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Our Ref: EN010130

GT R4 Ltd (Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm)
Spalding Energy Company, Ltd and Spalding Energy
Expansion Ltd ("**InterGen**")

29 October 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

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

Application by GT R4 Ltd ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm ("the Proposed Development")

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 10 April 2025, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 10 July 2025. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application. On the 13 October 2025, the Secretary of State extended the statutory deadline to determine the Application for the Proposed Development to 10 February 2026.
2. There are issues on which the Secretary of State requests the Applicant and InterGen to provide updates or information as appropriate.
3. On 12 August 2025, the Secretary of State requested information from specific parties ("the first information request"). On 6 October 2025, the Secretary of State invited all Interested Parties ("IPs") to comment on the responses received. On 10 October 2025, the Secretary of State requested information from specific parties ("the second information request").

Benthic ecology, intertidal, subtidal and coastal effects

4. Further to the Secretary of State's requests in paragraphs 6 & 7 of the second information request, the **Applicant** is requested to update the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan and the Outline Biogenic Reef Mitigation Plan, along with the Schedule of Mitigation and any other relevant control documents, to

align with the previously agreed to mitigation measures as now collated and set out in Natural England's response [C3-002] to Part A of the second information request; and to clearly set out which measures apply outside and within the Inner Dowsing, Race Bank and North Ridge SAC. The deadline for response to this question is **23:59 on 7 November 2025**.

InterGen's Gas pipeline infrastructure

5. In response to the first all-IPs consultation, the Secretary of State received documentation from InterGen regarding its operation of critical natural gas pipelines infrastructure that may be affected by the Proposed Development. As this information was not submitted or considered during Examination by the ExA or the Applicant, the Secretary of State requests that the **Applicant** engages with **InterGen** to review the plans submitted and confirm in principle whether or not appropriate protective provisions can be incorporated into the DCO. InterGen's response to the first all-IPs consultation will be published on 5 November 2025. The deadline for response to this question is **23:59 on 14 November 2025**.

DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE

6. **Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to OuterDowsingOffshoreWind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by the respective deadlines as set out above.**
7. The responses to this information request will be published on the Outer Dowsing Offshore Windfarm project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010130> as soon as possible after their respective deadlines as set out above.
8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

James Dawkins

Head of Planning

Energy Infrastructure Planning Delivery