outline Code of Construction Practice V5 (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-070	8.1.3 Outline Soil Management Plan V4 (Tracked)	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-003	2.5 Land Plans V7 - Part 1 of 2	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-004	2.5 Land Plans V7 - Part 2 of 2	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-005	2.18 Onshore Crossing Plan	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-096	15.7 Landfall Noise Bund Hydraulic Modelling Report V3 Appendix C (Part 2 of 4)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-097	15.7 Landfall Noise Bund Hydraulic Modelling Report V3 Appendix C (Part 3 of 4)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-094	15.7 Landfall Noise Bund Hydraulic Modelling Report V3 (Tracked) (Part 1 of 4)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-098	15.7 Landfall Noise Bund Hydraulic Modelling Report V3 Appendix C (Part 4 of 4)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-095	15.7 Noise Bund Hydraulic Modelling Report Appendix C Figures	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.

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REP4-117	21.12 BMV Quantitative Cumulative Assessment	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-021	6.3.3.2 Onshore Crossing Schedule V6 (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document.
REP4-072	8.10 Outline Landscape & Ecological Management Strategy V5 (Tracked)	Natural England will provide advice to this document at Deadline 4a.
REP3-030	8.10 Outline Landscape & Ecological Management Strategy V4 (Confidential)	Natural England will provide advice to this document at Deadline 4a.
<b>Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology</b>		
REP4-019	6.3.12.6 MRSea Modelling for Offshore Ornithology V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-105	19.11 Lead-in Periods for Kittiwake Breeding on ANS V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-034	7.1.1 Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology Apportioning V3 (Tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-033	7.1.1 Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology Apportioning V3	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-036	7.1.2 Ornithology Population Viability Analysis Habitats Regulations Assessment V2 (Tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-054	7.7 Ornithology Compensation Strategy V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-056	7.7.1 Kittiwake Compensation Plan Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-058	7.7.2 Guillemot Compensation Plan Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-059	7.7.3 Razorbill Compensation Plan V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-062	7.7.4 Offshore Artificial Nesting Structure Evidence Base and Roadmap V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-064	7.7.5 Without Prejudice Predator Control Evidence Base and Road Map V3 (Tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-066	7.7.6 Additional Measures for Compensation of Guillemot and Razorbill Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-081	8.23 Outline ORCP Lighting Management Plan	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-076	8.18 Design Approach Document V2 (Tracked)	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-078	8.19 Design Principles Statement V2 (Tracked)	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-121	21.16 ORCP Design Principles Statement	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.

<b>Benthic</b>		
REP4-046	7.6 Benthic Compensation Strategy V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-048	7.6.1 Without Prejudice Sandbank Compensation Plan V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-050	7.6.2 Without Prejudice Biogenic Reef Compensation Plan V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-054	7.6.3 Without Prejudice Benthic Compensation Evidence Base and Roadmap V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-083	8.5 Cable Specification and Installation Plan_V4 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-	8.21 Outline Scour Protection Management Plan V2 (Tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
<b>Marine Mammals</b>		
REP4-100	15.12 Interim Population Consequences of Disturbance Modelling Report V2 Tracked	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.
REP4-085	8.6.1 Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol Piling V4 (Tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 4a.
REP4-087	8.7 In Principle Southern North Sea Special Area of Conservation Site Integrity Plan V3 (Tracked)	Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 4a.
<b>Marine Physical Processes</b>		
REP4-083	8.5 Cable Specification and Installation Plan_V4 Tracked	If required, Natural England will provide advice at Deadline 5.