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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 Ørsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd¹. For more information visit www.ørsted.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.

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, for which Hornsea Three 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 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
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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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Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

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