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Dear Susan Hunt,

Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 5.

1. Deadline 4 Submissions

Natural England has reviewed the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 4. Please find an update of Natural England's position regarding these documents in Table 1 below, including anticipated timing of responses. In addition, Natural England is also submitting the following detailed responses, signposted from Table 1, within the following thematic appendices:

- EN010136 497410 Morgan Offshore Wind Generation Assets Appendix B5 - Natural England's Comments on Offshore Ornithology Deadline 5
- EN01036 497410 - Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation - Appendix I5 - Natural England's Risk and Issues Log Deadline 5
- EN010136 497410 Morgan Offshore Wind Generation Assets Appendix K5 - Natural England's Response to ExQ2 Deadline 5
- EN010136 497410 Morgan Offshore Wind Generation Assets Appendix L5 Phase IV Best Practice Advice for Post-Consent Monitoring, Version 1.0, July 2022
- EN010136 497410 Morgan Offshore Wind Generation Assets Appendix M5 - Natural England's Best Practice Protocol for Vessels in Red Throated Diver SPAs - Deadline 5

2. Examiner's Questions 2

As requested in the Examiner's Question MM2.2, we have submitted Natural England's guidance document Appendix L5 Phase IV Best Practice Advice for Post-Consent Monitoring into examination. We have provided answers to the Examiners Questions in Appendix K5 – Natural England's Response to ExQ2 Deadline 5.

3. Outstanding Risk and Issue Log Comments in Relation to Offshore Ornithology

Natural England has been working closely with the Applicant and providing discretionary advice on draft assessment values using our advised parameters. We are confident that the Applicant's Deadline 5 submissions will resolve the outstanding concerns for Offshore Ornithology, and it has given us further confidence that we will be able to conclude no AEoI, alone and in combination, on all English sites after viewing the final documents. We have provided further information on this in Appendix B5 – Natural England's Comments on Offshore Ornithology Deadline 5 and Appendix K5 – Natural England's Response to ExQ2 Deadline 5.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1: Natural England's Response to the Applicant's Documents Submitted at Deadline 4 Relevant to our Remit

PINS Document Reference	Document Name	Natural England's Response/Position Summary
REP4-001	S D4 1 – Cover Letter	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-002	S D4 2 – Application Guide (Clean)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-003	S D4 2 – Application Guide (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-004	S D4 3 – Response to ISH2 Hearing Action Points	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-006	S D4 4 – Written Summaries – Issue Specific Hearing 2	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-007	S D4 5 – Applicant's Response to IPs response to Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExAQ1)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-009	S D4 6 – Applicant's Response to IP Submissions Submitted at Deadline 3	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-012	S D4 7 – The Applicant's Examination Progress Tracker and Statement of Commonality	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-013	S D4 8 – Draft Development Consent Order (Clean)	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
REP4-014	S D4 8 – Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked)	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
REP4-015	S D4 9 – Schedule of Change to the draft Development Consent Order	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
REP4-016	S D4 10 – Report on Interrelationships with Other Infrastructure	Natural England has no comments to make on this

	Projects (Clean)	document
REP4-017	S D4 10 – Report on Interrelationships with Other Infrastructure Projects (Tracked)	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-018	S D4 11 – Outline Offshore Environmental Management Plan	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
REP4-019	S D4 12 – Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (Clean)	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
REP4-020	S D4 12 – Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (Tracked)	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
REP4-024	S D4 15 – Review of Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-Combination Assessment: Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary in Appendix K5 and in our Risk and Issues Log (Appendix I5).
REP4-025	S D4 16 – Commitments Register (previously titled Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule)	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
REP4-029	S D4 19 – Project Alone and Cumulative Assessment for the Great Orme's Head SSSI	Natural England defer to NRW for comments on Welsh sites.
REP4-030	S D4 20 – Conservation Objectives Clarification Note	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-031	S D4 21 – Differences between the Morgan Generation Assets and the Mona Offshore Wind Project in abundance estimates used in the CEA	Natural England has no comments to make on this document
REP4-032	S D4 22 – Outline Offshore Construction Method Statement (incorporating Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan)	Natural England has provided updates, where necessary, in our Risk and Issues log (Appendix I5) in relation to this document.
PD-009	Examining Authority's (ExA's) Second Written Questions (ExQ2)	Natural England has provided a response to the ExA's second written questions in Appendix K5