

## Targeted Consultation Notification

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Non-statutory targeted consultation on potential compensation measures for seabirds, relating to the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm**

August 2021

We are writing to you as you have been identified as a consultee in respect of the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (Hornsea Four) compensation measures.

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Hornsea Four is located approximately 69 km east of Flamborough Head in the southern North Sea. The electricity generated from Hornsea Four will be transmitted via subsea electricity cables to the East Riding of Yorkshire coastline. From the East Riding of Yorkshire 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 Creyke Beck National Grid substation, located to the north of Cottingham.

### THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER APPLICATION

As the proposed generating capacity of Hornsea Four 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 Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (the Applicant) 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 Four 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 2017 (the Regulations).

The proposed DCO will include powers for the Applicant to construct, operate, maintain and decommission Hornsea Four, 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 Four.

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Hornsea Four is currently in the pre-application phase, with a DCO application expected to be submitted in Autumn 2021. Under the Act, the Applicant 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 Four, and in the assessment and mitigation of its environmental impacts. A Consultation Report explaining how the Applicant has had regard to responses will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

## **THIS CONSULTATION**

This Targeted Non-Statutory Consultation is to consult with you on potential compensation measures for seabirds.

This consultation commences on **05 August** and closes at midnight on **06 September**. Please see below for more information on how to view and comment on our potential compensation measures.

## **Background**

The measures we are consulting on are referred to in this document as "Compensation Measures". The Compensation Measures proposed by Hornsea Four are designed to offset potential impacts upon the kittiwake, guillemot, razorbill and gannet seabird species, which are features of the Flamborough and Filey Coast SPA. The Compensation Measures are intended to provide connectivity between the compensation measures identified, the habitats and species within the proposed consultation area and the national site network.

## **Proposed Compensation Measures**

Our proposed Compensation Measures are:

- Offshore nesting
- Onshore nesting
- Predator eradication
- Bycatch reduction
- Fish habitat management

We encourage stakeholders to give their views about how our compensation proposals may affect them or their area. For example, we will be seeking feedback to help develop our proposals regarding impacts such as, but not limited to:

- Environmental (e.g. landscape and visual amenity, local/marine ecology, wildlife)
- Economical (e.g. commercial activities such as shipping and fisheries, employment opportunities)
- Social (e.g. Public Rights of Way, noise and vibration during construction)

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It is currently not anticipated that all Compensation Measures for all species will be required at all the locations being consulted upon. The exact compensation measures, their location(s) and spatial extent will be determined as the DCO application progresses.

## PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED

1. Targeted Consultation Pack
2. Compensation Measures Search Areas and Consultation Extent

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Further detail on the Compensation Measures is provided on the Hornsea Four website in the document Compensation Measures Project Description, along with a detailed overview map of the proposed Compensation Measures search areas.

<https://hornseaprojects.co.uk/hornsea-project-four/compensation-measures-consultation>

All consultation materials will be made available on the Hornsea Four website from 05 August 2021.

For any enquiries in relation to any documents, plans or maps relating to Hornsea Four and/or other consultation information please contact on 0808 169 3030 or using the email address or postal address listed below.

## RESPONDING TO THIS CONSULTATION

Hornsea Four welcomes your comments on the Compensation Measures and the Targeted Consultation. Any responses to, or other representations in respect of, Hornsea Four and/or the Targeted Consultation should be sent to Hornsea Four:

- By email to: [contact@hornseaprojectfour.co.uk](mailto:contact@hornseaprojectfour.co.uk); or
- By post to:

Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm  
Orsted, 5 Howick Place, London, SW1P 1WG

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Hornsea Four requests that any response or representation is;

- received by Hornsea Four no later than midnight on **06 September 2021**;
- 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, Hornsea Four will have regard to comments received during the consultation period and a Consultation Report explaining how Hornsea Four 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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