

Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

The Applicant's Further Response to RFI3 Covering Letter

Further Response to Part 1 of the Third Request for Information

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7 November 2025

Dear Sir,

Planning Act 2008 – Application for Development Consent
GT R4 Limited, trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (the “Applicant”)
The Proposed Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm Order (the “Application”)
Application Reference: EN010130
Further Response to the Third Request for Information (“RFI”)

For the reason set out below, the Applicant has updated the documents set out in Table 1 of this Covering Letter.

The Applicant re-emphasises its submissions in its Covering Letter dated 29 October (Document 28.1) under the heading “Timescales for the Secretary of State's Decision”.

Document updates - Benthic ecology, intertidal, subtidal and coastal effects (Part 1 of RFI3)

The Applicant's submission of 29 October included updates to the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan (“**CSIP**”), the Outline Biogenic Reef Mitigation Plan (“**BRMP**”), and Schedule of Mitigation (“**SoM**”) in response to (1) submissions made by Natural England (C3-002) requesting the update of these documents and (2) the specific request in the first part (paragraph 4) of the Third RFI of 29 October to update these documents following Natural England’s submissions.

Natural England has since confirmed to the Applicant that it welcomed these updates being made. It has additionally requested that the Outline Scour Protection and Cable Protection Management Plan (“**SPCPMP**”) also be updated to include the commitment (the working separation distance commitment, the “50m buffer”, for *Sabellaria spinulosa* reef). This is on the basis that RFI3 references updating “any **other** control documents” [emphasis added] to reflect this agreed mitigation, as well as the Outline CSIP and BRMP, and the SoM, which have already been updated.

As a result, the Applicant has added this pre-existing commitment to paragraph 8 of the Outline SPCPMP to apply inside and outside the IDRBNR SAC, and to paragraph 44. A reference to the mitigation plans in other management plans has been added at paragraph 9 in response to Natural England’s request that such a cross-reference be added. For completeness, the Applicant has also updated the SoM to list the Outline SPCPMP as a securing mechanism for the 50 m buffer *sabellaria spinulosa* reef commitment alongside the other Outline Plans which already secure it.

The Applicant trusts that with these final changes, Natural England's concerns regarding this issue have now been fully addressed.

Yours faithfully,



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Table 1 List of documents submitted on 7 November 2025

Applicant Reference	Document Title
Note: * indicates where clean and tracked versions have been submitted	
New Documents	
29.1	The Applicant's Further Response to RF13 Covering Letter
Updated Documents	
8.13*	Schedule of Mitigation
8.21*	Outline Scour Protection and Cable Protection Management Plan