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Dear Sir David

Dangerous precedent of consent for Hornsea 3 offshore wind farm & Kittiwake extinction risk

In consenting the Hornsea 3 offshore wind farm on the 31st of December last year Mr Sharma, then Secretary of State for BEIS, ignored the advice of his planning inspectors and set aside the protection afforded by Natura 2000 to the resting and nesting sites of Kittiwake on the East coast, a bird species that is at risk of global extinction.

The renewables industry has realised the significance of this and is reporting the decision as “opening the floodgates” to industrial development that would otherwise be prevented by hard won environmental legislation.

In our view the decision is bad in itself. – The planning inspectors did not believe that the offsetting “compensation” measures would be adequate to protect the kittiwake populations, and neither do we.

Still more importantly, this decision sets a distorting and irrational precedent, whereby any environmental protection can be set aside if the proposal can make claims to be a step towards Net Zero. This giving carte blanche to cynical development interests. Surely this is not the right balance between local and global environmental protection.

Even at this late stage your personal intervention, both with Mr Kwarteng, the new Secretary of State at BEIS, and to encourage the RSPB to apply for Judicial Review, could make all the difference. We hope you will write to both and do what you can to bring about a moratorium of the planned development.

With best regards

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