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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010098

Date: 25 November 2021

By email:
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Dear Ms Zimmerman,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 32

Proposed Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (the Applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (the Proposed Development)

Further to our letter dated 01 October 2019 informing you that the above proposed development was likely to have significant effects on the environment of your State, we note that you did not respond.

The Secretary of State wishes to inform you that the application for the above proposed development has now been accepted for examination and new information is available on the likely significant effects on your State. If your State wishes to participate in the process you still have an opportunity to do so, which is explained later in this letter in the “responding to this notification” paragraph.

The remaining stages of the process are:

- Pre-Examination,
- Examination (the Examining Authority has a maximum of six months to carry out the examination),
- Recommendation (three months for the Examining Authority to make a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State),
- Decision (three months for the relevant Secretary of State to make a decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent); and
- Post-decision (six week legal challenge period).

Information about the proposed application for development consent

Information about the proposed development and about its likely significant effects is available in the application documents, which includes:

- The application and accompanying documents including the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)
- The Environmental Statement accompanying the application
The Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental Statement; and
- The Habitats Regulation Assessment Report.

These documents are available on our website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm-generating-stations/?ipcsection=docs>

The Secretary of State's transboundary screening document is available at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010098/EN010098-000818-EN010098%20-%20Regulation%2032%20Second%20Transboundary%20Screening.pdf>

Responding to this notification

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this notification and indicate whether your State intends to participate in the EIA procedure under Regulation 32 in relation to this proposed development. Your reply to the Secretary of State should be sent electronically to **HornseaProjectFour@planninginspectorate.gov.uk** and arrive no later than 6 weeks from the date of this letter. Please note that if no response is received by the **06 January 2022**, the Secretary of State will assume that your State does not wish to participate. Consequently, we will not contact you again unless new evidence comes to light as part of the examination process to indicate new likely significant effects on the environment of your State that have not previously been identified or taken into account.

Further information on the transboundary consultation process carried out under Regulation 32 can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 12, available on our website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

Registering as an Interested Party

Under other legislation, there is another way you may become involved in the examination process – this is by registering as an interested party. This will mean that your State will be automatically kept informed about the progress of the application and the decision and you will be invited to take part in the examination. Please note that registering as an interested party is a separate process, not part of the Regulation 32 procedure, but does not alter your rights under Regulation 32. The deadline to register as an interested party for this application closes on Thursday the **16 December 2021 at 23:59**. Further information about how to register as an

interested party can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.3, available on our website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at **HornseaProjectFour@planninginspectorate.gov.uk**.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Deery

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on behalf of the Secretary of State

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