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## Glossary of Acronyms

AfL	Agreement for Lease
CCUS	Carbon Capture Usage and Storage
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ExA	Examining Authority
HE	Historic England
HRA	Habitat Regulations Assessment
IFP	Instrument Flight Procedures
IoMSPC	Isle of Man Steam Packet Company
IoMTSC	Isle of Man Government Territorial Sea Committee
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
NATS	National Air Traffic Services
NE	Natural England
NFFO	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
OSP	Offshore Substation Platform
PAD	Principal Areas of Disagreement
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PINS	Planning Inspectorate
PLC	Public Limited Company
RAF	Royal Air Force
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RR	Relevant Representation
REWS	Radar Early Warning Systems
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
TBC	To Be Confirmed
TH	Trinity House
UK	United Kingdom
WoDS	West of Duddon Sands
WR	Written Representation
WTG	Wind Turbine Generator
WFA-CPC	Welsh Fishermen's Association - Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru (WFA-CPC)

## Glossary of Units

km	kilometre
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometre
MW	Megawatt

## Glossary of Terminology

Agreement for Lease (AfL)	Agreements under which seabed rights are awarded following the completion of The Crown Estate tender process.
Applicant	Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd
Generation Assets (the Project)	Generation assets associated with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. This is infrastructure in connection with electricity production, namely the fixed foundation wind turbine generators (WTGs), inter-array cables, offshore substation platform(s) (OSP(s)) and possible platform link cables to connect OSP(s).
Inter-array cables	Cables which link the WTGs to each other and the OSP(s).
Wind turbine generator (WTG)	A fixed structure located within the windfarm site that converts the kinetic energy of wind into electrical energy.
Windfarm site	The area within which the WTGs, inter-array cables, OSP(s) and platform link cables would be present.



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# 1 Introduction

1. This document has been prepared to support a Development Consent Order (DCO) application by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (hereafter ‘the Applicant’) for Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets (‘the Project’).
2. On 23 September 2024, the Examining Authority (ExA) published the Rule 6 Letter in relation to the Examination of the application by the Applicant for the Project.
3. The Rule 6 letter sets out a requirement for submission of a Pre-examination Progress Tracker, Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and a Statement of Commonality (or as combined with the Progress Tracker) in the draft examination timetable. This Progress Tracker and Statement of Commonality therefore reports on what the Applicant considers are the principal and other notable issues in the Examination, in addition to capturing the commonality between the Applicant and each party with whom the ExA has requested a SoCG.
4. SoCGs are being prepared between the Applicant and other parties to set out areas where there is agreement, areas of disagreement, and areas which remain under discussion in relation to the DCO application.
5. The Applicant understands it would be helpful and reduce duplication if the Statement of Commonality could be combined with the Examination Progress Tracker at the earliest opportunity (noting that the Rule 6 does not ask for a Statement of Commonality until Deadline 2). This document therefore presents the Examination Progress Tracker together with progress on SoCGs.
6. The Examination Progress Tracker and Statement of Commonality is intended to be a live document and the tables will be updated throughout the Examination. The first submission was at Procedural Deadline A (15 October 2024), and an update was submitted at Examination Deadline 1 (26 November 2024) and 2 (12 December 2024). It has been updated again at Examination Deadline 3 – this document (22 January 2025). A mid-Examination Progress Tracker and Statement of Commonality will be submitted at Deadline 4 (18 February 2025) and the Close of Examination Progress Tracker (and Final Statement of Commonality will be submitted at Deadline 6 (15 April 2025). Submission deadlines are defined in the Rule 8 letter (PD-010).

# 2 Overview of the Project

7. The Morecambe Offshore Windfarm is a proposed offshore windfarm located in the Eastern Irish Sea, which when fully operational, would have an anticipated nominal capacity of 480 Megawatts (MW) and would have the



potential to generate renewable power for over 500,000 homes in the United Kingdom (UK).

8. The windfarm was one of six projects selected by The Crown Estate in its Offshore Wind Leasing Round 4 in 2021. The Agreement for Lease (AfL) for the windfarm was received in 2023.
9. The AfL comprises an area of up to 125km<sup>2</sup> and reflects the windfarm site assessed in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). Following design development, surveys, assessments and consultation on the PEIR, the proposed windfarm site development area has been reduced to approximately 87km<sup>2</sup>.
10. The Project relates to the Generation Assets of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm (including wind turbine generators (WTGs), inter-array cables, offshore substation platforms (OSP(s)), and possible platform link cables to connect the OSP(s)).
11. The key Project components briefly comprise:
  - Up to 35 WTGs and their associated foundations
  - Up to two OSPs and their associated foundations and platform link cables
  - Inter-array cables
  - Scour protection around foundations and subsea cable protection, where required
12. A separate consent for the Transmission Assets associated with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and the Morgan Offshore Wind Project (another proposed windfarm to be located in the Irish Sea) is being sought.

### 3 Methodology

13. This Examination Progress Tracker has been prepared in response to the ExA's Rule 6 letter (PD-007) requesting an Examination Progress Tracker. It has been presented in the form of a table, reporting on what the ExA (in the Rule 6 letter, Appendix C) considers are the principal and other notable issues in the Examination.
14. **Table 4.1** sets out the principal issues, logs the Interested Parties that have raised them, summarises the concern(s)/objection(s) and the progress being made towards resolution.
15. The Examination Progress Tracker combines the Statement of Commonality as suggested by the ExA. The table sets out where a SoCG is being progressed and its status in **Table 5.1**. For full details of the items under

discussion with each stakeholder, please refer to the relevant SoCG (once available).

16. For ease of reference, the table uses a 'traffic-light' system to guide the reader to the likelihood of resolving the issues as shown in **Table 3.1**.

*Table 3.1 Position definitions and colour coding*

Position Colour	Definition
Agreed	<b>Agreed</b> The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.
Not Agreed – no material impact	<b>Not Agreed – no material impact</b> The matter is not agreed between the parties; however, the outcome of the approach taken by either the Applicant or other parties is not considered to result in a material impact to the assessment conclusions.
Not Agreed – material impact	<b>Not Agreed – material impact</b> The matter is not agreed between the parties and the outcome of the approach taken by either the Applicant or other parties is considered to result in a materially different impact to the assessment conclusions.
In Discussion	<b>In Discussion</b> The matter is neither 'agreed' or 'not agreed' and is a matter where further discussion is required between parties, for example, final wording of DCO conditions or where further information sharing/clarification is required.

17. The summary of the issues and the assessment of likely progress are based upon the Relevant Representations (RRs) that have been submitted. They also reflect the ongoing discussions between the Applicant and other stakeholders.

## 4 Examination Progress Tracker

Table 4.1 Examination Progress Tracker

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
<b>1. Aviation and Radar</b>				
Effects on safety and operations of civil and military aviation including search and rescue	Assessment of effects to civil or military aviation and proposed mitigation	BAE Systems Marine Limited	The Applicant will look to progress this issue and mitigation with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Provision is made within the draft DCO for the required mitigation. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. The Applicant has submitted a response to their Written Representation (WR) at Deadline 2. Detailed discussions on proposed mitigation solutions are now underway .	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		Defence Infrastructure Organisation DIO are liaising with BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd in regard to Warton Aerodrome	The Applicant will look to progress this issue and mitigation with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Provision is made within the draft DCO for the required mitigation. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> It is noted a joined SoCG between the DIO and BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd is being progressed (for Warton Aerodrome) in addition to a separate SoCG with the DIO for other matters.

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			development. Discussions are ongoing.	
		Blackpool Airport Ltd	<p>Provision is made within the draft DCO for the required IFP amendments and a draft statement of intent between parties has been progressed to support the development of the SoCG.</p> <p>The Applicant will look to progress this issue and mitigation with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been undertaken in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Effects on access to, and the operations of and oil and gas development.	Spirit Energy	<p>The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. A meeting has been held in response to their submitted RR. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2 and response to outstanding items at Deadline 3. Discussions are ongoing directly and via each parties' legal teams.</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/Harbour Energy plc	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Effects on access to, and the operations of, existing offshore infrastructure including operational offshore wind farms - Assessment of effects to civil or military aviation and proposed mitigation	Other wind operators who have made RRs: Burbo Extension Ltd and Walney Extension Limited	The Applicant will look to progress issues with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Engagement via email was initiated in response to their submitted RR, and a meeting subsequently held. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Effects to radar, including Primary Surveillance Systems, at Lowther Hill, St Annes, Great Dun Fell, Warton Aerodromes	Assessment and mitigation of effects on air traffic radars at Lowther Hill, St Annes and Great Dun Fell	NATS (En Route) plc	Provision is made within the draft DCO for the required radar mitigation. The contracts in relation to mitigation are being discussed by each parties' legal teams.  The Applicant will look to progress this issue and mitigation with relevant	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	
	Assessment and mitigation of effects on air traffic radars at Warton Aerodrome	Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) DIO are liaising with BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Provision is made within the draft DCO for the required mitigation. Four meetings have been held in response to their RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> (noting a SoCG would be progressed joined with the DIO).
	Assessment and mitigation of effects on air traffic radars at Ronaldsway Airport	Isle of Man Government Territorial Sea Committee (IoM TSC)	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG with IoM TSC (with no separate SoCG with Ronaldsway Airport required) – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
<b>2. Biodiversity and Ecology</b>				
Benthic ecology and marine physical	Matters relating to benthic ecology,	IoM TSC	The Applicant considers matters are agreed.	Matters confirmed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
processes, including dredging and contamination	offshore habitats and species and physical processes	Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)	No specific comments from JNCC have been provided <sup>1</sup> . The Applicant has been informed by Natural England (NE) that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and Principal Areas of Disagreement (PAD). NE have stated that they will be representing the views of JNCC (RR-061) and these will be incorporated into the NE issues tracker and PAD.	Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE. No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and JNCC.
		Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	The Applicant will seek to confirm matters are agreed following responses provided to their RR. Four meetings have been held post-application to discuss the draft SoCG. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Natural England's remit extends to the territorial sea adjacent to England, up to the 12 nautical mile limit from the coastline. The Examining Authority should note that pursuant to an authorisation made by the JNCC under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England is authorised to exercise the JNCC's functions as a statutory consultee in respect of applications for offshore renewable energy installations in offshore waters (0-200nm) adjacent to England.

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		NE	<p>The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs (and four meetings have taken place) and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues.</p> <p>The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD, noting that NE highlight matters will not be resolved until updates are made in the appropriate documentation.</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.</p>
Fish and shellfish ecology	Matters relating to fish and shellfish ecology including assessment of effects, cumulative impacts and mitigations proposed	IoM TSC	The Applicant considers matters are agreed.	Matters confirmed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		MMO	<p>The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3. Discussions are ongoing.</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>



Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		NE	<p>The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs (and four meetings have taken place) and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues.</p> <p>The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.</p>
		Natural Resources Wales (NRW)	<p>NRW have provided a WR at Deadline 1.</p> <p>Three meetings have been held post submission. No comments have been provided on Fish and Shellfish Ecology.</p>	No comments have been provided in Fish and Shellfish Ecology.
		National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations (NFFO) and Welsh Fishermen's Association - Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru (WFA-CPC)	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held to discuss their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
Marine mammal ecology	Matters relating to marine mammal ecology (and underwater noise) including assessment of effects, cumulative impacts and mitigations proposed	JNCC	No specific comments from JNCC have been provided <sup>2</sup> . The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD. NE have stated that they will be representing the views of JNCC (RR-061) and these incorporated into the NE issues tracker and PAD.	Matters will be noted in an updated PAD by NE. No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and JNCC.
		IoM TSC	The Applicant considers matters are agreed.	Matters confirmed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		MMO	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

<sup>2</sup> Natural England's remit extends to the territorial sea adjacent to England, up to the 12 nautical mile limit from the coastline. The Examining Authority should note that pursuant to an authorisation made by the JNCC under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England is authorised to exercise the JNCC's functions as a statutory consultee in respect of applications for offshore renewable energy installations in offshore waters (0-200nm) adjacent to England.

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		NE	<p>The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs (and four meetings have taken place) and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2.</p> <p>The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.</p>
	Matters relating to marine mammal ecology in relation to Welsh designated sites and cumulative effects.	NRW	<p>NRW have provided a WR at Deadline 1 which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3.</p> <p>Three meetings have been held post submission. The Applicant will engage further once comments on the Application have been received.</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Ornithology	Matters relating to marine ornithology including assessment of effects, cumulative	IoM TSC	The Applicant considers matters are agreed, noting residual concerns stated by the IoM TSC.	Matters confirmed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
	impacts and mitigations proposed	NE	<p>The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs (and four meetings have taken place) and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2.</p> <p>The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.</p>
		Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	<p>The Applicant will look to progress ornithology issues with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.</p>	<p>Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b></p>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		JNCC	<p>No specific comments from JNCC have been provided<sup>3</sup>. The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.</p> <p>NE have stated that they will be representing the views of JNCC (RR-061) and these incorporated into the NE issues tracker and PAD.</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and JNCC.</p>
	Matters relating to marine ornithology and ecology in relation to Welsh designated sites	NRW	<p>NRW have provided a WR at Deadline 1 which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2.</p> <p>Three meetings have been held post submission. The Applicant will engage further once comments on the Application have been received.</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Matters relating to the CEA and Barrow OWF	Ørsted Interested Parties	The Applicant will look to progress issues with relevant Interested Parties with a view	Issues to be addressed in a SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

<sup>3</sup> Natural England's remit extends to the territorial sea adjacent to England, up to the 12 nautical mile limit from the coastline. The Examining Authority should note that pursuant to an authorisation made by the JNCC under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Natural England is authorised to exercise the JNCC's functions as a statutory consultee in respect of applications for offshore renewable energy installations in offshore waters (0-200nm) adjacent to England.

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			to agreeing a resolution. Engagement via email was initiated in response to their submitted RR, and a meeting subsequently held. The Applicant has submitted responses to their WR at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	It has been agreed with Ørsted Interested Parties that a joint SoCG would be submitted for all projects, noting that ScottishPower Renewables (WoDS) Ltd are represented under Morecambe Wind Limited in the joint SoCG.
<b>3. Commercial Fisheries</b>				
Displacement of any fishing activities, adequacy of mitigation measures and approach to monitoring and any consequent social, economic or environmental effects	Assessment of baseline data	NFFO and WFA-CPC	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		Flemish Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. A meeting has been requested in response to their submitted RR, with no response to date which remains the case at Deadline 2.	The Applicant has updated the commercial fisheries technical report in response to the RR provided. Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> (noting a SoCG has not been requested by the ExA)
		IoM TSC	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
	Assessment and proposed mitigation of effects on commercial fishing including the Outline Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan		relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been undertaken in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	
		NFFO and WFA-CPC	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		IoM TSC	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		Flemish Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. A meeting has been requested in response to their submitted RR, with no	Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> (noting a SoCG has not been requested by the ExA)

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			response to date which remains the case at Deadline 3.	
<b>4. Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)</b>				
Interrogation of data and information on which the HRA would be based	Collision Risk Modelling and the applicant's displacement assessments and subsequent apportioning	NE	The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs (and four meetings have taken place post-submission) and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3. The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.	Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE. No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.
		NRW	NRW have provided a WR at Deadline 1 which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2.  Three meetings have been held post submission. The Applicant will engage further once comments on the Application have been received.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>



Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		RSPB	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been undertaken in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Screening of protected sites, likely significant effects, and those taken forward for assessment	The approach the Applicant has taken to the HRA screening and assessment	NE	<p>The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs (and four meetings have taken place) and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3.</p> <p>The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.</p>
		NRW	<p>NRW have provided at WR at Deadline 1 which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3.</p> <p>Three meetings have been held post submission. The</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			Applicant will engage further once comments on the Application have been received.	
		RSPB	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Likelihood of adverse effects on the integrity of habitat sites including information to assess any potential derogation	Presentation of data and conclusion that the project would not have an adverse effect alone or in-combination on the integrity of the designated sites	NE	<p>The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs (and four meetings have taken place) and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to discuss resolution. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3.</p> <p>The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.</p> <p>Discussions are on-going between NE and the Applicant on the development of 'without</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.</p>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			prejudice' compensation measures.	
		NRW	NRW have provided a WR at Deadline 1, which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2 and provided further information at Deadline 3.  Three meetings have been held post submission. The Applicant will engage further once comments on the Application have been received.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		RSPB	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.  Discussions are on-going between the RSPB and the Applicant on the development of 'without prejudice' compensation measures.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		IoM TSC	The Applicant considers matters are agreed.	Matters to be confirmed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
In-combination effects	Approach to the projects cumulative and in-combination assessments and the assessment of historic projects.	NE	The Applicant has provided gap filling data at Deadline 1 and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues. The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.	Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE. No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.
		NRW	NRW have provided a WR at Deadline 1, which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2. Three meetings have been held post submission. The Applicant will engage further once comments on the Application have been received.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		RSPB	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
Deliverability of potential compensation	Habitats compensation delivery	Spirit Energy	The Applicant agrees that the proposed without prejudice compensation at Barrow Gas Terminal will not be progressed further.	N/A
		NE	<p>The Applicant has provided clarifications in response to RRs and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE. The Applicant has responded to NE's WR at Deadline 2 and Deadline 3. The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.</p> <p>Discussions are on-going between NE and the Applicant on the delivery of 'without prejudice' compensation measures.</p>	<p>Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.</p> <p>No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.</p>
		NRW	<p>NRW have provided a WR at Deadline 1, which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2.</p> <p>Three meetings have been held post submission. The Applicant will engage further</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			once comments on the Application have been received.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		RSPB	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.  Discussions are on-going between the RSPB and the Applicant on the delivery of ‘without prejudice’ compensation measures.	
5. Other Offshore Infrastructure and Other Sea Users				
Oil and gas infrastructure owners and operators who have made RRs	Issues relating to oil and gas infrastructure including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assessment of effects on Radar Early Warning Systems (REWS) and microwave communications</li><li>Impacts affecting mutually exclusive simultaneous operations</li></ul>	Spirit Energy	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. A meeting has been held in response to their submitted RR. Discussions are ongoing.  The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2 and response to outstanding items at Deadline 3. Discussions are ongoing	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
	(marine and aviation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts affecting futures operations such as Carbon Capture Usage and Storage (CCUS)</li> </ul>		directly and via each parties' legal teams.	
	Issues relating to oil and gas infrastructure	Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/Harbour Energy plc	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR. The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Telecommunications and electricity transmission infrastructure	Proximity of Telecommunications and electricity transmission infrastructure to the Project	Vodafone group Public Limited Company (PLC)	Provision is made within the Draft DCO (protective provisions). A meeting has been held and parties have agreed that no alternative mechanism for co-existence is required. Further discussions regarding the proposed windfarm site layout to be held to determine the need for a proximity agreement.	No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and Vodafone group Public Limited Company (PLC) (noting also no RR was made).

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		EXA Infrastructure Express UK Limited	<p>Provision is made within the Draft DCO (protective provisions).</p> <p>A meeting has been held and parties have agreed that no alternative mechanism for co-existence is required.</p> <p>Further discussions regarding the proposed windfarm site layout to be held to determine the need for a proximity agreement. Discussions on crossing agreements would also be required, as appropriate.</p>	No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and EXA Infrastructure Express UK Limited (noting also no RR was made).
Other offshore renewable energy installations (wind and transmission operators both existing and proposed) who have made RRs	Assessment of effects to existing and proposed infrastructure including search and rescue, shipping and navigation and wake effects	<p>Other wind operators who have made RRs:</p> <p>Barrow Offshore Wind Limited</p> <p>Burbo Extension Ltd</p> <p>Morecambe Wind Limited (West of Duddon Sands (WoDS))</p> <p>ScottishPower Renewables (WoDS) Ltd</p> <p>Walney (UK) Offshore Windfarms Limited</p> <p>Walney Extension Limited and</p>	<p>The Applicant will look to progress issues with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Engagement via email was initiated in response to their submitted RR, and a two meetings subsequently held with a view to resolving the issues raised. The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>The Applicants consider that some of the issues raised to be capable of resolution.</p>	<p>Issues to be addressed in a SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b></p> <p>It has been agreed with Ørsted Interested Parties that a joint SoCG would be submitted for all projects, noting that ScottishPower Renewables (WoDS) Ltd are represented under Morecambe Wind Limited in the joint SoCG.</p>



Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		Ørsted Burbo (UK) Limited		
Recreational sea users	N/A	N/A	No interested party has submitted a RR that makes comment in respect of recreational sea users. This item has been included for completeness as a matter noted as a 'principal issue' in the Rule 6 letter.	N/A
Mechanisms for co-existence and/ or co-operation	Co-existence with other offshore renewable installations and oil and gas infrastructure	Other wind operators who have made RRs: Mona Offshore Wind Limited and Morgan Offshore Wind Limited	Parties have agreed that no formal mechanism for co-existence is required.	No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and either Mona Offshore Wind Limited or Morgan Offshore Wind Limited.
		Vodafone group Public Limited Company (PLC)	Provision is made within the Draft DCO (protective provisions). A meeting has been held and parties have agreed that no alternative mechanism for co-existence is required.	No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and Vodafone group PLC (noting also no RR was made).
		EXA Infrastructure Express UK Limited	Provision is made within the Draft DCO (protective provisions). A meeting has been held and parties have agreed that no alternative mechanism for co-existence is required.	No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and EXA Infrastructure Express UK Limited (noting also no RR was made).

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/Harbour Energy plc	<p>A draft Co-existence Agreement was shared with Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/ Harbour Energy plc before submission by the Applicant. Discussions are ongoing in relation to a revised agreement that will be acceptable to both parties. The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2.</p> <p>Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR. Discussions are ongoing.</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		Spirit Energy	<p>A draft Co-existence Agreement was shared with Spirit Energy before submission by the Applicant. Discussions are ongoing in relation to a revised agreement that will be acceptable to both parties. The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2 and response to outstanding items at Deadline 3.</p> <p>A meeting has been held in response to their submitted RR. Discussions are ongoing are ongoing directly and via each parties' legal teams.</p>	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
<b>6. Shipping and Navigation</b>				
Safe marine navigation including to existing and proposed facilities	Assessment of effects and mitigations on Shipping and Navigation	Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/ Harbour Energy plc	The Applicant will look to progress issues with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been undertaken in response to their submitted RR. Discussions are ongoing. The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2.  The issue is considered to be capable of resolution.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		Spirit Energy	The Applicant will look to progress issues with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. A meeting has been held in response to their submitted RR. The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2 and response to outstanding items at Deadline 3. Discussions are ongoing directly and via each parties' legal teams.  The issue is considered to be capable of resolution.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		Other wind operators who have made RRs:	The Applicant will look to progress issues with relevant Interested Parties with a view	Issues to be addressed in a SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		Barrow Offshore Wind Limited Burbo Extension Ltd Morecambe Wind Limited (WoDS), ScottishPower Renewables (WoDS) Ltd, Walney (UK) Offshore Windfarms Limited Walney Extension Limited and Ørsted Burbo (UK) Limited	to agreeing a resolution. Engagement via e-mail was initiated in response to their submitted RR, and a subsequent meeting held. The Applicant has submitted response to their WR at Deadline 2 and a response to their Deadline 2 submission. Discussions are ongoing.	It has been agreed with Ørsted Interested Parties that a joint SoCG would be submitted for all projects, noting that ScottishPower Renewables (WoDS) Ltd are represented under Morecambe Wind Limited in the joint SoCG.
		BAE Systems Marine Limited	Meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development and this matter has been resolved.	Issues have been addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Maintenance of safe marine navigation	Assessment and mitigation of navigational safety effects	Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA)	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		Trinity House (TH)T	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		The UK Chamber of Shipping	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Outline Vessel Traffic Management Plan	TH	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		MCA	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	
	Compliance with Marine Guidance Note 654, assessment and mitigations proposed including outline vessel traffic management plan, design layout principles and outline offshore operation and maintenance plan	MCA	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing, but with significant agreement on most matters as shown in the SoCG submitted at Deadline 3.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Effects on routeing and operations of ferries, commercial shipping and ports, including deviation and adverse weather routeing for lifeline ferry services and any consequent social, economic or	Effects on shipping and routing including lifeline/scheduled ferry services	IoM TSC	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing, alongside discussions with the IoM SPC.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
environmental effects		Isle of Man Steam Packet Company (IoM SPC)	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		Stena Line	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings meeting have been held in response to their submitted RR. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		MCA	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		The UK Chamber of Shipping	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Consequent social, economic or environmental effects	Stena Line Ltd	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and SoCG development. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		The UK Chamber of Shipping	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Two meetings has been held in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>



Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
		IoM SPC	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been undertaken in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Assessment of effects on Search and Rescue operations	Assessment of effects on Search and Rescue operations	MCA	The Applicant has progressed this issue with the MCA as reflected in the SoCG submitted at Deadline 3. Two meetings have been undertaken in response to their submitted RR and further correspondence undertaken in relation to the development of the SoCG.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Effects to marine communications and mobile radar operations	Effects to marine communications and mobile radar operations	Effects to marine communications and mobile radar operations were not raised by any shipping and navigation stakeholders within RRs.	It is noted that this item is incorporated into ' <i>Safe marine navigation including to existing and proposed facilities</i> ' above. This item has been included for completeness as a matter noted as a 'principal issue' in the Rule 6 letter.	N/A

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
<b>7. Project wide considerations</b>				
Effects to marine archaeology and setting of terrestrial heritage assets	Effects on marine archaeology	Historic England (HE)	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and WR, and a SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> HE have provided a WR and the SoCG reflects this. The SoCG is currently being reviewed by HE and as such is submitted without the HE position populated within the SoCG which will further be developed through examination.
	Effects on setting of terrestrial heritage assets including World Heritage Sites	HE	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and WR, and a SoCG is submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> HE have provided a WR and the SoCG reflects this. The SoCG is currently being reviewed by HE and as such is submitted without the HE position populated within the SoCG which will further be developed through examination.
	Adequacy of Outline Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation for archaeology and Protocol for Archaeological Discoveries	HE	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and WR, and a SoCG is submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> HE have provided a WR and the SoCG reflects this. The SoCG is currently being reviewed by HE and as such is submitted without the HE position populated within the SoCG which will further be developed through examination.

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
	Proposed temporary and permanent Archaeological Exclusion Zones and their radius or extent	HE	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and WR, and a SoCG is submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> HE have provided a WR and the SoCG reflects this. The SoCG is currently being reviewed by HE and as such is submitted without the HE position populated within the SoCG which will further be developed through examination.
	Principles for cable laying and protection	HE	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with a view to agreeing a resolution. Three meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and WR, and a SoCG is submitted at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b> HE have provided a WR and the SoCG reflects this. The SoCG is currently being reviewed by HE and as such is submitted without the HE position populated within the SoCG which will further be developed through examination
Cumulative effects with other offshore wind farms and associated grid connection projects	Consideration of the indirect, secondary and cumulative impacts from multiple/linked Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects	NE	The Applicant will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues, noting that additional cumulative assessment for ornithology was provided at Deadline 2.  The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via	Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE.  No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			submission of their issues tracker and PAD.	
		NRW	NRW provided a WR at Deadline 1 which the Applicant has responded to at Deadline 2. Further information on cumulative effects for ornithology and marine mammals have also been provided at Deadline 3 for NRW review.  Three meetings have been held post submission. The Applicant will engage further once comments on the Application have been received.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
		MMO	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with the MMO with a view to agreeing a resolution. Four meetings have been held in response to their submitted RR and the SoCG. The Applicant has submitted a response to their WR at Deadline 2. Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Transboundary effects	Effects on Belgian fishing fleets	Flemish Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries	The Applicant will look to progress this issue with relevant Interested Parties with	Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			a view to agreeing a resolution. A meeting has been requested in response to their submitted RR with no response to date, which remains the case at Deadline 3.	
Decommissioning	Drafting of the conditions within the draft DCO	MMO	Updates have been made to the Draft DCO and Marine Licence at Deadline 2, with a further update scheduled for Deadline 4. The Applicant also awaits further comments from the MMO at Deadline 3.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Principles for decommissioning	NE	The Applicant has responded to all comments provided by NE and will undertake any further discussions as required with NE to resolve issues. The Applicant has been informed by NE that they do not wish to undertake in the SoCG process but via submission of their issues tracker and PAD.	Matters will be noted in an updated issues tracker and PAD by NE. No SoCG will be pursued between the Applicant and NE.
Compliance with Marine Policy Statement and North West Marine Plan 2021	How the Application is compliant with the Marine Policy Statement and North West Marine Plan 2021	MMO	The Applicant provided this information as part of the DCO Application (Marine Plan Policy Review ((APP-025)), as communicated and incorporated in the SoCG with the MMO. The Applicant made	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

Principal Issue	Summary of Issue	Interested Party	Current Position	SoCG Status
			the MMO aware of the Marine Policy Review (APP-025).	
Drafting of the DCO and Deemed Marine Licence	Acceptability of conditions and outline plans within the Draft DCO and Marine Licence	MMO	Updates have been made to the Draft DCO and Marine Licence at Deadline 2, with a further update scheduled for Deadline 4. The Applicant also awaits further comments from the MMO at Deadline 3.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
Outline plans submitted with the Application	Coverage and content of all outline plans submitted with the Application	MMO	The Applicant has responded to comments provided by the MMO to date and awaits any further comments from the MMO at Deadline 3.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Time periods for securing the review and approval of detailed plans post consent	MMO	A proposed list of timescales has been provided to the MMO (and NE for comment). Discussions are ongoing.	Issues to be addressed in the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>
	Principles of proposals for safety zone applications	MMO	The MMO responded to queries made by the Applicant and information provided regarding safety zones via e-mail on 17 October 2024. The MMO confirmed by e-mail on 1 November that the MMO agrees with the approach to safety zones.	Confirmed outwith the SoCG – Status in <b>Table 5.1</b>

## 5 List of Statements of Common Ground

18. **Table 5.1** provides the list of SoCGs that are being prepared by the Applicant in accordance with the list as requested by the Planning Inspectorate in Appendix G of the Rule 6 letter issued on 23 September 2024.
19. The ExA has specified that SoCGs should be submitted at the deadlines as set out in the draft Examination Timetable published in the Rule 6 Letter and mentioned in **Section 1**.

### 5.1 Summary of Current Position of SoCGs

20. The SoCGs submitted alongside this document at Deadline 1 will reflect the current position of the Applicant and stakeholders.
21. **Table 5.1** provides an overview of the status of each SoCG throughout the examination.

### 5.2 SoCGs not being submitted at Deadline 3

22. The information provided below is representative of the position at Deadline 2 where a draft SoCG requested by the ExA has not been agreed or is not required and will not be submitted at Deadline 2.

#### 5.2.1 Mona Offshore Wind Limited

23. The Applicant and Mona Offshore Wind Limited have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination based on the established working relationship between the projects.

#### 5.2.2 Morgan Offshore Wind Limited

24. The Applicant and Morgan Offshore Wind Limited have agreed not to submit a SoCG into Examination based on the established working relationship between the projects.

#### 5.2.3 Natural England and JNCC

25. The Applicant has engaged with NE regarding the submission of a SoCG into Examination. However, following discussions, NE has expressed a preference not to submit a SoCG. As a result, NE's issue tracker and a PAD will be provided as required. NE has stated that the views of JNCC will be incorporated into the NE issues tracker and PAD (RR-061).

## **5.2.4 Natural Resources Wales**

26. Engagement between the Applicant and NRW is ongoing. It is anticipated that a SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 4 following NRW's review of the latest draft, which the Applicant has been informed by NRW has not been possible by Deadline 3 as planned.

## **5.2.5 Scottish Power Renewables**

27. The SoCG in relation to West of Duddon Sands will be progressed with the joint venture entity Morecambe Wind Ltd (Ørsted and ScottishPower Renewables (UK) Ltd.) as part of a joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG.

## **5.2.6 SoCGs submitted at Deadline 1**

28. The Applicant submitted the following SoCGs at Deadline 1 or Deadline 2, which are not submitted again for Deadline 3, and where required, will be resubmitted at Deadline 4 depending on progress made with each party:
- Draft Statement of Common Ground with the Marine Management Organisation
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Historic England
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Stena Line
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations and the Welsh Fisheries Association - Cymdeithas Pysgotwyr Cymru
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Trinity House
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Isle of Man Steam Packet Company
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd and Defence Infrastructure Organisation
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with UK Chamber of Shipping
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Orsted IPs
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Harbour Energy
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Spirit Energy
  - Draft Statement of Common Ground with Defence Infrastructure Organisation



Table 5.1 Status of SoCG submissions at **Deadline 3 (To be updated at Deadline 4)**

Doc Ref	Party	Requested by ExA	Date first draft issued to Stakeholder	Status at Procedural Deadline A	Status at Deadline 1	Status at Deadline 2	Status at Deadline 3	Status at Deadline 4 (mid Examination)	Status at Deadline 5	Status at Deadline 6 (FINAL)
9.13	BAE Systems Marine Limited	Yes	22 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Update submitted at <b>Deadline 3</b>			
N/A (See 9.10 below)	BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd	Yes	4 October 2024 Input coordinated through the DIO	A SoCG will be progressed with the DIO in relation to Warton Aerodrome, as instructed by the DIO	Not being progressed further - progressed as part of a SoCG joined with the DIO for Warton					
9.14	Barrow Offshore Wind Limited	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties	Draft submitted as part of the joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.11	Blackpool Airport Ltd	Yes	4 October 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Update submitted at <b>Deadline 3</b>			

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9.14	Burbo Extension Limited	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties.	Draft submitted as part of the joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.15	Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/ Harbour Energy plc	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission date to be agreed by parties.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.17	DIO	Yes	19 November 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Progressed for DIO matters only, separate to a joint SoCG with BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd. Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.10	DIO and BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd	Yes	4 October 2024 Input coordinated through the DIO	N/A	Progressed as a joint SoCG Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			

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9.34	HE	Yes	4 December 2024	Draft in progress, to be submitted following WRs.	Draft in progress, to be submitted following WR	Draft submitted – noting the HE position is under their internal review and not populated	Draft submitted at Deadline 2 and awaiting input from HE			
9.7	IoM TSC	Yes	24 September 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Update submitted at <b>Deadline 3</b>			
9.8	IoM SPC	Yes	11 October 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
N/A	JNCC	Yes	N/A							

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9.1	MMO	Yes	12 March 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.9	MCA	Yes	11 October 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Update submitted at <b>Deadline 3</b>			
9.14	Morecambe Wind Limited (WoDS)	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties	Draft submitted as part of the joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
N/A	Mona Offshore Wind Farm Limited	Yes	N/A							
N/A	Morgan Offshore Wind Farm Limited	Yes	N/A							
9.4	NFFO and WFA-CPC	Yes	14 October 2024	Draft in progress,	Draft submitted	Draft submitted	Draft submitted			

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				with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.		at Deadline 1	at Deadline 1			
9.5	NATS Safeguarding	Yes	4 October 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Update submitted at <b>Deadline 3</b>			
N/A	NE	Yes	N/A							
TBC	NRW	Yes	6 December 2024	Draft in progress, to be submitted following WRs.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3 following WRs.	Draft in progress, to be submitted at Deadline 3	Draft still awaiting input from NRW and now anticipated to be submitted at Deadline 4			
9.14	Ørsted Burbo (UK) Limited	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties	Draft submitted as part of the joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			

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9.14	Scottish Power Renewables (WoDS) Ltd.	Yes	N/A	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties	A SoCG progressed with Morecambe Wind Ltd in relation to West of Duddon Sands Windfarm with a draft submitted as part of the joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG (Document Reference 9.14)					
9.2	RSPB	Yes	24 September 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.16	Spirit Energy	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission date to be agreed by parties.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.3	Stena Line Ltd	Yes	11 October 2024	Draft in discussion, with the	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at	Draft submitted at			

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				intention of submission at Deadline 1.		Deadline 1	Deadline 1			
9.6	TH	Yes	11 October 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.12	UK Chamber of Shipping	Yes	11 October 2024	Draft in discussion, with the intention of submission at Deadline 1.	Draft submitted	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.14	Walney (UK) Offshore Windfarms Limited	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties	Draft submitted as part of the joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			
9.14	Walney Extension Limited	Yes	23 October 2024	Draft in progress, submission to be agreed between parties	Draft submitted as part of the joint Ørsted Interested Parties SoCG	Draft submitted at Deadline 1	Draft submitted at Deadline 1			

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N/A	Vodafone group Public Limited Company (PLC)	No	N/A							
N/A	EXA Infrastructure Express UK Limited	No	N/A							



### 5.3 Summary of commonality of each topic covered

29. This section provides a summary of the topics covered in each SoCG and identifies where there is a commonality in the topics or matters being discussed with the stakeholders.
30. **Table 5.2** presents a summary of commonality at Deadline 3 on each overarching topic or matter discussed between the Applicant and stakeholder using the colour code presented in **Table 3.1**.

Table 5.2 Summary of Commonality with each stakeholder in relation to each topic covered at Deadline 3

ID	Party	Project-wide considerations	Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes	Marine Sediment and Water Quality	Benthic Ecology	Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Marine Mammals	Offshore Ornithology	Commercial Fisheries	Shipping and Navigation	Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage	Civil and Military Aviation and Radar	Infrastructure and Other Users	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment	Human Health	Socioeconomics, Tourism and Recreation	Climate Change	Traffic and Transport	Draft Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine License	DCO Mitigation	RIAA	Management Documents
1	BAE Systems Marine Limited																					
2	BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd																					
3	Barrow Offshore Wind Limited																					
4	Blackpool Airport Ltd																					
5	Burbo Extension Limited																					
6	Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/ Harbour Energy plc																					
7	DIO																					
8	HE																					
9	IoM TSC																					
10	IoM SPC																					
11	JNCC																					
12	MMO																					
13	MCA																					
14	Morecambe Wind Limited (WoDS)																					
15	Mona Offshore Wind Limited																					
16	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited																					
17	NFFO and WFA-CPC																					
18	NATS Safeguarding																					
19	NE (topics to be included in issues tracker/PAD)																					

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20	NRW																					
21	Ørsted Burbo (UK) Limited																					
22	Scottish Power Renewables (WoDS) Ltd																					
23	RSPB																					
24	Spirit Energy																					
25	Stena Line Ltd																					
26	TH																					
27	UK Chamber of Shipping																					
28	Walney (UK) Offshore Windfarms Limited																					
29	Walney Extension Limited																					
30	Vodafone group Public Limited Company (PLC)																					
31	EXA Infrastructure Express UK Limited																					
32	Ørsted Interested Parties																					