

**MORGAN OFFSHORE WIND LTD**

**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010136**

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

**NOTICE OF ISSUE-SPECIFIC HEARING**

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 Morgan Offshore Wind Ltd (the "**Applicant**") of Building B, Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, UK, TW16 7BP 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 24/04/2024 and was accepted on 17/05/2024. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is EN010136.

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and decommission the proposed Morgan Generation Assets (the "Project") located in the east Irish Sea. The Morgan Array Area will have up to 96 offshore wind turbines located wholly within English offshore waters.

The Examining Authority was appointed on 20 June 2024 to examine the Application and the Examination will begin at the Preliminary Meeting. Details of the Preliminary Meeting are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 10 September 2024

Registration Process: 09.30am

Meeting start time: 10.00am

Venue: Blended event at Princess Royal Suite, Princess Royal Stand, Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Road, Aintree, Liverpool, United Kingdom, L9 5AS and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

Attendees: Invited parties who have pre-registered

Further details of the Preliminary Meeting and how to register can be found in the Rule 6 letter (see below).

This will be followed by:

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
Tuesday 10 September	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the Scope of Development and Interrelationship with other Infrastructure Projects	<p>Registration and seating available at venue from: 13:30</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 13:30</p> <p>Hearing starts: 14:00</p>	<p>Princess Royal Suite, Princess Royal Strand, Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Road, Aintree, Liverpool, United Kingdom, L9 5AS</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 attending and speaking at the hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 13(3) notification available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010136/EN010136-000282-Rule%206%20letter.pdf>

Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by the Procedural Deadline (27 August 2024) by completing the Event Participation Form (link provided on page F1 of the Rule 6 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 and the link for this will be available on the day at: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010136>

Please contact the Planning Inspectorate Case Team by phone (0303 444 5000) or by email ([morganoffshorewindproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:morganoffshorewindproject@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 Morgan Offshore Wind Project 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 6 letter or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

## Summary of the Application and Project

The Project consists of the generation assets for a proposed offshore wind farm located in the Irish Sea and associated offshore infrastructure. The wind farm is expected to comprise up to 96 wind turbine generators. At the closest points the array area is 22.2 km from the Isle of Man, 37.1 km from the northwest coast of England and 58.5 km from the Wesh coastline (Anglesey).

The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- a) The construction, operation and decommissioning of up to 96 offshore wind turbine generators and their foundations;
- b) The construction, operation and decommissioning of up to four offshore substation platforms (OSP) and their foundations; and
- c) The construction of a network of subsea inter-array cables connecting the wind turbine generators and a network of interconnector cables connecting the OSPs.

A separate development consent order is being sought for the transmission assets required to convey the electricity generated by the wind turbine generators within the Morgan Array Area to shore and onwards to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire. An application seeking consent for this infrastructure pursuant to a direction issued by the Secretary of State on 4 October 2022 under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 is being prepared and will be submitted jointly with Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited.

**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 as part of the Application. A Non-Technical Summary ("NTS") of the Environmental Statement 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 Morgan Offshore Wind Farm Generation Assets project page: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010136>

You may also access these online versions of the Morgan 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.

Venue	Opening Times	Contact Number
Barrow-in-Furness Library, Ramsden Square, Barrow-in-Furness, United Kingdom, LA14 1LL	Mon – Thurs: 9:30am to 6pm Fri: 9:30am to 5pm Sat: 10am to 4pm  Please note: This deposit location is closed on Bank and Public Holidays.  Computer access is free for up to 2 hours per day and charges apply for use beyond this time limit.	01229 407370

Henry Bloom Noble Library, 8 Duke Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2AY	Mon – Weds and Fri: 8:30am to 5pm Thurs: 10am to 7pm Sat: 9am to 4pm	01624 696461
Penwortham Community Library, Priory Lane Community Centre, Priory Lane, Penwortham, Lancashire, United Kingdom, Preston, PR1 0AR	Tues – Thurs: 10am to 4pm	01772 750533
The Harris Library, The Guild Hall, Lancaster Road, Preston, Lancashire, United Kingdom, PR1 1HT  Please note this is a temporary address for this deposit location. This library may change location following the completion of the 'Harris Your Place' project	Mon – Sat: 9am to 5pm  Please note: Computer Access ends at 16:40 daily Monday to Saturday and that this library may be closed on Bank and Public Holidays.	0300 123 6703
Ramsey Town Library, Parliament Square, Ramsey, Isle of Man, IM8 1RT	Mon – Thurs and Sat: 9am to 4:30pm Fri: 9am to 4pm	01624 810146

If you require an alternative method for inspection of the DCO application 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 1) or email [info@morganoffshorewind.com](mailto:info@morganoffshorewind.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 £7,000, 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 Morgan can be found on the project website:

<https://morecambeandmorgan.com/morgan/> or by contacting the team at 0800 915 2493 (option 1) or email [info@morganoffshorewind.com](mailto:info@morganoffshorewind.com)