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Our ref: 531251 Natural England's Covering Letter to Deadline 7
Morgan and Morecambe OWF Transmission Assets Project
Your ref: EN020028



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Dear David Cliff,

Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Project: Transmission Assets

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 7.

1. Deadline 7 Submissions

Natural England has submitted the following documents at Deadline 7:

- EN020028 531251 Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Transmission Assets - Appendix N7 to Natural England's Deadline 7 Submission Natural England's Answers to the Examining Authority's Request for Further Information Rule 17 Letter Deadline 7.

2. Updates at Deadline 7

Natural England highlights to the ExA that due to the short turnaround between Deadline 6 and 7, and the number of documents submitted by the Applicant, we have not been able to undertake a thorough review of all their Deadline 6 submissions. Therefore Natural England will not be submitting detailed technical advice or a Risk and Issues Log at Deadline 7; instead, our Risk and Issues Log submitted at Deadline 6 generally provides our final position at the

close of the Examination.

However, Natural England has reviewed documents regarding Onshore Ornithology submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6, in which we were expecting specific updates to pertinent issues. We can advise that the following issues in the Risk and Issues Log are now considered resolved:

Newton-with-Scales Mitigation

The updates made to the OEMP [REP6-115] regarding the long-term monitoring/management of the permanent mitigation area satisfy Natural England's outstanding concerns with regard to the delivery of the mitigation area. Issues RI_H7 and RI_H52 in tab H of the R&I Log [REP6-193] are therefore considered to be resolved. Should the proposed measures or the delivery/management of Newton-with-Scales be subject to change, or alternative mitigation areas are required, Natural England reserves the right to update our advice on this matter.

We continue to advise that this mitigation area is required to address both temporary and permanent impacts on all relevant SPA features including golden plover and the non-breeding waterbird assemblage.

Yours sincerely,

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