

MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WINDFARM LTD

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010121

RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE OF ISSUE-SPECIFIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "**Secretary of State**")) for the examination of the application made by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (the "**Applicant**") of Hobart House, 80 Hanover Street, Edinburgh, EH2 1EL for a Development Consent Order ("**DCO**") under the Planning Act 2008 (the "**Application**"). The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State, C/O the Planning Inspectorate on 31/05/2024 and was accepted on 27/06/2024. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is EN010121.

The Application is for development consent to construct and operate the proposed Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets (the "**Project**") located in English waters in the east Irish Sea. The Project comprises up to 35 wind turbines and associated offshore infrastructure to generate a nominal electricity export capacity of 480 megawatts (MW).

Details of the events are as follows:

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
Tuesday 4 February	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on Environmental Matters	Registration and seating available at venue from: 09:30am Virtual Registration Process from: 09:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	All hearings will be blended events at: Grace Suite, Hilton Liverpool City Centre, 3 Thomas Steers Way, Liverpool, L1 8LW and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.
Wednesday 5 February	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Other Sea Users and Aviation	Registration and seating available at venue from: 09:30am Virtual Registration Process from: 09:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	All hearings will be blended events at: Grace Suite, Hilton Liverpool City Centre, 3 Thomas Steers Way, Liverpool, L1 8LW and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

<p>Thursday 6 February</p>	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on the draft Development Consent Order</p>	<p>Registration and seating available at venue from: 09:30am</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 09:30am</p> <p>Hearing starts: 10:00am</p>	<p>All hearings will be blended events at:</p> <p>Grace Suite, Hilton Liverpool City Centre, 3 Thomas Steers Way, Liverpool, L1 8LW</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.</p>
<p>Thursday 6 February</p>	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) (if required)</p> <p>This will be a continuation of ISH2 and/ or ISH3 in the event that it does not prove possible to complete these as set out above.</p>	<p>Registration and seating available at venue from: 01:30pm</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 01:30pm</p> <p>Hearing starts: 02:00pm</p>	<p>All hearings will be blended events at:</p> <p>Grace Suite, Hilton Liverpool City Centre, 3 Thomas Steers Way, Liverpool, L1 8LW</p> <p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p> <p>Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.</p>

Hearing information

Details regarding the examination timeline are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 8 and 9 letter available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010121/EN010121-000527-E01%20-%20Rule%208%20letter%20-%20Morecambe%20Offshore%20Windfarm%20Generation%20Assets.pdf>

Details regarding attending and speaking at the Hearings are set out in the Rule 13 letter available here: [Rule 13 letter - Hearing notification](#).

Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearing sessions listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by Wednesday 29 January 2025 by completing the Event Participation Form (link provided on page 3 of the Rule 13 letter).

The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered. Live streams will also be provided for each Hearing session and the link for this will be available on the day at: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010121>

Please contact the Planning Inspectorate Case Team by phone (0303 444 5000) or by email (Morecambeoffshorewindproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) if you require any support or assistance to attend any of the Hearings, either virtually or in person.

Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.

Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the full timetable (and amendments), how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make written submissions will also be available on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), in the Rule 8 letter (link above) or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

Summary of the Application and Project

The Project site is located in the Eastern Irish Sea, approximately 30km from the nearest point on the coast of Lancashire, 50km from the north coast of Wales and 59km from the coast of the Isle of Man. The Project consists of the generation assets for a proposed offshore windfarm, including wind turbine generators (WTGs), inter-array cables, offshore substation platform(s) (OSP(s)) and possible platform link cables to connect OSPs.

When fully operational, the windfarm is anticipated to generate a nominal capacity of 480MW and produce renewable power for over 500,000 homes in the UK.

The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- a) The construction and operation of up to 35 offshore WTGs and their associated foundations;
- b) The construction of up to two OSPs and their associated foundations; and
- c) The construction of a network of subsea inter-array cables and platform link cables.

A separate development consent order has been granted for the transmission assets required to convey the electricity generated by the WTGs from the Project to shore and onwards to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire. An application seeking development consent for this transmission infrastructure, as well as the transmission infrastructure of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project, pursuant to a direction issued by the Secretary of State on 4 October 2022 under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008, was submitted on 21 October 2024 and was accepted on 18 November 2024.

Environmental Impact Assessment - The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Consequently, the Applicant has submitted an Environmental Statement (ES) as part of the Application. A Non-Technical Summary ("NTS") of the ES is also available.

Viewing the DCO application

All of the DCO application documents, including the application form and all the plans and maps, can be freely viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website for the full relevant representations period and throughout the examination period here on the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets project page: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010121>

You may also access these online versions of the DCO documents free-of-charge at the below locations. Please check directly with the facilities to confirm their opening hours, as well as any bookings or registrations that might be required to access the documents digitally through the computers available at the respective locations.

Isle of Man

Location	Opening times
Henry Bloom Noble Library 8 Duke Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2AY	Mon to Weds, and Fri: 8:30am to 5pm Thurs: 10am to 7pm Sat: 9am to 4pm

Ramsey Town Library Parliament Square, Ramsey, Isle of Man IM8 1RT	Mon to Thurs, and Sat: 9am to 4:30pm Fri: 9am to 4pm
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North West England

Location	Opening times
Barrow-in-Furness Main Public Library* Ramsden Square, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 1LL	Mon to Thurs: 9:30am to 6pm Fri: 9:30am to 5pm Sat: 10am to 4pm
Blackpool Central Library Queen St, Blackpool FY1 1PX	Tues to Fri: 9am to 5pm, Sat: 10am to 4pm
Fleetwood Library* North Albert Street, Fleetwood, Lancashire, FY7 6AJ	Mon to Weds, Fri and Sat: 9am to 5pm Thurs: 9am to 7pm
Formby Library Duke Street, Formby, L37 4AN	Mon to Fri: 10am to 5pm Sat: 10am to 2pm
Kingsfold Library* Hawksbury Dr, Penwortham, Preston PR1 9EJ	Mon, Thurs and Fri: 9am to 5pm Tues: 9am to 7pm Weds and Sat: 9am to 1pm
Lytham Library Lytham Assembly Rooms, Dicconson Terrace, Lytham St Annes, FY8 5JY	Mon and Sat: 9am to 1pm, Wed: 9am to 7pm, Thurs and Fri: 9am to 5pm
The Harris Library The Guild Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston PR1 1HT	Mon to Sat: 9am to 5pm
Southport Library* 112 Lord Street, Southport PR8 1DJ	Mon to Fri: 10am to 5pm Sat: 10am to 2pm
St Anne's Library 254 Clifton Dr S, Lytham Saint Annes FY8 1NR	Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat: 9am to 5pm, Thursday: 9am to 7pm

North Wales

Location	Opening times
Amlwch Library* Parys Road, Amlwch, Anglesey LL68 9EA	Tues: 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5pm, Weds, Fri and Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm, Thurs: 2pm to 7pm
Bangor Public Library* Gwynedd Road, Bangor LL57 1DT	Mon, Tues and Thurs: 9:30am to 6pm, Weds and Fri: 9:30am to 5pm Sat: 9:30am to 1pm
Llandudno Library Mostyn Street, Llandudno LL30 2RP	Mon to Weds and Fri: 9am to 5:30pm, Thurs: 10am to 7pm, Sat: 9:30am to 3pm
Rhyl Library* Museum and Arts Centre Church Street, Rhyl, LL18 3AA	Tues and Thurs: 10am to 5pm, Wed: 12pm to 5pm Fri: 10am to 2pm, Sat: 9:30am to 12:30pm

*Membership and/ or library card required to use facilities

If you require an alternative method for inspection of the DCO application documents or have any queries, including how to access the documents on the Planning Inspectorate's website, please call the Applicant on 0800 915 2493 (option 2) or email hello@morecambeoffshorewind.com.

The Applicant can also provide any of the documents as required on a USB (free of charge). Hard copies of the NTS can also be provided upon reasonable request. Provision of hard copies of the ES will be subject to a maximum charge of £6,500 plus VAT, to cover printing and delivery costs.

If you require alternative methods for inspection of the Application Documents (for example in large print, audio, or braille formats), contact the Applicant using the details below.

Further information about the Project can be found on the website:
www.morecambeandmorgan.com/morecambe or by contacting the team at 0800 915 2493 (option 2) or email hello@morecambeoffshorewind.com.