

Section 42: Statutory Consultation



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Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets Statutory Consultation: 19 April to 4 June 2023

Statutory Consultation under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') and Regulations 11 and 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('the 2017 Regulations')

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited ("Morgan") is developing its plans for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets ("the Project"), a proposed offshore wind farm in the east Irish Sea.

The Project includes provision for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm located, approximately 36 kilometres from the north west coast of England and approximately 22km from the Isle of Man, including up to 107 wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure.

As the Project has a generating capacity in excess of 100MW, it is considered a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under section 15(3) of the Act. As such, an application must be made for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State to construct, operate and maintain and decommission the Project.

The DCO application will include full details of the Project and be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the Act and the 2017 Regulations. The requirements for applications to the Secretary of State for a DCO are set out in the Act, and subsequent guidance has been issued by the Government and the Planning Inspectorate. The relevant information can be found here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

Statutory consultation

Morgan is currently in the pre-application phase of the DCO application process. As part of that process, the Project is required to carry out consultation on the proposed DCO application before it is submitted. As such, between **19 April to 4 June 2023** the Project is consulting on its proposals, including with those prescribed under section 42 of the Act.

We have either identified you as a prescribed consultee under section 42 of the Act and/or Regulation 11 of the 2017 Regulations, or we have determined that it is appropriate to consult you on our proposals.

In addition, section 48 of the Act and regulation 11 of the 2017 Regulations require Morgan to publicise its proposed DCO application. A formal notice publicising the proposed application is available to view [here](#).

We have published a number of documents as a part of this consultation, all of which can be accessed via our website www.morecambeandmorgan.com/morgan. This includes:

- The **Preliminary Environmental Information Report**, which sets out the current environmental baseline, the Project's potential benefits and impacts, and our proposals to mitigate potential adverse effects. This will include a **Non-Technical Summary (NTS)**.
- Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO).
- Plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project.

All consultation materials will be available at the aforementioned website from 19 April 2023. If you would like a paper copy of any document that has been published as part of this consultation, please let us know, using the contacts details given below. As per the section 48 notice, a cost may be associated with larger requests to cover printing and postage. Alternatively, if you would like a USB containing the documents, please let us know and we will send one free of charge.

This letter and its contents form part of the consultation process required by the Act and we would like your feedback on our proposals. Your comments are important in helping us refine our proposals. The deadline for submitting responses to the consultation is 23:59 on 4 June 2023.

A feedback form will be available on the project website and copies will be available at consultation events, reference locations, or can be provided on request from the community relations team, via the contact details given below.

There are several ways to submit feedback:

- **Completed hard copy feedback forms** to a Project representative
- **An interactive map** will be available on the Project website:
www.morecambeandmorgan.com/morgan
- **By email** to info@morganoffshorewind.com
- **In writing to FREEPOST MORGAN**
(please be advised it is not possible to send registered post to a freepost address)

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in the proposed Project.

Morgan welcomes further engagement with you on any other matters related to the Project that interest you outside of this consultation. The planning process expects developers and consultees to work together to resolve as many issues as possible before an application is submitted. This consultation and our wider engagement are key parts of this process, and we hope that you will use this opportunity to engage with us. Any consultation responses will be considered by us as the Project develops and refines its proposals and will be reported in the Consultation Report which will accompany the DCO application.

If you have any questions about this the project, consultation or information published, please contact us using the details below.

Kind regards,



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