



Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets

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Introduction

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are two new proposed offshore wind farms being developed in the Irish Sea. The two projects are collaborating to connect the offshore wind farms to the national grid, and combined will generate almost 2 gigawatts (GW) of electricity.

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, a joint venture between bp and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW), is developing the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited, a joint venture between Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios, S.A. (Cobra) and Flotation Energy Limited, is developing the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

This brochure sets out information relating to the proposals for the **Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets** project (also known as the 'Transmission Assets').

We are seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders on the elements of this project which include:

- The landfall area, the area where offshore export cables are brought ashore and are connected to the onshore export cables
- The indicative onshore export cable corridor and associated temporary and permanent areas (including the onshore export cable corridor / grid connection area)
- The indicative search areas for onshore substation locations, within which the proposed permanent and temporary areas for the substations are expected to be sited.

Please note that statutory consultations are currently taking place for **Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets**, the **Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets**, and the **Mona Offshore Wind Project**:

- Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ morgan
- 2. Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ morecambe
- 3. Mona Offshore Wind Project: www.morganandmona.com

This brochure relates to **Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets** project and all consultation responses provided via the corresponding feedback form should relate to this project **only**.

About us

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are working together on the proposals for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project, to connect both wind farms to the national grid.

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, a joint venture between bp and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW), is developing the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

About bp

bp's purpose is to reimagine energy for people and our planet. bp has set out an ambition to be a net zero company by 2050, or sooner, and help the world get to net zero.

This strategy will see bp transform from an international oil company producing resources – to an integrated energy company providing solutions to customers.

bp already has a significant onshore wind business in the US with a gross generating capacity of 1.7GW, operating nine wind assets across the country as well as a 5.2GW net offshore pipeline.

About EnBW

Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW) is one of the largest energy supply companies in Germany and Europe, with a workforce of 27,000 employees supplying energy to around 5.5 million customers. Installed renewable energy capacity will account for 50 percent of EnBW's generating portfolio by the end of 2025. EnBW was among the pioneers in offshore wind power with its Baltic 1 wind farm in the Baltic Sea. EnBW has developed, constructed and operates four offshore wind farms in Germany with a total installed capacity of 945MW. Another 960MW from the offshore wind farm He Dreiht are currently under development; the final investment decision in March 2023 cleared the way for the start of construction.

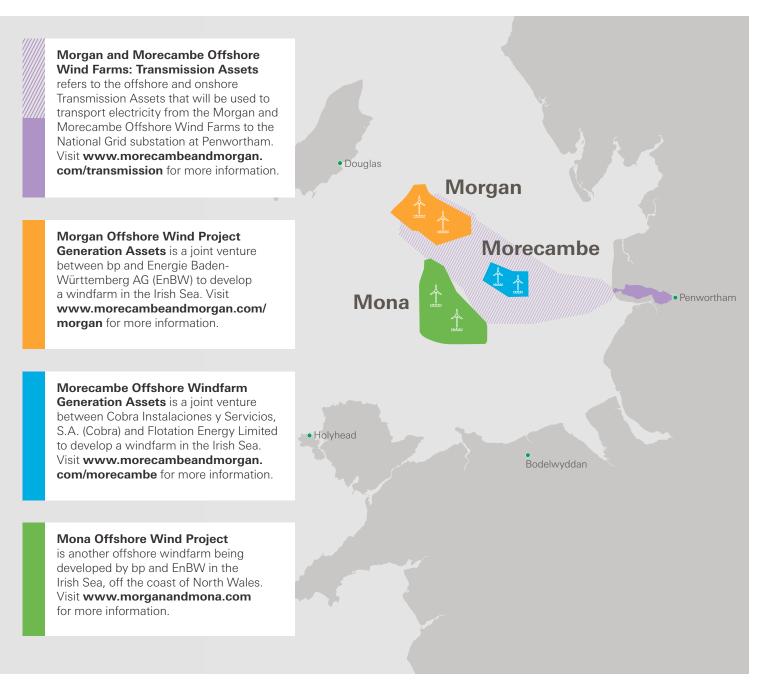
Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited, a joint venture between Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios, S.A. (Cobra) and Flotation Energy Limited, is developing the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

About Cobra

Cobra is a world leader in the development, construction and management of industrial infrastructure and energy projects, with more than 75 years of experience.

About Flotation Energy

Flotation Energy is a UK-based offshore wind development company which has a growing project pipeline of offshore wind projects. The expertise of the Flotation Energy team lies in the project management and engineering of large infrastructure projects.



These are all separate projects in their own right and separate consent applications are being progressed for each.

Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets is the focus of this brochure and this consultation. All consultation responses sent via the feedback form in line with the methods set out in this brochure (see page 19) should relate to this project only.

If you would like to provide feedback on any of the other projects, please refer to the consultation materials relating to each individual project (see weblinks provided on the map).

A coordinated approach

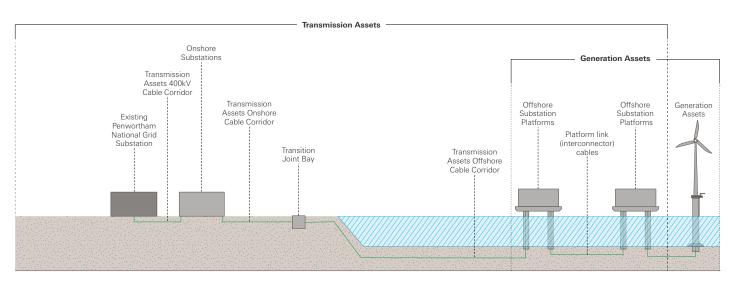
Both the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm were scoped into the Pathway to 2030 workstream of the UK Government Offshore Transmission Network Review.

As part of this review, National Grid assessed options to improve the coordination of offshore wind farm connections and associated transmission networks. In July 2022, the UK Government published the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design Report which set out the approach to connecting 50GW of offshore wind to the UK national grid.

The output of this process concluded that Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm should work collaboratively in connecting the wind farms to the National Grid substation at Penwortham in Lancashire. The developers were involved in this process and agree with this output. Therefore, both projects intend to submit a single application for development consent for the:

- Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, alongside their separate applications for
- Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets and
- Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets.

The collaboration between the projects will provide a consistent approach to environmental assessments and mitigation processes. This will also give a robust consideration of cumulative impacts, as well as providing a more streamlined process for all stakeholders.



This indicative diagram illustrates which part of the projects are classified as Generation Assets (Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and Morgan Offshore Wind Project) and which parts are classified as Transmission Assets (Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets).

The Development Consent Order (DCO) process

The Government classifies major energy projects as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). Consent to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission is given in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets are each considered to be NSIPs in their own right and will be the subject of separate applications for development consent.

In October 2022, the Secretary of State at the time (the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) issued a direction under Section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets should be treated as a development for which development consent is required.

Therefore, a third application for development consent is proposed to be submitted for both projects' joint Transmission Assets.

For each NSIP an application for development consent must be submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate and a decision made by the relevant Secretary of State; in this case the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

This is our second non-statutory consultation on the latest proposals for the Transmission Assets. This brochure provides an overview of the work we have carried out following the feedback we received during our first consultation in 2022. For this consultation, we are encouraging feedback on the work we have undertaken so far. We expect to submit our final application in 2024. This will include:

- A consultation report which will set out how feedback from all our consultations has shaped the design of the proposed development. It will include a summary of consultation responses, including how feedback has been considered and how it may be used.
- An Environmental Statement setting out the environmental effects of the project and how we could look to mitigate them.

The DCO application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

If the DCO application is accepted, a pre-examination stage will begin, with opportunities for local community members to register as an interested party on the Planning Inspectorate's website and request to take part in the examination process.

The Planning Inspectorate will then examine the DCO application, with input from interested parties and statutory consultees.

The examination period is expected to take a maximum of six months. Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will present its recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will then make the final decision on whether the DCO should be granted. We anticipate for a final decision to be made on our application in 2025.

About this consultation

To connect the Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms to the national grid, we are proposing to build a range of electrical infrastructure including export cables and new substations. Our assessment work to determine the locations for these assets is ongoing.

As part of this process, we have identified indicative search areas within which we expect the proposed substations to be located. We have also identified an indicative onshore export cable corridor, within which we expect the proposed onshore export cable route to be located. This will connect the Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms to the proposed new substations, and onward to the National Grid substation at Penwortham. So far, we have refined our proposals for the indicative onshore export cable corridor, to include temporary compound areas and temporary access tracks.

We have analysed the feedback received from our previous consultation alongside the outputs from a range of engineering and environmental assessments to better understand the area, and the potential impacts associated with the **Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets**. For more information see page 9.

This second round of non-statutory consultation on the Transmission Assets invites your feedback on the indicative substation search areas and the indicative onshore export cable corridor (and associated temporary working areas).

Once the consultation has closed, we will consider the feedback in relation to the proposals, and alongside our ongoing environmental assessments and technical studies this will help us refine our proposals further. These proposals will then be the subject of a statutory consultation anticipated to take place later on this year.

How to respond

You can share any feedback you may have by using one of the following methods:



Online consultation feedback map: Visit www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission to see a map of our proposals that allows you to zoom in, pinpoint specific locations and provide feedback.



Online feedback form: Visit www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission to complete an online version of our feedback form.



Paper copy feedback form: Pick up a paper feedback form at one of our in-person consultation events or one of the deposit locations listed on our website. Return it at one of our events or pop it in an envelope marked FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN and put it in your local post box. There is no need to use a stamp.



Send an email to: info@morecambeandmorgan.com



Write to us at: FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN

How our proposals have developed

The Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms will bring positive long-term environmental benefits by providing renewable energy to the equivalent of **two million homes**. We understand, however, that any major infrastructure development can create short-term impacts and it is important that these are identified, managed, minimised and, where possible, avoided.

In October 2022, we published a Scoping Report which set out what we understood at the time to be the Project's likely effects on the environment and how we would assess them. Our Scoping Report was followed by the Secretary of State's Scoping Opinion, which was provided in December 2022.

Our Scoping Report is available to read on www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission. The Scoping Opinion is available to read on the Planning Inspectorate's website: https://infrastructure. planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/ north-west/morgan-and-morecambeoffshore-wind-farms-transmissionassets/. Since receipt of the Scoping Opinion, we have started a range of environmental assessments to better understand the area we may work in and the potential impacts associated with the **Transmission Assets**. We are also engaging with the relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders as we continue to understand potential impacts and to help us to refine and develop our proposals.

Why we need offshore wind

The Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms can play a role in the energy transition by delivering a significant volume of offshore wind. This can support the UK Government's Net Zero by 2050 target and commitment to deliver up to 50GW of offshore wind by 2030.

The UK is a world leader in offshore wind and the seas around Britain are ideal for harnessing wind power. We're aiming for our project to be operational by 2030, leading the way in decarbonising the UK.

The projects will also play a key role in the energy transition.

- Generating low carbon electricity from an offshore wind farm in support of the decarbonisation of the UK electricity supply
- Optimising generation capacity within the constraints of available sites and grid infrastructure
- Contribute to achieving the aims of the UK's Energy Security Strategy.

The projects will also:

- Co-exist and collaborate with the other activities, developers and operators to enable the balance of different users
- Contribute to the local, regional and national economy by providing substantial investment, as well as employment and new infrastructure during all phases of the project

- Continue to drive down technology and development costs to provide lowcost energy to consumers and provide community benefits
- Align with the key drivers in current and planned updates to national policy.

The UK currently generates around 13GW of its power from offshore wind, which is more than any other country in the world. It plays an increasingly important role in our energy mix. For example, for a period on 29 January 2022 offshore wind was providing 66% of our total energy output. But we need to go a lot further. For the UK to achieve it's climate goals, we need to quadruple our offshore wind generation, to reach the UK's target of deploying 50GW of offshore wind by 2030.

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Connecting the Morgan and Morecambe projects to the substations

Electricity generated from offshore wind farms is transported to the existing national electricity transmission network – which is usually called the national grid – using export cables.

When offshore, these export cables typically run under the seabed wherever possible and once onshore they are usually buried underground.

The point where the offshore export cables and the onshore export cables meet is called the landfall point.

Next, there needs to be a connection to the national grid. Above ground infrastructure in the form of onshore substations is required to allow the energy to feed into the grid.

The power that the Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms will generate will go directly into the national grid; the large 'pot' of energy is then distributed to our homes and businesses across the UK.



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The Transmission Assets – Our proposals

The Onshore Transmission Assets Scoping Boundary spans the area from project landfall, between Blackpool and Lytham St Annes, and the National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire.

We are seeking consent for:

- Shared offshore export cable corridors to landfall
- Shared onshore export cable corridors to two onshore substations
- Onward connection to the National Grid substation at Penwortham.

Offshore infrastructure associated with the Transmission Assets includes, but is not limited to, offshore export cables, offshore substation platform(s) and offshore booster station(s).

Because offshore wind farm developments and their Transmission Assets can be complex, many of the details of the project are not yet known. This includes:

- Any potential refinements to the proposed landfall area
- The exact location of the proposed new substations, and associated temporary and permanent areas.

The refined indicative onshore export cable corridor (including associated temporary areas) and the indicative search areas for the location of two new substations are the subject of this non-statutory consultation.

Indicative landfall and onshore export cable corridor

We are in the process of refining the route of the onshore export cable corridor which will connect the Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms from the project landfall area to the proposed new substation sites.

At the proposed project landfall point, the offshore export cables would be brought ashore before being connected to the onshore export cables. The exact methodology or methodologies are being developed and will be presented at future engagement. The indicative onshore export cable corridor is the area within which the onshore export cables would be located. The proposed corridor is located within the Onshore Transmission Assets Scoping Boundary, on which we sought feedback during our 2022 consultation.

Since then, we have been refining our proposals to produce the indicative onshore export cable corridor on which we are inviting your feedback in this non-statutory consultation. Your feedback will inform our site selection process.

The indicative onshore export cable corridor has a total width of approximately 120m some of which will be used temporarily for construction. Within this area, the permanent onshore export cable corridor of up to approximately 80m will be located. The temporary and permanent width of the onshore export cable corridor may vary slightly where constraints are encountered, such as complex railway crossings and larger horizontal directional drills (i.e. a trenchless drilling technique).

The final cable route is proposed to contain up to 18 export cables, buried in up to six separate circuits. Temporary access tracks, compound and laydown areas have preliminarily been identified to facilitate construction. Permanent access points for operation and maintenance purposes will also be required along the route. However, no permanent infrastructure is expected to be required for these.

As responsible developers, we are committed to designing cable routes with the best interests of communities in mind. We have used the feedback we received at our first consultation – and the results of our ongoing environmental and engineering studies, and discussions with landowners and those with an interest in the land – to refine the process and to determine the indicative onshore export cable corridor shown in this consultation.

Fast facts: Indicative onshore export cable corridor

The below information is based on current understanding and may be further refined ahead of our statutory consultation later in the year.

- Maximum indicative length of onshore export cable corridor – 35km
- Maximum number of underground export cables – 18
- Maximum number of cable trenches **6**
- Maximum indicative width of onshore export cable corridor (temporary) – 120m
- Maximum indicative width of onshore export cable corridor (permanent) – **80m**

We are inviting your feedback on the refined indicative onshore export cable corridor (and associated temporary areas), alongside the search areas within which we propose to locate our onshore substations. To see these areas on our map see pages 16-17.

Temporary compound areas

Temporary compounds and laydown areas would also be required to support construction works. Indicative locations for these are indicated on the map on pages 16-17. These would be accessed via temporary access tracks.

Indicative onshore substation search areas

To connect to the national grid via the point of interconnection (POI) we will need to construct two new onshore substations. These new substations are needed to transform the power generated by the offshore wind farms and to provide a connection to the grid.

This consultation shows four broad indicative substation search areas. These are being considered as part of the site selection process for two proposed new substations to connect the Morgan and Morecambe projects to the national grid. In our consultation materials, we are presenting information on these search areas, and seeking your feedback to inform our site selection process.

To maintain electrical independence, one substation will be required for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and one for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. We propose to site them within the broad indicative search areas. Please note, the two substations would not occupy the whole of each search area. They are currently anticipated to cover a maximum combined permanent footprint of approximately 280,000m². The maximum height of the main structure/buildings will be 25 metres. It is likely that screening for substations will be provided through landscaping and planting areas.

The site selection process aims to identify the most suitable locations for the substations, taking into account environmental and engineering constraints such as proximity to residential receptors, designated sites, flood risk and ground conditions. Local and community knowledge and considerations form part of these and are integral to the site selection process. Four search areas are being considered, all within the Onshore Transmission Assets Scoping Boundary. At each stage of the site selection process only the search areas which perform best against the range of criteria are taken forward to the next stage. We are now inviting your feedback on our indicative onshore substation search areas through this non-statutory consultation. To see these areas on our map see pages 16-17.

Indicative onshore export cable corridor / grid connection area

Onshore export cables will be required to connect from the landfall point to the two new substations and onwards to the POI at the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham. The indicative onshore export cable corridor / grid connection area represents the area within which the proposed onshore export cables will link the two new onshore substations to the POI at the National Grid substation.

The final section of export cable corridor/ grid connection area will be dependent on the confirmed substation sites. This may include a section of the onshore export cable corridor or the grid connection area. To see these areas on our map see page 16-17.

The point of interconnection

The Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms are expected to connect to the national grid via an existing substation at Penwortham. This is known as the point of interconnection (POI) and was identified through a site selection process undertaken by National Grid, who manage the electricity transmission network.

Fast facts: onshore substations

This information is based on current understanding and may be further refined ahead of our statutory consultation later in the year.

- Number of proposed onshore substations –
 2
- Indicative maximum combined permanent footprint of substations – 280,000m²
- Maximum height of main structure/ buildings – 25m

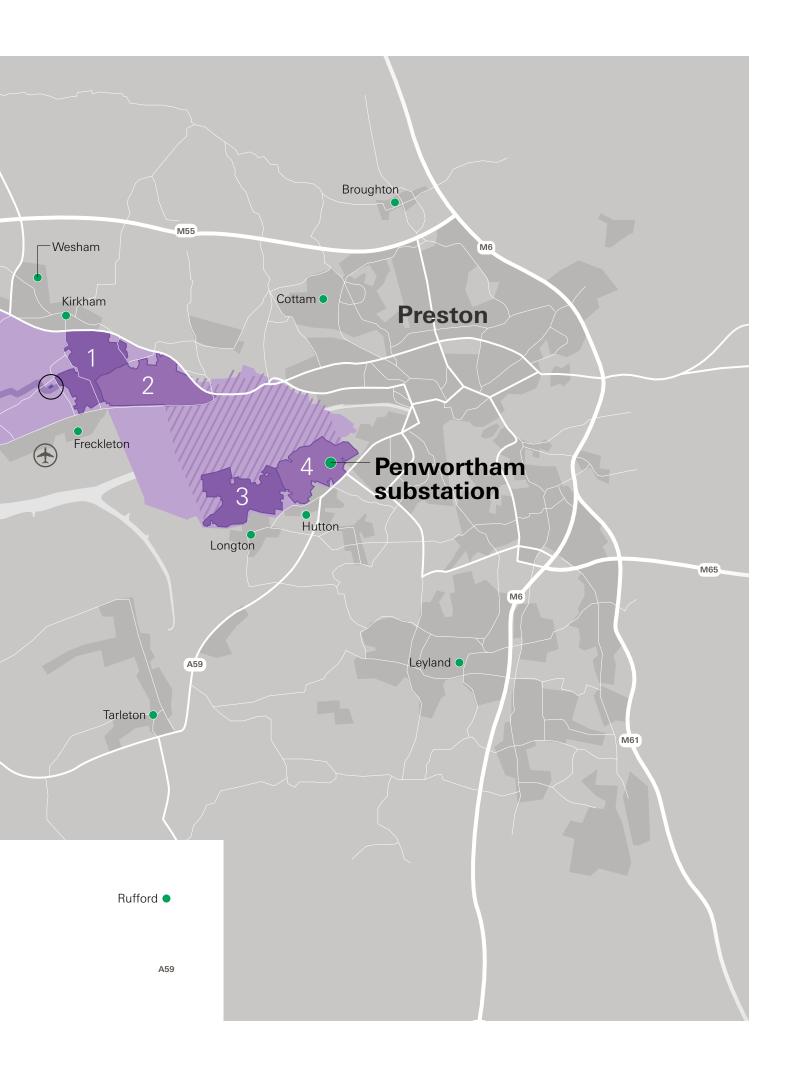
Where are the indicative onshore substation search areas?

We are asking for your feedback on the four indicative onshore substation search areas as part of this consultation:

- Indicative onshore substation search area 1 is an area south east of Kirkham, north east of Freckleton and west of Newton-with-Scales. It does not include Hall Cross or Kirkham Prison.
- Indicative onshore substation search area 2 is an area south of Newton-with-Scales bordered by the Preston New Road (A584) and the Blackpool Road (A583) to the north east. It does not include Newton Bluecoat Primary School.
- Indicative onshore substation search area 3 is an area south of the River Ribble, north of Longton and west of Hutton. It does not include Hutton and Longton Marshes.
- Indicative onshore substation search area 4 is an area south of the River Ribble, north of Hutton and east of Howick Cross and Penwortham. It includes the existing National Grid substation near Penwortham.







Supporting the local, regional and national economy

As well as playing a key role in the energy transition, our projects will also support the local, regional and national economy in a number of ways:

Supply chain

We know that offshore wind projects bring benefits to their local communities and we believe it's incredibly important the local supply chain contributes to this project too.

Using the information on our project websites, local companies can pair their skills with the projects' needs. The portals provide access for companies of all sizes to register their interest for future work.

These projects encourage UK-based suppliers, particularly those with local connections to register their interest.

We have portals open for Morgan and Morecambe respectively:

- www.enbw-bp.com/suppliers
- www.morecambeoffshorewind. com/#supply

Ports and harbours

We are engaging with ports and harbours around the Irish Sea that could support construction activities and then eventually operations and maintenance for the wind farms.

Our proposals are still in the early stages, but we are continuing to explore possible options.

Jobs

We believe our proposals for Morgan and Morecambe projects will unlock economic benefits, both in terms of the jobs we will create and the supply chain opportunities.

As we develop our plans in more detail, the scale of this economic boost will become clearer. In the meantime, we will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders, including the local planning authorities, local enterprise partnerships and local communities to identify opportunities related to skills, employment and local content.

We will use this to develop plans spanning the construction and operational phases of the projects.



Have your say

Local people, including residents, local elected representatives and other stakeholders, have a really important role to play throughout this consultation. We need your views and knowledge as we work to develop our proposals in preparation for submitting our DCO application.

This second non-statutory round of consultation will run from **19 April to 4 June 2023**.

Printed materials

We want to make sure you have access to all the information you need about the Project. All materials associated with this consultation are available digitally on our project website: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission.

You can visit one of the reference locations (listed on our website) and pick up paper copies of our brochure and feedback form. Please note that opening times of reference locations may vary so please refer to the venues' websites before visiting.

However, if you would prefer to view project materials in printed form then please contact the project team by calling 0800 915 2493 (option 3) or emailing info@morecambeandmorgan.com

Take part and provide feedback
Use the project website: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission
Send an email: info@morecambeandmorgan.com
Write to us: FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN
Drop into one of our events:

discuss the project with us and pick up a printed feedback form to fill in. See page 20-21 for more information about events.



Ask any questions you might have: call 0800 915 2493 (option 3)

Consultation events

You can find out more about Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets at one of our consultation events. These events are a great way to learn more about our project, meet the project team and ask any questions you may have.

In-person consultation events are 'drop-in' events, meaning you can stop by at any point to learn more and speak to the team. Pop-up events are being held in areas of high footfall. These events are smaller in scale but still a great opportunity to speak to a member of the team and learn more.

Our online event will be held on Zoom and include a presentation from the project team, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Please scan the QR code or visit www.morecambeandmorgan.com/

transmission to register for our online event and find out more information about all of our planned consultation events. Please also check the website before attending an event in case it has been unexpectedly cancelled.



www.morecambe andmorgan.com/ transmission

Consultation events

These are drop-in events, meaning you can come along at any time between the hours stated below. There will be printed materials and members of the project team there for you to talk to and find out more.



Please check **www.morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission** before attending a consultation event in case of any unforeseen changes.

Location	Date	Time
Winter Gardens Blackpool	Weds	3pm to
97 Church Street, Blackpool FY1 1HL	10 May	7pm
Fylde Rugby Football Club Woodlands Memorial Ground, Blackpool Road, Lytham St Annes FY8 4EL	Fri 12 May	3pm to 7pm
Kingsfold Methodist Church	Sat	10am to
Hawksbury Drive, Kingsfold, Penwortham PR1 9EN	13 May	1pm
Ramsey Town Hall	Thurs	3pm to
Parliament Square, Ramsey, Isle of Man IM8 1RT	18 May	7pm
Douglas Borough Council Town Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM99 1AD	Fri 19 May	3pm to 7pm
Hutton Village Hall	Mon	3pm to
Moor Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SE	22 May	7pm
Royal Clifton Hotel Southport	Weds	4pm to
Promenade, Southport PR8 1RB	24 May	8pm

Pop-up events

These are smaller-scale events in areas of high footfall, but still a great way to meet the project team and ask any questions you may have.

Location	Date	Time
Barrow Park Leisure Centre	Thurs	10am to
Greengate Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA13 9DT	11 May	1pm
Affinity Outlet Shopping Lancashire	Tues	10am to
Anchorage Road, Fleetwood FY7 6AE	23 May	1pm
Preston Market	Weds	10am to
28 Market Street, Preston PR1 2AR	24 May	1pm
Waitrose & Partners Formby	Thurs	10am to
Three Tuns Lane, Formby, Liverpool L37 4AJ	25 May	1pm
JunctionONE Retail Park	Thurs	3pm to
Bidston Moss, Wallasey CH44 2HE	25 May	6pm

Our events will also have representatives present from **the Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets** projects. Please check our website to see which events will have representatives from these other projects in attendance.

Should you experience any issues while trying to register to attend our online consultation event, then please contact the project team by emailing **info@morecambeandmorgan.com** or calling **0800 915 2493 (option 3)**

Online event

If you can't make it along to an in-person event, from 19 April 2023 you can register to attend our online event by scanning the QR code below, or visiting **www.morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission**. This event will include a presentation by the project team and a question-and-answer session.

Location	Date	Time
Once you have registered to attend, you will receive an email confirmation with information about how to join this online event.	Tues 23 May	6pm



Next steps

The consultation closes at midnight on the 4 June 2023. Once the consultation has closed, we'll carefully consider all the responses received as we develop our proposals further. We will also continue developing the environmental impact assessments and design work to refine our proposals ahead of a statutory consultation later in 2023.

Comments we receive from future consultations will also be used to further refine and develop our proposals.

All the comments we receive during these consultations will be reviewed so the subjects raised – and our responses – can be included in our Consultation Report.

The report will form part of the applications for development consent. Applications for development consent are submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate and decisions are made by the relevant Secretary of State, in this case the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. We expect to submit our application in 2024. If our application is successful, we expect to begin construction in 2026/2027. We anticipate Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and Morgan Offshore Wind Project to be operational at some point in 2028 – 29.

There will be further opportunities for people to have their say on our proposals postapplication via a process led by the Planning Inspectorate. You can find out more about this process by visiting https://infrastructure. planninginspectorate.gov.uk/applicationprocess/.

Indicative timeline

(as of publication 2023)



Spring 2023

Second stage of consultation (non-statutory)

Later in 2023

Third stage of consultation (statutory)

• 2024 02/03 2024

Applications submitted for Development Consent Order (DCO) and other licences.

2025

Expected decision on the DCO by the Secretary of State

2026

Expected Final Investment Decision (FID)

2026/27

Start of construction

2028/29

Expected start – Commercial Operation Date (COD)

Please note that this is an indicative timeline and could be subject to change.

Contact us

If you'd like any more information or have any questions about the project, you can contact us:



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Find out more on our website www.morecambeandmorgan. com/transmission or use this QR code



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