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## **Consents given under the Petroleum Act 1998 and Reviews under the Assessment of Environmental Effects Regulations 1999**

### **Phillips**

#### **LITTLE DOTTY FIELD**

Pursuant to Regulation 5(8) of the above Regulations, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry gives notice that, being content that the requirements of the above Regulations have been satisfied, she has, granted a consent to Phillips Petroleum Co U.K. Limited to the getting of petroleum and the construction of installations in relation to the development of the Little Dotty field.

#### **Background**

The project will involve the drilling of a development well (48/30-W) at the Little Dotty Field, installation of a 6.3 KM 8 inch pipeline from the well head to the Hewett platform complex, installation of risers and tieback of the well to the pipeline and minor modifications to the existing Hewett platform. Reservoir fluids will be transported to the Hewett complex by the 8 inch flexible pipeline for export to Bacton via existing pipelines. The well will be cleaned up prior to connection to the Hewett platform.

The Pipeline will be laid using a water jetting method and will be naturally back-filled. A flexible umbilical will also be laid piggy-back to the pipeline.

No additional compression or power generation will be required on the Hewett platform to accommodate the increase in production.

The main impacts identified in the ES arise from drilling activities. Additional information was requested and provided by Phillips on the impacts associated with pipelaying activities and any modifications to the Hewett platform. No significant impacts have been identified from the proposed development.

The proposed project involves the drilling of a single well and the laying of a pipeline within close proximity to a sandbank

within the Norfolk Banks. The ES and additional information provided by Phillips, demonstrates that there is not likely to be a significant effect on the sandbank and JNCC have advised that the activities are unlikely to affect any potential future SAC that may be designated.

There were no major objections to this project and no significant impacts were identified. Following the provision of additional information, the Environmental Statement was approved.

The Secretary of State is of the view, having regard to the environmental statement prepared in respect of the project and the comments received from those consulted, that the project is not likely to have significant effects on the environment and that adequate mitigation of the potential environmental impacts, such as they are, is presented in the environmental statement. There is thus no need for any environmental conditions to be imposed.

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