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Dear Mark,

DIRECTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 RELATING TO THE GREAT YARMOUTH THIRD RIVER CROSSING. NORFOLK.

By letter to the Secretary of State received on 29th January 2018, Norfolk County Council formally requested that the Secretary of State exercise the power vested in the Secretary of State under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") to direct that the proposed scheme set out in the Norfolk County Council's letter and known as the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing, as well as any associated matters, be treated as development for which development consent is required.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that:

- the development does not currently fall within the definition of a "nationally significant infrastructure project" and therefore it is appropriate to consider use of the power in section 35; and
- Norfolk County Council's request constitutes a "qualifying request" in accordance with section 35(10) of the Act.

The Secretary of State has made a decision within the primary deadline set out in section 35A(2) and wishes to convey that decision.

Having considered the details of the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing set out in the request, the Secretary of State is of the view that this development by itself is nationally significant, for the reasons set out in the Annex below.

Accordingly, as the Secretary of State is satisfied that the proposed Great Yarmouth Third Rive Crossing is nationally significant, THE SECRETARY OF STATE DIRECTS that development, together with any matters associated with it, is to be treated as development for which development consent is required.

In addition, the Secretary of State further directs that any proposed application in relation to the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing is to be treated as a proposed application for which development consent is required.

This direction is given without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of any application for development consent which is made in relation to the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing.

Signed by

Maureen Pullen
A Civil Servant in the Department for Transport
For and On Behalf of the Secretary of State

26th February 2018

ANNEX A

REASONS FOR THE DECISION TO ISSUE THE DIRECTION

The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing is of national significance for the following reasons:

- The Port has a nationally significant role in the renewable energy sector and the offshore gas and oil industry and the scheme will substantially improve connectivity and resilience for port activities;
- The scheme will support the delivery of existing and potential renewable energy NSIPs,
- Supports the Port's role as an International Gateway

In addition the scheme will

- Improve the offer of the Port through better connectivity to the Enterprise Zone