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Defence Infrastructure Organisation,  
NATS En Route LTD

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010130

Date: 5 March 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 - Rule 17**

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

#### **Request for further information**

I am writing on behalf of the Examining Authority (ExA) under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 to request the following information:

#### **Aviation mitigation**

The ExA notes that in response to its further written question (ExQ2) CM 1.1, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) [[REP4-131](#)] indicated that a technical solution for Primary Surveillance Radar (PSR) at Neatishead and Staxton Wold would not be in place until sometime beyond 2030 and that potential measures for wind farm mitigation may not be implemented before the operational period of the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project.

In relation to the Holbeach Air Weapons Ranges and the Wide Area Multilateral (WAM) network, the DIO's responses to ExQ2 CM 1.4 and CM 1.5 also requested that the applicant's revised requirement 18 (Code of construction practice) of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) should include a provision that the maximum height of any plant/equipment required for onshore works would be clearly set out and to identify the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee within that requirement.

The above matters were raised by the ExA at during agenda item 3.7 of Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on 13 February 2025 [[EV11-001](#)].

In relation to action points 19 and 21 from ISH6 [EV11-002], at deadline 4a, the applicant responded [REP4a-120], and submitted a revised version of the dDCO [REP4a-007] which includes an updated requirement 18 and a new requirement 33 (Ministry of Defence Radar Mitigation).

The ExA invites the DIO to review the dDCO submitted at deadline 4a and confirm whether it is satisfied that it addresses its outstanding concerns. If deemed necessary by the DIO, alternative wording for the dDCO should be provided with reasoning.

In addition, the ExA sought confirmation from NATS en Route in writing in ExQ2 (question CM 1.2) [PD-020] and orally during ISH6 [EV11-001] regarding the suitability of the applicant's proposed drafting of requirement 32 (Cromer and Claxby Radar Mitigation). At ISH6, NATS en Route indicated that its position was dependent on the outcome of further discussions with the MOD. Action point 20 from ISH6 [EV11-002] requested feedback on the drafting of requirement 32 from NATS en Route by deadline 4a if possible but no response has been received.

Accordingly, the ExA invites NATS en Route to provide feedback on requirement 32 at deadline 5. If deemed necessary, alternative wording for the dDCO should be provided with reasoning.

Responses from the DIO and NATS en Route to the above are requested to be submitted by **deadline 5** which is on **Thursday 13 March 2025**.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the case team on the details above.

Yours faithfully,

*Rod Macarthur*

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**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**