

Hearing Transcript

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Hearing:	Recording of Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5)
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And issue specific hearing five is now open. Can I confirm that everybody in the room can clearly hear me? Getting nods of yes.

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Can I also check with the case team? The live streaming and the recording have commenced.

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Thank you. I'd like to welcome everybody to issues specific hearing relating to environmental, environmental and DCO matters for the application for development consent concerning the proposed five estuaries offshore wind farm. My name is Graham Gould. I'm a chartered town planner and an examining inspector with the Planning Inspectorate. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to be the lead panel member, comprising the examining authority that will be examining this application.

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I'd now ask my colleagues to introduce themselves, please. Starting with Mrs. Norman.

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Good morning. My name is Rebecca Norman. I'm a chartered town planner and an examining inspector. I've been appointed as a panel member of the Examining Authority.

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Good morning. My name is Felicity Weber. I am a chartered town planner and an examining examining inspector. I have been appointed as a panel member of the Executive Examination Authority.

00:01:34:00 - 00:01:45:20

Good morning. My name is Mark Harrison. I am a chartered town planner and examining inspector. I have also been appointed as a panel member of the Examining Authority.

00:01:47:26 - 00:01:56:17

Good morning. My name is Matthew Herron. I am a chartered town planner and an examining inspector, and I've also been appointed as a panel member of this examining authority.

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The examining authority's role is to examine the application and then to report to the Secretary of State for Energy Security, net zero, with a recommendation as to whether or not a development should be made.

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At this point, I'd also like to introduce the other member of the planning Inspectorate's case team who is supporting us today. You may already have spoken to Mr. Johanson, who is the case manager for this project. In addition, in the room we have with us technicians from the audiovisual companies CVS international, who have been contracted by the applicant to provide support.

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Before proceeding any further with this hearing. Can I clarify whether either Mrs. Roscoe and or a representative of the Auld and or Association are in attendance? Obviously not in the room, but perhaps online.

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Not seeing any indications of anybody, either Mrs. Roscoe or the Association being present.

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Uh, this this hearing is.

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Right. Uh, issue specific hearing five was arranged because following the submission, the application of a change request by the applicant.

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And, um, under regulation 14 of the Infrastructure and Planning Commission Compulsory Acquisition Regulations 2010, the examining authority was required. In fact, the wording is must hold an issue specific hearing so that new um interested parties in effect had the opportunity to raise matters that had been discussed at earlier hearings, i.e. issue specific hearings 1 to 4.

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Having opened this hearing, the examining authority has fulfilled its requirement in terms of meeting the requirements of regulation 14 two and with neither Mrs. Roscoe nor a representative of the old and or association present. I now propose to close issue specific hearing five. But before I do that, does anyone present have any questions of the examining authority looking at the applicants team?

00:04:44:07 - 00:05:08:14

Thank you. You're not seeing any indications from anybody that's online. Therefore, we shall move to close this hearing. I thank you for your attendance and would remind everybody that issue specific hearing six, which will consider environmental matters arising out of this application, will commence at 130 this afternoon. Thank you.