

MORGAN OFFSHORE WIND LIMITED AND MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WINDFARM LTD SECTIONS 91 AND 92 PLANNING ACT 2008

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN020028

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

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING, ISSUE-SPECIFIC HEARINGS AND OPEN-FLOOR HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that, 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 Limited ("Morgan OWL") and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd ("Morecambe OWL"), (together, "the Applicants"), of Chertsey Road, Sunbury On Thames, UK, TW16 7BP and 12 Alva Street, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH2 4QG, respectively, for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") to be made under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application").

In October 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Project should be treated as a development for which development consent is required. The Application was therefore submitted by the Applicants pursuant to section 37 of the Act to the Secretary of State C/O the Planning Inspectorate on 21 October 2024. The Application was accepted for examination on 18 November 2024. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is EN020028.

The Project

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (hereafter, "the Project"), comprising two electrically separate transmission systems connecting two nationally significant infrastructure projects - the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets (together, the "Generation Assets"), in the east Irish Sea, approximately 30 kilometres from the northwest coast of England to the national grid, at Penwortham, Lancashire. Two separate development consent applications have been made in respect of the Generation Assets.

The Project comprises onshore and offshore infrastructure. The offshore elements of the Project are located in the east Irish Sea within English offshore waters (beyond 12 nm from the English coast) and inshore waters (within 12 nm from the English coast). The onshore elements of the Project are located within the local authority areas of Fylde Council, Blackpool Council, South Ribble Borough Council, Preston City Council and Lancashire County Council.

Maps showing the onshore and offshore locations of the offshore wind farms and associated infrastructure form part of the Application (examination library references APP-146 for the Location plan(s) (Onshore) and APP-147 for the Location plan(s) (Offshore)), which can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website under the documents tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020032/documents>

Hearings

The Examining Authority was appointed on 6 February 2025 to examine the Application, and the Examination will begin with the Preliminary Meeting. Details of the Preliminary Meeting and Hearings are as follows:

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
<p>Tuesday 29 April 2025</p>	<p>Preliminary Meeting (PM)</p> <p>Further details of the Preliminary Meeting and how to register can be found in the Rule 6 letter (see below).</p>	<p>Seating available at venue from: 09:00</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 09:15</p> <p>In person Registration Process from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 10:00</p>	<p>Royal Suite, Grand Hotel North Promenade Sea Front Blackpool FY1 2JQ</p>
<p>Tuesday 29 April 2025</p>	<p>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)</p>	<p>Seating available at venue from: 14:00</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 13:45</p> <p>Hearing starts: 14:30</p>	<p>and</p> <p>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</p>
<p>Wednesday 30 April 2025</p>	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)</p> <p>On site selection and alternatives, the scope of the proposed development and the applicants' assessments</p>	<p>Seating available at venue from: 09:00</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 09:30</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 1 May 2025</p>	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) (continued from 30 April 2025)</p> <p>On site selection and alternatives, the scope of the proposed development and the applicants' assessments</p>	<p>Seating available at venue from: 09:00</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 09:30</p>	
<p>Friday 2 May 2025</p>	<p>Compulsory acquisition hearing 1 (CAH1) on the applicants' strategic case for compulsory acquisition and temporary possession</p>	<p>Seating available at venue from: 09:00</p> <p>Virtual Registration Process from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 09:30 (Morning only – hearing to close by 13:00pm)</p>	

Hearing information

Details regarding attending and speaking at the hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 6 notification available here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN020032/EN020032-000808-Rule%206%20Letter%20and%20Annexes.pdf>

Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by the 11 April 2025 by completing the Event Participation Form here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mN94Wlhvq0iTIpmM5VcljZGAES1psLICgiWwmDsZNhhUMFFBQzBJUzZDRU9QQjFPSkVLRlJGVkNKtiQIQCN0PWcu>. A link is also provided on page A1 of the Rule 6 letter).

The hearings will also be held as virtual events using Microsoft Teams, 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 by completing the Event Participation Form detailed above.

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

If you require assistance with registering your attendance, please contact the Planning Inspectorate at morganandmorecambeowfta@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by calling 0303 444 5000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm).

Application form and accompanying documents

All of the DCO application documents, including the application form and all the plans and maps, can be freely viewed online for the full relevant representations period and throughout the examination period. They can be accessed via the Planning Inspectorate's website (<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/project-search>), by using the search tool to search for 'Transmission Assets', before choosing the 'Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets' from the list of search options.

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 Project on 0800 915 2493 (option 3) or email info@morecambeandmorgan.com.

The Applicants can provide any of the documents electronically on a USB memory stick (free of charge). To request a USB, please use the Projects' contact details at the bottom of this notice. Provision of hard copies of the full suite of application documents will be subject to a maximum charge of £10,000, plus VAT, to cover printing and delivery costs. For any bespoke document requests, please contact the Project using the contact details at the bottom of the notice to be advised on the costs

The documents will be available online, via the Planning Inspectorate's website link given above, throughout the examination period.

Further information about can be found on the project website: <https://morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission/> or by contacting the team at 0800 915 2493 (option 3) or email info@morecambeandmorgan.com.