

Date: 07 November 2025
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Dear Sir or Madam,

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

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

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULTATION

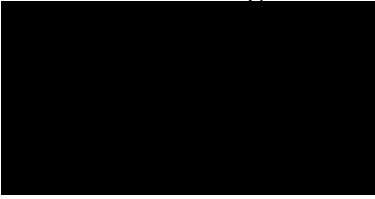
The following constitutes Eastern IFCA’s response to the Secretary of State’s invitation to all Interested Parties to comment on the information provided in response to the information request of 12 August 2025.

Eastern IFCA recognises Natural England’s support for the Marine Recovery Fund (MRF) in their letter dated 9 September 2025. However, Eastern IFCA wishes to reaffirm its position on compensatory measures delivered through the MRF, which is as follows:

- *Eastern IFCA will actively engage in exploring opportunities for environmental compensatory measures but will not support measures that will have an overall adverse impact upon fishing activities and opportunities (agreed at the 41st Eastern IFCA Meeting held on 9 September 2020).*
- *Reliance on the MRF implies that the compensatory measures may encompass actions that are not aligned with the Authority’s established position.*

Eastern IFCA acknowledges that, should compensatory measures be delivered by DEFRA via the MRF, consultation with stakeholders in relation to these measures would be managed by Defra rather than the applicant. There should also be consideration and assessment of the impacts on fisheries (including potential for loss of fishing opportunities and adding to the spatial squeeze on inshore fishers) and the Authority (including in relation to the potential for the Authority deliver measures to implement such compensatory measures, for example, where such include the expansion of the MPA network which would require the Authority to undertake assessment and implement management measures). Eastern IFCA would also welcome further engagement should there be a need for the applicant to deliver Project alone measures within Eastern IFCA’s jurisdiction.

Yours sincerely,



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Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority