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Response by Blackpool Airport to the Secretary of State's Request for Information dated 25 July 2025

Blackpool Airport and the Applicant have discussed point 5 of the Secretary of State's request for information dated 25 July 2025 and have agreed the below joint statement. Point 5 states:

"5. The Applicant confirmed in their response to the Secretary of State's consultation letter of 19 June that it and Blackpool Airport had reached agreement on the wording of Requirement 9 in the Applicant's draft Development Consent Order. Blackpool Airport is requested to confirm this agreement."

Blackpool Airport and the Applicant can confirm that the parties have reached agreement on the wording of Requirement 9. The parties have identified some minor typographical errors in the version of the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 7. The corrections are shown in red below.

The parties are agreed that the requirement, as corrected, would be appropriate to include in any made DCO and would secure any necessary mitigation.

Operation of Blackpool Airport

- **9.**—(1) No part of any wind turbine generator shall be erected as part of the authorised development until the Secretary of State, having consulted with the Operator and the Civil Aviation Authority, confirms in writing that he is satisfied that either—
 - (a) appropriate mitigation will be implemented and maintained throughout the lifetime of the authorised development; and
 - (b) appropriate arrangements have been put in place with the operator to ensure that such appropriate mitigation is so implemented and maintained.
- (2) For the purposes of this requirement—
 - "appropriate mitigation" means measures to prevent or remove any adverse impacts which the authorised development will have on the ability of the operator to provide safe airport operational and air traffic services (including but not limited to any adverse impacts on instrument flight procedures, minimum sector altitudes, and very high frequency radio and direction finding communication systems) for Blackpool Airport;
 - "approved mitigation" means the appropriate mitigation agreed with the Civil Aviation Authority and the operator and confirmed by the Secretary of State in accordance with sub-paragraph (1); and
 - "operator" means Blackpool Airport Operations Limited (incorporated in England and Wales with company number 09307995 and whose registered office is Number One Bickerstaffe Square, Talbot Road, Blackpool, FY1 3AH), or such other organisation as is licensed from time to time under sections 5 and 6 of the Transport Act 2000 to provide air traffic services for Blackpool Airport.; and

"VHF" means very high frequency.

(3) The undertaker shall thereafter comply with all obligations contained within the approved appropriate mitigation for the life of the authorised development.