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Dear Mr Gowen:

Re: Government View Application Area 202: Cross Sands Extension

This is to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail regarding the distance of Area 202 from the shore. We note that you have used 'a map by the Crown Estate which, as The Crown Estate is the effective landowner and licensee of the site, I take to be accurate.....The dotted lines paralleling the coastline show the six mile and twelve mile limits respectively as labelled.'

Your misunderstanding of the distance of Area 202 from the shore is because you are evidently unaware that the dotted lines referred to in your e-mail are not always measured from land. In this case they are measured from the outermost of the drying sandbanks and hence the dotted lines cannot be used to estimate distance from the shore at this location, as you have evidently done. If there is no alternative but to use the 6 mile limit to estimate the distance of 202 from the coastline, however, you should take the distance of the 6 mile limit at Southwold - this, you will notice, is 6 miles from the coast. Using the chart attached to your e-mail that I printed on A4, I have a distance of 4.1cm for the 6 mile limit at Southwold and 3.1cm as the distance to area 202 from Great Yarmouth. This give a distance offshore of about 4.5 miles or, using your conversion factor, about 7.3km.

As we stated in our reply to the points raised in your letter, the distance from the shore must be measured against the meridian of longitude on an Admiralty Chart. This will give a more accurate distance that will be in excess of 7-km as stated in the ES Update and in our subsequent correspondence with you.

Yours sincerely,

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