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Your Ref: N/A
Our Ref: EN010119-000019
Date: 26 August 2021

Dear Mr Harper,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulation 10

Proposed application by North Falls Offshore Wind Ltd (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (the Proposed Development)

Issue of Scoping Opinion and list of the consultation bodies notified by the Secretary of State

Thank you for your letter received on 16 July 2021 requesting a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations and for the Scoping Report entitled Proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm and dated August 2021.

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) has:

- consulted the consultation bodies;
- taken account of the consultation responses received within the prescribed time period; and
- taken account of the specific characteristics of the Proposed Development as described by the Applicant and the environmental features likely to be affected by the Proposed Development .

The attached document entitled 'Scoping Opinion - Proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm' and dated August 2021 is the SoS's written opinion as to the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) which must be submitted with an application for development consent. It should be read in conjunction with your EIA Scoping Report.

All consultation responses received up to and including 16 August 2021 from the consultation bodies have been appended to and form part of the Scoping Opinion.

Any late consultation responses the Planning Inspectorate receives will be forwarded to you for your consideration and made available on our website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

Under Regulation 11(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is required to notify the Applicant of the list of consultation bodies notified in accordance with Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations. The Planning Inspectorate has notified these consultation bodies that the Applicant intends to provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development. They have also been informed of their duty under Regulation 11(3) to enter into consultation with the Applicant regarding preparation of the ES, if requested. Please find this list enclosed.

To clarify, the Planning Inspectorate has not identified any persons under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations, who may be affected by the Proposed Development.

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure their consultation fully accords with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), and associated regulations and guidance. The enclosed list has been compiled by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS in its duty to notify the consultees in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(a) and, whilst it can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Marnie Woods

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on behalf of the Secretary of State

Enclosed:

- Secretary of State Scoping Opinion - Proposed North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, August 2021
- Regulation 11 Notification List

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