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Dear Cllr Gale,

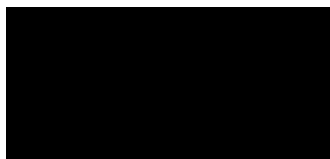
Thank you for your letter of 22 June to the Secretary of State regarding the decision to grant development consent for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm. I am responding as this matter falls under my Ministerial portfolio.

The decision to grant development consent for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm project was taken after a robust consideration of all relevant planning matters.

The Secretary of State remains of the opinion that he complied with the statutory duty under section 85(A1) of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 for the reasons set out in the decision letter. Consequently, the Secretary of State is satisfied that the development consent order does not contain a significant error such that the conditions in paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 6 to the Planning Act 2008 are met, nor are there any exceptional circumstances that warrant a change to the development consent order being made.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you find this response helpful.

Best wishes,



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Minister of State for Energy