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Dear Sir

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")

Further to your letter dated 6th October 2025 inviting all interested parties to comment on the information provided in response to the Secretary of State's information request dated 12th August 2025 the Council has reviewed the applicant's response to the matters of importance to the Council and has provided the following comments:-

In respect of Onshore Ecology and Ornithology the Council is satisfied with the applicants response on this topic and therefore the Council has no further comment to make on this matter.

In terms of design, at this stage, whilst the Council is still unclear as to the appearance of the substation, it remains a priority to the Council that the mechanisms that were agreed during the examination and captured in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) are included in any approved Consent.

As currently drafted the design for the Onshore Sub Station (OnSS) is secured under draft Requirement 9. Requirement 9(1) requires that the Applicant produces detailed design information covering the layout, scale, building elevations and external appearance of the OnSS. Requirement 9(3) requires that the detailed design information to be submitted under Requirement 9(1) must be in accordance with the DAD and DPS. Compliance with the DAD and the DPS is necessary in order to secure the Council's approval under the requirement. The Council is satisfied that this mechanism provides an appropriate opportunity to control and agree the final design for the OnSS.

It is noted and welcomed that the purpose of draft Requirement 9 is to ensure that the design develops in line with the feedback of the Local Design Panel. Once the design

parameters are further refined through detailed design it is anticipated that the architectural design potential will be explored with the Council through the design review process.

The Council have reviewed the updated *8.10 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS)* and have no further comments.

Should the Secretary of State have any questions about this response please do not hesitate to contact me as set out above.

I hope the Council's comments are helpful to the Secretary of State.

Yours faithfully

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