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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This statement is submitted on behalf of Galloper Wind Farm Limited (GWFL) pursuant to Regulation 5(2)(f) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009. It accompanies an application to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (the Application) for two linked Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) namely:
- (a) an offshore generating station of up to 504MW and new overhead lines of 400kV, together with associated development which includes up to four offshore substation platforms; and
 - (b) a grid connection between and from these substations to a new onshore substation, which in turn connects via cables to two existing 400kv overhead transmission towers using two new sealing end compounds next to those towers.
- 1.2 This offshore wind farm is known as Galloper Wind Farm (GWF).
- 1.3 GWF would be located approximately 27 kilometres (km) off the coast of Suffolk. The majority of the wind turbine generators will be located on the seaward side of the Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm (GGOWF), which is currently under construction.
- 1.4 This statement addresses section 79(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (statutory nuisances and inspections therefor). It explains that as it is not expected that the construction or operation of GWF would engage that section, the draft DCO (document 3.1) that accompanies the Application does not include a provision that would provide a defence to proceedings for statutory nuisance should they be initiated against GWF or its successors as undertakers under the terms of the DCO.

2 STATEMENT OF ENGAGEMENT

- 2.1 Regulation 5(2)(f) requires the applicant for a DCO to state whether the proposal engages one or more of the matters set out in section 79(1) (statutory nuisance and inspections therefor) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and if so how the applicant proposes to mitigate or limit them.
- 2.2 Section 79(1) deals with the following matters:
- (a) any premises in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (b) smoke emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (c) fumes or gases emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (d) any dust, steam, smell or other effluvia arising on industrial, trade or business premises and being prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (e) any accumulation or deposit which is prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (f) any animal kept in such a place or manner as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (g) any insects emanating from relevant industrial, trade or business premises and being prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (h) artificial light emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;
 - (i) noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance; and
 - (j) noise that is prejudicial to health or a nuisance and is emitted from or caused by a vehicle, machinery or equipment in a street.
- 2.3 GWFL considers that none of the matters specified in section 79(1) are engaged by the proposed GWF. This is supported by the conclusions of the Environmental Statement (documents 5.1 – 5.3).
- 2.4 Accordingly, GWFL has not included within the draft DCO a provision which would protect it or its successors as undertakers from any proceedings for statutory nuisance.
- 2.5 Whilst the construction and operation of the proposed GWF do not engage section 79(1), it is worth noting that in developing its proposals

for GWF, GWFL has designed the project in such a way as to minimise the environmental effects of the scheme and included a variety of measures to mitigate any remaining impacts still further. These measures are described in the Environmental Statement, and other project documentation.

2.6 These measures are secured by the requirements contained in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the draft DCO.

2.7 These requirements cover a number of relevant matters, including:

- (a) a construction code of practice, to be agreed with the local planning authority, in relation to onshore works, covering a wide range of matters, including lighting during construction (requirement 27);
- (b) limits on onshore construction hours (requirement 28);
- (c) limits on operational noise arising from the onshore substation and other electrical equipment, as measured at specific residential locations (requirement 29); and
- (d) control on lighting during the operation of the onshore works (requirement 30).