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Section 1 – Letter to Section 42 Consultees to notify of Section 42 Consultation Period (July 2017)

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 11 of Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009

You have been identified as a consultee for the purposes of section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and/or Regulation 11 of Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. The statutory consultation commences on Thursday 27th July 2017 and closes on **Wednesday 20th September 2017**. Please see below for more information on how to view and comment on our proposed application.

We are writing to consult with you on a proposed offshore wind farm, Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as Hornsea Three) that DONG Energy Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd (hereafter referred to as DONG Energy) is proposing to develop. Hornsea Three is located in the southern North Sea and has a generating capacity of up to 2.4 gigawatts.

The offshore wind turbines will be located in the eastern portion of the former Hornsea Round 3 Zone (referred to as the "array area"), which has a total area of 696 km² and is located approximately 121 km northeast of the Norfolk coast and 160 km east of the Yorkshire coast.

The electricity generated from Hornsea Three will be transmitted via subsea electricity cables. The Hornsea Three offshore cable corridor extends from the Norfolk coast, offshore in a north-easterly direction to the western and southern boundary of the array area (See Phase 2 Statutory Consultation Plan).

From the Norfolk coast, underground onshore cables will connect the offshore wind farm to an onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station or a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) substation, which in turn, will connect to the existing Norwich Main National Grid substation, located to the south of Norwich. The mode of transmission will be either HVDC, HVAC or a combination of the two. Depending on the mode of transmission, a HVAC booster station may be required (onshore and/or offshore). The onshore cable corridor search area currently comprises a 200metre wide corridor within which a refined onshore cable corridor (80metre wide) will be located.

THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

As the proposed generating capacity of Hornsea Three exceeds 100 megawatts (MW) it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project as defined by Section 15(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the Act), for which DONG Energy must apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO). If the DCO application is accepted, the Planning Inspectorate will then process and examine the application and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The final decision on the DCO application will be made by the Secretary of State.

The DCO application will contain full details of Hornsea Three and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement prepared under Section 37(3) of the Act and in accordance with the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (the Regulations).

The proposed DCO will include powers for DONG Energy to construct, operate, maintain and decommission Hornsea Three, including Deemed Marine Licence(s). The proposed DCO will also seek the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, including the power to take temporary possession of land to construct and maintain Hornsea Three.

In accordance with Regulation 11 of the Regulations and section 48 of the Act, DONG Energy must publicise the proposed application. A notice publicising the proposed application is enclosed with this letter.

Hornsea Three is currently in the pre-application phase, with a DCO application expected to be submitted in Quarter 2 of 2018. Under the Act, DONG Energy is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before submission and will have regard to the responses received in the final design of Hornsea Three, and in the assessment and mitigation of its environmental impacts. A Consultation Report explaining how DONG Energy has had regard to responses will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

This consultation includes:

- Consultation with prescribed bodies, host and neighbouring authorities and any persons with an interest in land affected by Hornsea Three (under Section 42);
- Consultation with the local community in the vicinity of Hornsea Three (under Section 47); and
- General public consultation on Hornsea Three (under Section 48).

DONG Energy has prepared a Preliminary Environment Information Report (PEIR) (which is a draft version of the Environmental Statement). The PEIR sets out the preliminary findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken to date and forms the basis of this statutory consultation. A non-technical summary of the PEIR has also been prepared. The purpose of the PEIR is to enable consultees to understand the likely environmental effects of Hornsea Three and to help inform consultation responses.

Consultees are invited to consider the proposed application for Hornsea Three and the information provided in the PEIR and DONG Energy is keen to receive your comments on Hornsea Three and the PEIR.



It should be noted that the EIA is an on-going process and the project design for Hornsea Three continues to evolve. For example, the enclosed Phase 2 Statutory Consultation Plan includes a number of recently identified options for the onshore cable corridor, compounds and access routes that are currently being assessed by DONG Energy. Although the assessment of these options is not included in the PEIR, DONG Energy welcomes your comments on these options.

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED

- Hard copy of the Phase 2 Onshore Statutory Consultation Plans.
- Hard copy of notice publicised in accordance with Section 48 of the Act. This notice includes details of public consultation events and locations where the consultation material can be inspected free of charge.
- A USB card containing:
 - Phase 2 Statutory Consultation Plan/s;
 - Full PEIR including a Non-Technical Summary, Introductory Chapters (volume 1), offshore chapters (Volume 2), onshore chapters (Volume 3), Introductory Chapter Annex's (Volume 4), offshore chapter annex's (Volume 5), onshore chapter annex's (Volume 6); and
 - Draft Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of Hornsea Three, including the PEIR (with a non-technical summary) for Hornsea Three, can be accessed free of charge during Phase 2 Consultation from 27 July 2017 until 20 September 2017. Details of the venues, including opening times are provided in the Notice enclosed with this letter.

The consultation documents will also be available at public exhibitions in September, details for which are provided in the Notice enclosed with this letter.

Further information regarding Hornsea Three can be found on the Hornsea Three website: www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3

RESPONDING TO THIS CONSULTATION

DONG Energy welcomes your comments on Hornsea Three and the PEIR. Any responses to, or other representations in respect of, Hornsea Three and/or the PEIR should be sent to DONG Energy:

- By email to: HornseaProjectThree@dongenergy.co.uk or;
- By post to:
Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm
DONG Energy, 5 Howick Place, London SW1P 1WG

DONG Energy requests that any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO must be;

- received by DONG Energy no later than **20th September 2017** to be considered;
- be made in writing (email/letter);
- state the grounds of the response or representation;
- indicate who is making the response or representation; and



- provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Please note that responses and other representations will be recorded in the Consultation Report and may be made public.

Guidance on the pre-application process and the Act can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/>

NEXT STEPS

As mentioned above, consultation under section 42 of the Act and Regulation 11 of the Regulations is a formal part of the pre-application process for a DCO. DONG Energy will have regard to comments received during the consultation period and a Consultation Report explaining how DONG Energy has had regard to responses will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

If you have any questions regarding the process or content of this consultation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

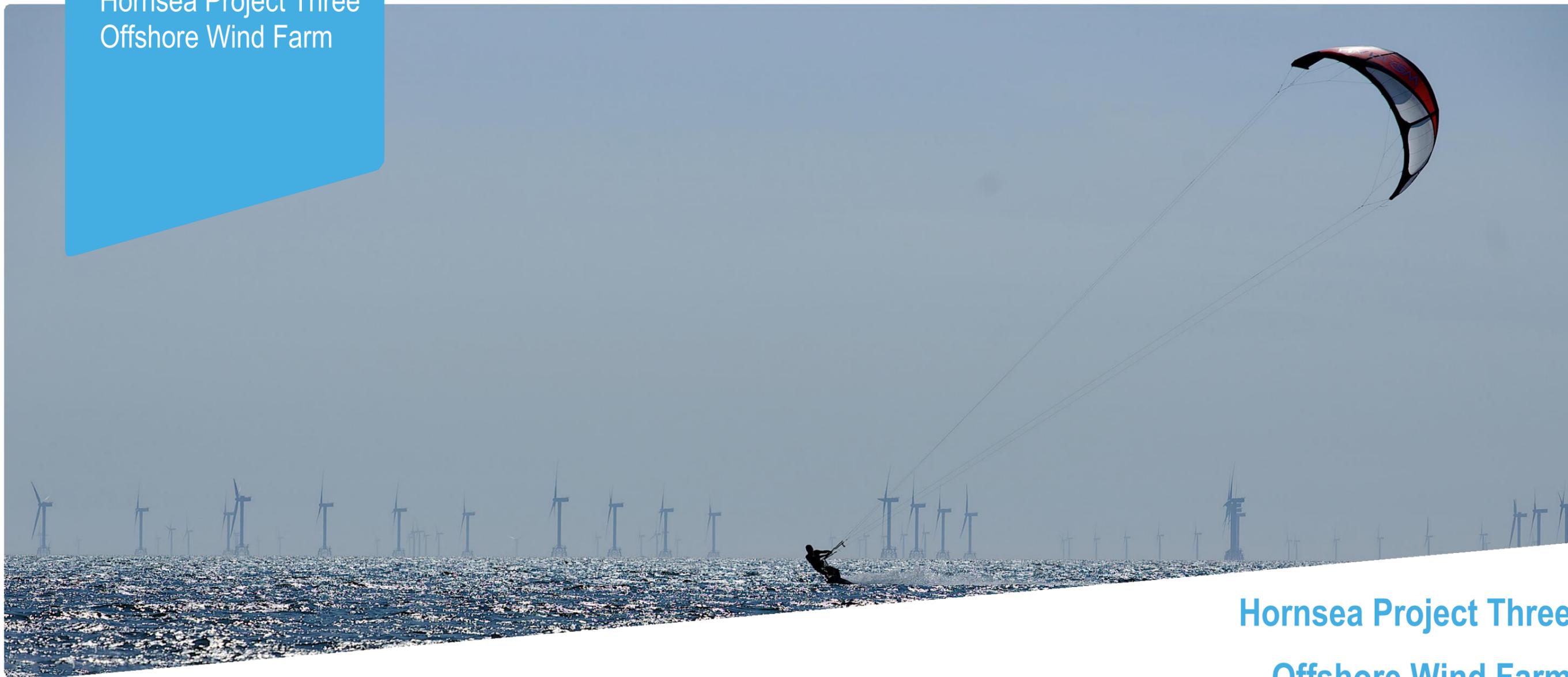
Yours faithfully

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Section 2 – Letter to Section 42 Consultees regarding updates USB (August 2017)

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2 August 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 11 of Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009

Further to our correspondence dated 25 July 2017, it has come to our attention that the USB cards provided omitted the following documents in error due to a problem with the data transfer process;

PEIR_Volume 3_Chapter 1 Geology and Ground Conditions
PEIR_Volume 5_Annex 4.1: Marine Mammal Technical Report
PEIR_Volume 6_Annex 6.1 ALC Published Data

In the interim these files have been available to view/download from our Project website: www.dongenergy.co.uk/hornseaproject3. However, for completeness to ensure a fully informed consultation process we have enclosed an updated USB which should **supersede** the earlier version. This is marked with a white label, hence please disregard (dispose of) the previous version as the full suite of documents are available on this updated replacement.

Please note that the statutory consultation period has not changed and will continue to close on **Wednesday 20th September 2017**. This still allows more than the 28 days minimum statutory consultation period.

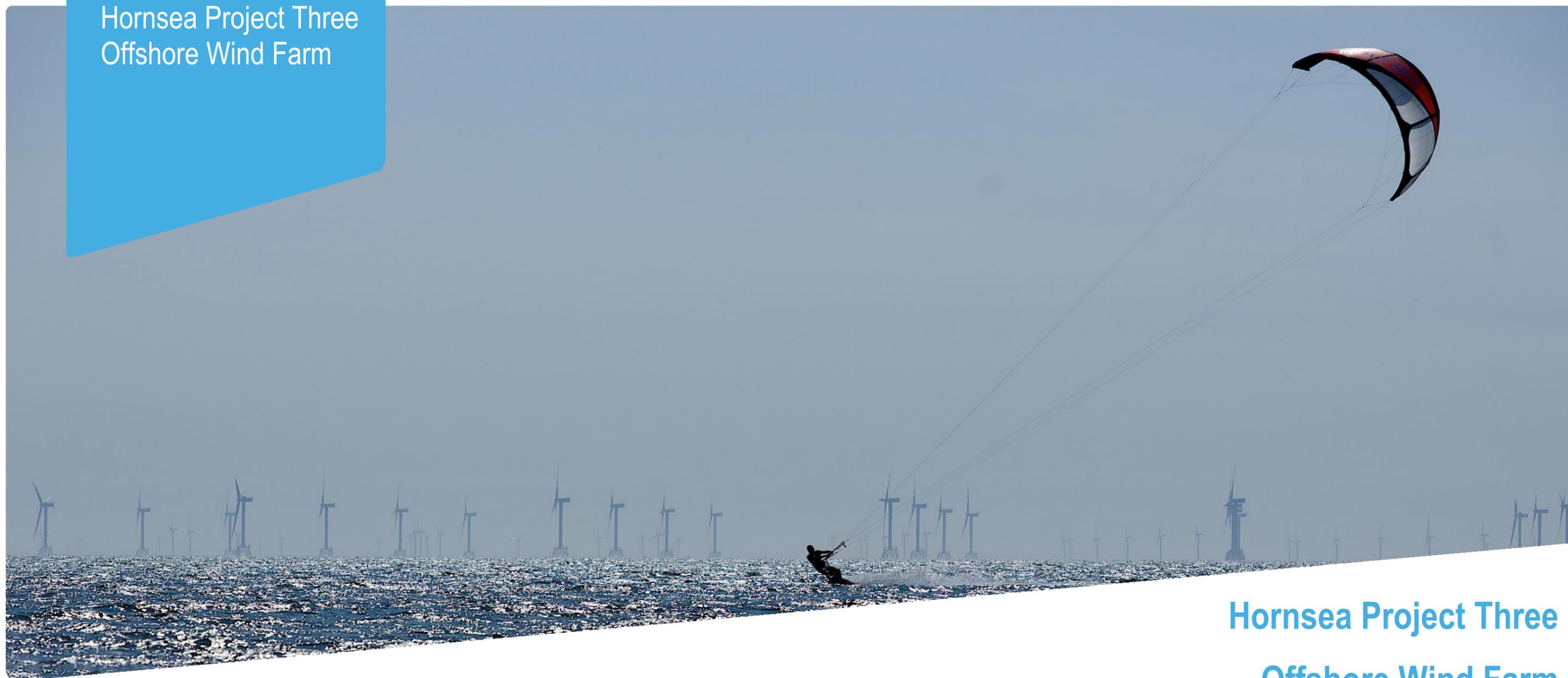
If you have any questions on the consultation material or would like to discuss any matters in more detail please don't hesitate to contact the Hornsea Three team, either by email HornseaProjectThree@dongenergy.co.uk or via our Freephone Line 0800 0288 466.

Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

Yours sincerely,
DONG Energy

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Section 3 – Letter to Section 42 Consultees to notify of Section 42 Consultation Period (November 2017)

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Statutory Consultation under section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008

You have been identified as a consultee for the purposes of section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (hereafter referred to as 'the Act'). The statutory consultation closes on 22 December 2017. Please see below for more information on how to view and comment on our proposed DCO application.

We are writing to consult with you on a proposed offshore wind farm, Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as Hornsea Three). DONG Energy (the Applicant) has changed its company name to Ørsted, following the recent divestment of the company's upstream oil and gas business. Hornsea Three will continue to be developed by Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd¹. For more information visit www.orsted.co.uk

Hornsea Three is located in the southern North Sea. From the Norfolk coast, underground onshore cables will connect the offshore wind farm to an onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station or a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) substation, which in turn, will connect to the existing Norwich Main National Grid substation, located to the south of Norwich.

This Statutory Consultation under section 42(1) of the Act is further to consultation undertaken in accordance with the Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("Statutory Consultation") between 27 July and 20 September 2017. That previous round of consultation encompassed a 1.5km wide offshore cable corridor search area as well as a 200 metre wide onshore cable corridor search area within which a refined onshore cable corridor (80 metre wide) along with associated access routes and storage areas will be located. In considering responses to the first round of Statutory Consultation and through ongoing design development, Hornsea Three has identified locations where works are now proposed beyond that 200 metre wide onshore cable corridor search area and the offshore cable corridor search area. These are divided into six categories, and are shown in the accompanying plans.

¹ Previously DONG Energy Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd

to the previous Statutory Consultation, please be assured that these responses will still be considered by the project.

In accordance with section 48 of the Act, Hornsea Three must publicise the proposed application. A notice publicising the proposed application is enclosed with this letter.

THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

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PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED

- Hard copy of the further Statutory Consultation Plans.
- Hard copy of notice publicised in accordance with section 48 of the Act.
- Hard copy of 'Section 42 Consultation. Potential Offshore Alternative Routes – Supporting Information'

FURTHER INFORMATION

Documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of Hornsea Three, including the materials from the previous consultation including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR, with a non-technical summary) for Hornsea Three, can be accessed free of charge on the Hornsea Three website: www.hornseaproject3.co.uk

RESPONDING TO THIS CONSULTATION

Hornsea Three welcomes your comments on the proposed additional areas shown within the attached consultation plans.

Any responses to, or other representations in respect of, Hornsea Three should be sent to Hornsea Three:



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Hornsea Three requests that any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO must;

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NEXT STEPS

As mentioned above, consultation under section 42 of the Act is a formal part of the pre-application process for a DCO. Hornsea Three will have regard to comments received during this Statutory Consultation period (as well as those received as part of the previous Statutory Consultation period) and a Consultation Report explaining how Hornsea Three has had regard to responses received will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

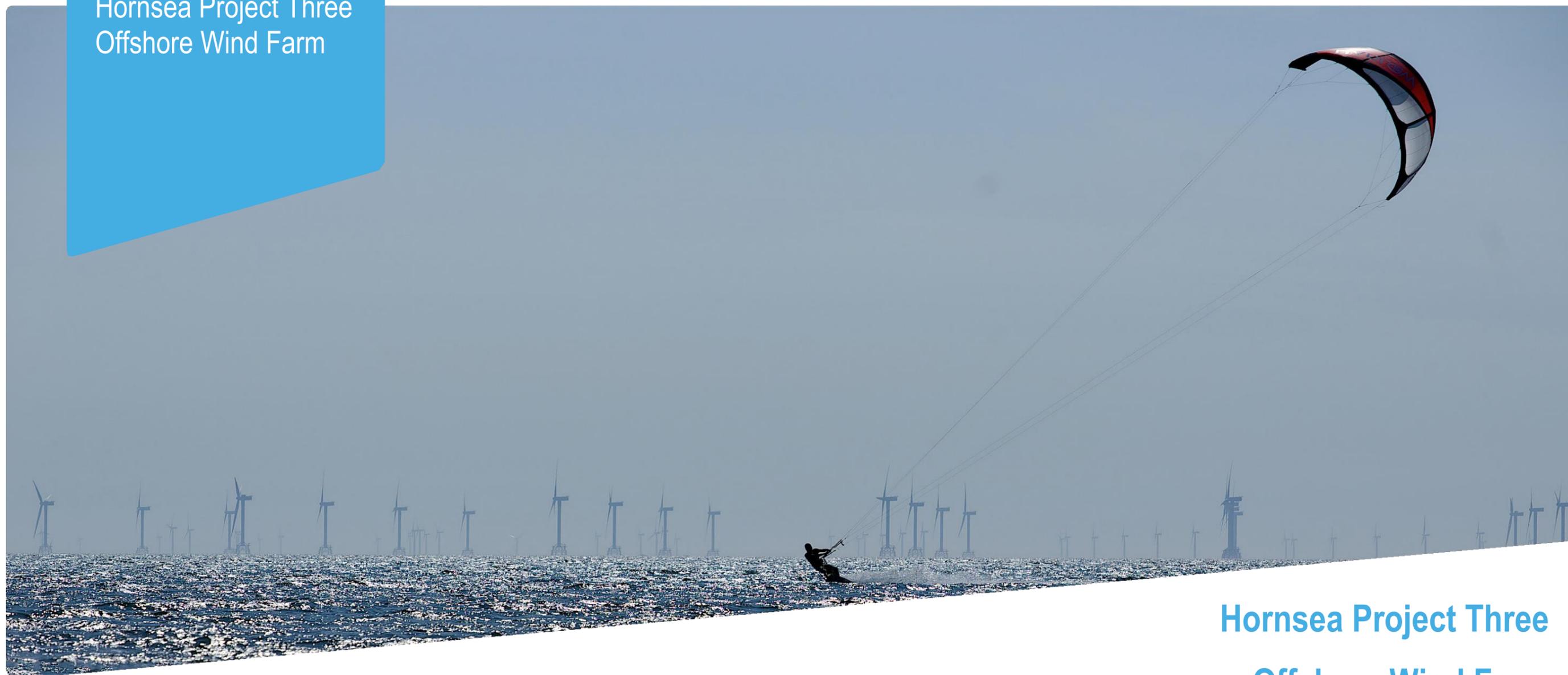
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

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Statutory Consultation under section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008

We have noted that some consultees did not receive a document entitled 'Section 42 Consultation. Potential Offshore Alternative Routes – Supporting Information' which was referred to and should have been enclosed with our previous letter to you dated either 20, 21 or 22 November 2017.

That document is now enclosed to ensure that all consultees have received it. The document has been available to access on the Hornsea Three website: www.hornseaproject3.co.uk since the 16 November 2017.

As this document pertains to the potential offshore alternative routes any responses relating to onshore elements retain a deadline of 22 December 2017. However, to ensure that sufficient additional time is given in relation to this document we would be happy to accept comments relating to the potential offshore alternative routes until 7 January 2018.

Any responses to, or other representations in respect of, Hornsea Three should be sent to Hornsea Three:

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By post to: Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm, Ørsted, 5 Howick Place, London SW1P 1WG

Hornsea Three requests that any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO must;

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Consultation under section 42 of the Act is a formal part of the pre-application process for a DCO. Hornsea Three will have regard to comments received during this Statutory Consultation period (as well as those received as part of the previous Statutory Consultation period) and a Consultation Report explaining how Hornsea Three has had regard to responses received will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

If you have any questions regarding the process or content of this consultation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Section 5 – Letter to Section 42 Consultees to notify of Section 42 Consultation Period (February 2018)

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm – Minor Onshore Route / Work Amendments

Focussed Statutory Consultation under section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008

You have been identified as a consultee for the purposes of section 42(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (hereafter referred to as 'the Act'). The statutory consultation closes on 30 March 2018. Please see below for more information on how to view and comment on our proposed DCO application.

We are writing to consult with you on a proposed offshore wind farm, Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm (hereafter referred to as Hornsea Three). DONG Energy (the Applicant) has changed its company name to Ørsted, following the recent divestment of the company's upstream oil and gas business. Hornsea Three will continue to be developed by Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd¹. For more information visit www.orsted.co.uk

Hornsea Three is located in the southern North Sea. From the Norfolk coast, underground onshore cables will connect the offshore wind farm to an onshore high voltage direct current (HVDC) converter station or a high voltage alternating current (HVAC) substation, which in turn, will connect to the existing Norwich Main National Grid substation, located to the south of Norwich.

This Focussed Statutory Consultation under section 42(1) of the Act, covering minor onshore changes, is further to two rounds of consultation undertaken in accordance with the Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 between 27 July and 20 September 2017 ("Statutory Consultation") and between 25 November and 22 December 2017 ("Further Statutory Consultation"). The Statutory Consultation encompassed a 1.5 kilometre wide offshore cable corridor search area as well as a 200 metre wide onshore cable corridor search area. The Further Statutory Consultation proposed alterations to those areas that had been identified following consideration of responses to the Statutory Consultation and ongoing design development.

¹ Previously DONG Energy Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd

In considering responses to the Statutory Consultation and Further Statutory Consultation and through ongoing design development, Hornsea Three has identified six locations where works are now proposed beyond the area previously consulted on. These proposed changes are marked on the attached plans and a short description of each proposed change is provided below.

Proposed Change 1 (Map 2); Hornsea Three is proposing a cable corridor re-route to the west of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) consultation boundary. This is at the landowner's request to better suit their agricultural operations.

Proposed Change 2 (Map 3); Hornsea Three is proposing a cable corridor re-route to the east of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) consultation boundary. This is at the landowner's request. The slightly wider cable route is required in order to give suitable temporary working area to enable the sharp turn and storage of equipment for the proposed directional drill under Booton Common.

Proposed Change 3 (Map 4); Hornsea Three is proposing a slight amendment to a proposed temporary access road to provide a larger bellmouth access to allow turning into the access road from both directions from the public highway.

Proposed Change 4 (Map 5); Hornsea Three is proposing an additional temporary access road at this location to facilitate the onshore construction works. This is at the request of the landowner to use an existing field access onto the highway at that location.

Proposed Change 5 (Map 5); Hornsea Three is proposing an additional temporary access road at this location to facilitate the onshore construction works. This is required because the access route to the north can flood in the winter and therefore an alternative access is required for construction.

Proposed Change 6 (Map 6); Hornsea Three is proposing a small extension to the cable corridor outside of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) consultation boundary. This change has been made for technical reasons to allow the cables to pass under the road on a different angle and into the substation to better suit the substation design.

This Focussed Statutory Consultation is targeted at prescribed consultees and those who have an interest in the land and/or are potentially affected by any works detailed above. If you provided a response to the Statutory Consultation and/or the Further Statutory Consultation, please be assured that these responses are being considered by Hornsea Three.

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The proposed DCO will include powers for Hornsea Three to construct, operate, maintain and decommission Hornsea Three, including Deemed Marine Licence(s). The proposed DCO will also seek the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, including the power to take temporary possession of land to construct and maintain Hornsea Three. Hornsea Three will endeavour to enter into voluntary agreements with all landowners in the first instance.

Hornsea Three is currently in the pre-application phase, with a DCO application expected to be submitted in the second quarter of 2018. Under the Act, Hornsea Three is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before submission and have regard to the responses received in the final design of Hornsea Three, as well as in the assessment and mitigation of its potential environmental impacts. A Consultation Report explaining how Hornsea Three has had regard to responses to this consultation will be submitted as part of the DCO application in accordance with section 37(3) of the Act.

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED

- Hard copy of the Focussed Statutory Consultation Plans.

These documents, plans and maps can also be accessed free of charge from 28 February 2018 until 30 March 2018 at the places and times set out below:

Venue	Opening hours
Holt Library , 9 Church Street, Holt, NR25 6BB	Monday-Wednesday: 9.30am-1pm, Friday: 9.30am-6pm, Saturday: 9.30am-1pm
Hethersett Library , Queens Road, Hethersett, NR9 3DB	Monday 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Thursday 2pm-7pm, Friday 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Saturday 10am-2pm

FURTHER INFORMATION

Documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of Hornsea Three, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR, with a non-technical summary) consulted on as part of the "Statutory Consultation" (27 July to 20 September 2017) and additional areas consulted on under the "Further Statutory Consultation" (25 November to 22 December 2017) for Hornsea Three, can be accessed free of charge on the Hornsea Three website: www.hornseaproject3.co.uk.

RESPONDING TO THIS CONSULTATION

Hornsea Three welcomes your comments on the proposed additional areas shown within the attached consultation plans.

Any responses to, or other representations in respect of, Hornsea Three should be sent to Hornsea Three:

- By email to: HornseaProjectThree@orsted.co.uk or;
- By post to:
Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm
Ørsted, 5 Howick Place, London SW1P 1WG



Hornsea Three requests that any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO must;

- be received by Hornsea Three no later than **30 March 2018** to be considered;
- be made in writing (email/letter);
- state the grounds of the response or representation;
- indicate who is making the response or representation; and
- provide an address to which any correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Please note that responses and other representations will be recorded in the Consultation Report and may be made public. Guidance on the pre-application process and the Act can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/>

NEXT STEPS

As mentioned above, consultation under section 42 of the Act is a formal part of the pre-application process for a DCO. Hornsea Three will have regard to comments received during this Statutory Consultation period (as well as those received as part of the previous rounds of Statutory Consultation) and a Consultation Report explaining how Hornsea Three has had regard to responses received will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

If you have any questions regarding the process or content of this consultation, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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