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GT R4 Limited (Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm)
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Julie Ann Mason
The Environment Agency
The Crown Estate (c/o The Crown Estate Rural)
George Hays and Sons
St Johns College (SJC)
Jarred Thomas Wright & William Eric Creasey & Davina
Lynette Fillingham
Perenco UK Limited

10 December 2025

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”)

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.
2. On 12 August 2025, the Secretary of State requested information from several parties (“the first information request”). The deadline for responses was 9 September 2025. On 6 October 2025, the Secretary of State invited all Interested Parties (“IPs”) to comment on the responses received from the first information request. The deadline for responses was 5 November 2025.
3. On 10 October (reissued 21 October) 2025 the Secretary of State requested information from specific parties (“the second information request”). The deadlines for responses were 24 October for Part A and 7 November for Part B.
4. On 29 October 2025 (“the third information request”), the Secretary of State requested further information from specific parties. The deadlines for responses were 7 November for the Applicant and 14 November for the Applicant and

Spalding Energy Company, Ltd and Spalding Energy Expansion Ltd (“InterGen”) to respond.

5. On 17 November 2025, the Secretary of State invited all IPs to comment on the responses received from the second and third information requests. The deadline for comments on the responses received from the second and third information requests is 23:59 on 17 December 2025.
6. On 24 November, the Secretary of State invited the Applicant and Dogger Bank South Offshore Windfarms to provide further information on several issues (the “fourth” information request). The deadline for this response was on 8 December 2025.
7. There are issues on which the Secretary of State requests **the Applicant, Louise Jane Brooks, Julie Ann Mason, the Environment Agency, The Crown Estate (c/o The Crown Estate Rural), George Hays and Sons, St Johns College (SJC), Jarred Thomas Wright & William Eric Creasey & Davina Lynette Fillingham, and Perenco UK Limited** to provide updates as appropriate.

Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession

8. The Secretary of State notes that in response to Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (published at Deadline 6, April 2025), the Applicant confirmed that there were a number of outstanding agreements with affected parties where the Applicant “*could not confirm that agreement would be likely to be reached prior to a decision on its application*”. **The Applicant, Louise Jane Brooks, Julie Ann Mason, the Environment Agency, The Crown Estate (c/o The Crown Estate Rural), George Hays and Sons, St Johns College (SJC), Jarred Thomas Wright & William Eric Creasey & Davina Lynette** are all requested to provide an update on whether they have reached an agreement in their respective negotiations.

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9. In his first information request, the Secretary of State sought comments from Perenco UK Limited on Natural England’s submission regarding the possible overlap between the removal of the gas platform and the construction of the Proposed Development. In its response, Perenco UK Limited stated that it is confident that the removal of the Galahad gas platform topsides and monopod will have been completed by Q4 2025 and there will be no overlap with such removal operation and the construction of the Proposed Development. However, in its response, the Applicant stated that the “*decommissioning of the Galahad gas platform is anticipated to occur in 2026. Chapter 3 Project Description (REP5-009; Plate 11.1) confirms that construction within the Array Area is not expected to commence until Q3 of Year 2 of construction works (i.e., 2028)*”.
10. The Secretary of State requests that **Perenco UK Limited** reconfirms the decommissioning timeframes for the removal of the gas platform, and if Q4 2025 was correct is asked to confirm whether the removal work has been completed.

11. Responses to the requested information should be submitted by email only to OuterDowsingOffshoreWind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 18 December 2025.
12. Responses 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 **18 December 2025**.
13. 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

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