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All interested parties, statutory parties
and any other person invited to the
preliminary meeting

Case Ref: EN010119
Date: 7 March 2025

Dear Recipient

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 16

Application by North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (EN010119)

Notification of accompanied site inspection

We write to advise you that an accompanied site inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied site inspection (ASI)	Tuesday 1 April 2025	9:30am	Wivenhoe House Hotel Wivenhoe Park. Park Road Colchester CO4 3FA

The Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Registration

Please register to join the ASI by **14 March 2025** using the [event participation form](#). You must include a phone number so we may contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice. Please let us know if you have any accessibility needs.

Attending the ASI

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the applicant, local authorities and statutory parties. In the case of a large number of attendees any interested parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the case team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the applicant will provide a vest for use during the ASI.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments and rest breaks

Breaks will be scheduled where possible. Refreshments will not be provided.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Further information about site inspections can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: [The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#).

The applicant provided a [proposed itinerary](#) at Deadline 2 on 4 March 2025. The final itinerary for the ASI will be published by the ExA on the [project webpage](#) at least one week prior to the event.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the case team on the details above.

Yours faithfully

Wendy McKay

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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