

# Section 42: Statutory Consultation

**Our reference: Section 42 – Prescribed consultees**

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**Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets Statutory Consultation:**

Thursday 12 October 2023 to Thursday 23 November 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')**

We are writing to consult with you on the proposed application for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets ("the Project"), as you have been identified as a prescribed consultee for the Project.

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (the "Applicants"), are developing the Project, to connect the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to the national grid.

The Applicants are collaborating to connect the proposed offshore wind farms to the national grid via the Project. The two offshore wind farms are expected to form a key contribution to the UK's target of generating 50 gigawatts (GW) of power from offshore wind by 2030. Combined they will generate approximately 2 GW of energy.

In October 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under Section 35 of the Act that the Project should be treated as a development for which development consent is required. As a result, an application for development consent will be prepared in accordance with section 47 of the Act. The Applicants expect to make the application for development consent for the Project in 2024.

The Development Consent Order (DCO) application will include full details of the Project and will 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 UK Government and the Planning Inspectorate. The relevant information can be found here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

## **About the Project**

The Project will comprise both permanent and temporary infrastructure for the transmission of electricity from the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms and connection into the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire including, but not limited to:

- Offshore infrastructure including offshore export cables, offshore substation platform(s), interconnector cables and a Morgan offshore booster station.
- Landfall works (where the offshore cables reach the shore in the vicinity of Blackpool Airport) between Mean Low Water Springs and the transition joint bays including the offshore and onshore cables, intertidal working area and landfall construction compound(s), and temporary and permanent access.
- Onshore infrastructure from the transition joint bays to the electricity transmission network connection. This includes onshore export cables to two new substations, temporary construction

compounds, temporary and permanent access, and onward connections to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire.

- Areas for biodiversity net gain, enhancement and/ or mitigation, including permanent access for operation and maintenance of those areas.

### **Statutory consultation**

The Project is currently in the pre-application stage of the DCO application process. As part of that process, the Project is required to carry out a statutory consultation on our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) before our application is submitted. As such, the Project is consulting on its proposals between **12 October 2023 and 23 November 2023**, including with those consultees 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 the Applicants to publicise its proposed DCO application. A copy of the section 48 notice is attached to this letter.

### **Consultation materials**

The Applicant has published the following consultation materials to support this consultation (“the consultation materials”):

- **Statutory Consultation Brochure**, which outlines the Project’s proposals, consultation activities and summarises the PEIR;
- **Statutory Consultation Feedback Form**, which provides a structured method for consultees to provide their feedback;

### **Other consultation information**

The Applicant has also published other consultation information including the following:

- **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**, which sets out the current environmental baseline, assesses the potential environmental impacts of and to the project, and proposes mitigations for potential likely significant effects;
- **PEIR Non-Technical Summary**, which summarises key points from the PEIR;
- **Draft Development Consent Order**;
- **Draft Work Plans**, and plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project;
- **Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”)**, which sets out how the Applicants will consult local communities during the statutory consultation;
- **Statutory Consultation Poster**, which explains how people can take part in the consultation, attend an event and provide feedback;
- **Consultation newsletter**, a newsletter which summarises key information about the Project;
- A copy of the notice published in accordance with **section 48** of the PA 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)

The consultation materials, Preliminary Environmental Information Report and other consultation information can also be accessed via the Consultation Hub on the Project website at:

<https://morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission/>.

All consultation materials will be available on the Project website from Thursday 12 October until Thursday 23 November 2023. If you would like a paper copy of the consultation materials, or any other document that

has been published in connection with the consultation, please let us know, using the contact details given below. In accordance with this notice, costs starting from £0.28p per page 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. For any queries relating to accessing documents, plans and maps please email [info@morecambeandmorgan.com](mailto:info@morecambeandmorgan.com) or call 0800 915 2493 (option 3).

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

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

### **Taking part in this consultation**

There are several ways to submit feedback:

- Giving **completed hard copy feedback forms** to a Project representative
- **An interactive map** will be available on the Project website:  
[www.morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission](http://www.morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission)
- **By email to** [info@morecambeandmorgan.com](mailto:info@morecambeandmorgan.com)
- **In writing to** FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND 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 Project.

Any comments and representations received will be reviewed and considered by the Applicants and any appointed agent of the Applicant. Copies of comments and representations will be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate, and other relevant statutory authorities as part of a Consultation Report to be submitted with the Application and will therefore be made publicly available.

If you have any questions about the Project, this consultation or information published, please email [info@morecambeandmorgan.com](mailto:info@morecambeandmorgan.com) or call 0800 915 2493 (option 3).

Kind regards,

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