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Dear David

Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets

Thank you for the Action Points arising from issue specific hearing 4 (ISH4) within which you have requested information in relation to the above project. Responses are invited from the Ministry of Defence (Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) on two Action Points (27 and 39) in conjunction with BAE and the applicants. The wording of those Action Points has been used to structure this response.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the MOD as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, technical sites or maritime defence assets and interests.

Action Point 27 – drafting relating to aviation lighting

- a) BAE, DIO and the Applicants to discuss drafting relating to aviation lighting and whether this is secured through Requirement 4 or a separate requirement, and
- b) in the event, drafting is not agreed, any alternative drafting must be submitted into the Examination.

BAE, DIO and the applicants have engaged in discussions and have agreed up on a form of wording for Requirement 4 that addresses the need for aviation lighting. DIO is content that this wording negates the need for a separate Requirement.

Action Point 39 – amendments to Requirement 27

a) Applicants, BAE and DIO/MoD to discuss BAE and DIO/MoD proposed amendments to Requirement 27 (regarding the wildlife hazard management plan).

The Applicants, BAE and DIO have discussed the wording for Requirement 27 and have agreed upon a form of wording, but the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) referenced in Requirement 27 is not acceptable in its current form. Proposals have been submitted to the Applicants to implement amendments to the WHMP, specific to Table 1-4 for review and consideration by the Applicants. However, until these proposals are agreed and implemented the MOD objection remains extant.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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