

We are writing on behalf of our client Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Projco Limited (Relevant Representation reference RR-3369 and IP reference [REDACTED]).

The Examining Authority of this examination have requested confirmation from Interested Parties of whether they wish to attend the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 on Wednesday 24 June. We confirm we will be attending the hearing to represent our client who is concerned with a lack of progress being made with National Grid regarding protective provisions in respect of our client's development consent order project (the Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Offshore Wind Farm). Given our client's project is of national significance and is a critical national priority project, with land rights that require protection, we have an interest in representing our client's position at this Compulsory Acquisition Hearing where the powers being consented through the Norwich to Tilbury DCO will be discussed. The current proposals would interfere with that granted DCO in an unacceptable manner including creating overlapping compulsory acquisition powers without agreed protections for the wind farm project creating risk and uncertainty for both projects and the affected landowners, granting rights to acquire interests over land necessary to deliver the wind farm project in a manner that unreasonably interferes with that project, for example by allowing compulsory acquisition of rights to create overhead line infrastructure and place pylons over a consented export cable route. While our client had understood that National Grid recognised the need for collaboration on these matters and had indicated that suitable protective provisions for our client's extant DCO would be progressed, the provisions offered so far do not adequately address the overlap in compulsory powers nor the conflict between the projects in terms of the rights now being sought. Without suitable protections being forthcoming, our client must maintain an objection to the powers sought where they conflict with the windfarm DCO. We will continue to discuss matters with National Grid and hope to be in a position to provide an update at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on any progress made between now and then.

We would be grateful if you could provide us (myself and my colleague [REDACTED] -

[REDACTED]@burges-salmon.com) with access to the Teams meeting and we will attend virtually. We look forward to receiving the invitation in due course.