



To:
Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited
Spirit Energy

Our Ref: EN010121

Date: 31 October 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Project: Generation Assets (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 23 April 2025, the Examining Authority (“ExA”) submitted its Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 23 July 2025. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008 (“PA 2008”), the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application. A Written Ministerial Statement was laid on 13 October 2025 extending the statutory deadline for the decision on the Morecambe Offshore Wind Farm Generation Assets to 18 December 2025.
2. The Secretary of State requests that the **Applicant** and **Spirit Energy** provide information as set out below.

Commercial agreements and Protective Provisions

3. The Secretary of State notes the updates provided by the **Applicant** and **Spirit Energy** in their submissions of 17 October 2025, which confirmed that Spirit Energy was reviewing draft protective provisions provided by the Applicant, with final drafting not yet agreed. The Applicant provided updated drafts and indicated that Protective Provisions and a commercial agreement could potentially be concluded and submitted to the Secretary of State by Friday 31 October. The Secretary of State welcomes the parties’ commitment to working together in good faith to reach an agreement, but expects both parties to use their best endeavours to reach a mutually acceptable resolution on this matter without delay.

4. The **Applicant** and **Spirit Energy** are now requested to provide a final update on this matter. Please confirm whether agreement has been reached in respect of the form of protective provisions for the protection of Spirit Energy's interests which can be included in a final development consent order, if it should be made.
5. If it has not yet been possible to agree the final form of Protective Provisions in their entirety, the **Applicant** and **Spirit Energy** are invited to provide an update on where agreement has been reached on specific areas of disagreement which remained outstanding at the conclusion of the Examination. It is the Secretary of State's expectation that the parties should continue to endeavour to reach agreement on as many points of difference as possible, and provide updates accordingly.

Deadline for response

6. Responses should be submitted by email only to MorecambeOffshoreWindProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **23:59 on 13 November 2025**.
7. Responses will be published on the Morecambe Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after 13 November 2025:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/morecambe-offshore-windfarm/>
8. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project.
9. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

John Wheadon
Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning & Innovation
On behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero