

Planning Act 2008 – Section 91**Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Ltd and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Ltd for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms****Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3): Offshore environmental matters**

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 3 on offshore environmental matters	Tuesday 8 April 2025 hearing starts at 9.30am¹ Virtual registration process from 9.15am ²	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams or via Telephone Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered to speak at the event.

Hearings Guidance: Please see Annex A of this Agenda

Interested parties who wish to speak at this event were required to provide notification by Friday 28 March 2025. If you have not notified us that you wish to speak can you please contact the case team

(doggerbanksouth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) as soon as possible.

If you wish to observe the hearing, then you do not need to register. A link to the livestream will be made available on the project page of the national infrastructure website closer to the event.

Each interested party is entitled to make oral representations at hearings. However, this is subject to the power of the Examining Authority (ExA) to control the conduct and management of hearings.

The virtual event will be open 15 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

¹ If you are joining as an active participant, please follow the joining instructions for the virtual event carefully and connect to the Hearing in good time. In common with traditional hearings, the event will start on time irrespective of late arrivals, for whom access might not be possible.

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The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. Should the consideration of these issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

Purpose of hearing on offshore environmental matters:

The purpose of the hearing is to examine onshore environmental matters, in particular in relation to the effects of the proposed development on:

- **aviation and radar;**
- **shipping and navigation;**
- **commercial fishing; and**
- **Infrastructure and other users.**

Agenda

Title of meeting	Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Issue Specific Hearing 3 – offshore environmental matters
Date	8 April 2025
Time	9.30am
Venue	Virtual event
Attendees	Invitees

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Aviation and radar**
 - 2.1 Helicopter operation mitigation**
 - 2.2 Radar effects**
- 3. Shipping and navigation**
 - 3.1 Vessel displacement queries including temporal effects and recreational vessel assessment**
 - 3.2 Alternative shipping routes following the change to the proposed offshore export cable corridor**
 - 3.3 Monitoring proposal timescales**
- 4. Infrastructure and Other Users**
 - 4.1 Wake loss**
- 5. Commercial fishing**
 - 5.1 General assessment queries**
 - 5.2 Alternative fishing grounds**
 - 5.3 Coexistence and cooperation agreements**
 - 5.4 Effect of potential benthic compensation**
- 6. Any other business**
- 7. Action points**
- 8. Close of Hearing**

Attendees

All interested parties are welcome to attend the hearing. However, the ExA considers that representatives for the following parties should consider attending because the ExA believes that the material that they have submitted raises issues that may need to be explored at the hearing:

- The applicants
- The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (Ministry of Defence)
- The Maritime Management Organisation
- The National Federation of Fishermen's Organisation
- The Projcos Interested Parties
- The Ørsted Interested Parties

The Applicants are requested to have people with the following expertise to assist the hearing:

- Aviation and radar
- Shipping and navigation
- Commercial fishing
- Wake loss

This list may also assist interested parties in preparing for the hearing.

Conduct and Management of Hearings

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence at hearings through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at this hearing will therefore be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of the person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that a person has had a fair chance to put their case. Parties wishing to make a representation will be invited to do so at the ExA's discretion.

The ExA will begin the hearing with opening comments and introductions, then will run through housekeeping matters and explain how the hearing will be conducted. The ExA's expectation is that each hearing session will typically last for one to two hours. However, the actual duration will depend on the progress made on the day and will be subject to the ExA's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing.

The agenda may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing or throughout its course. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise matters arising from oral submissions, relevant representations and written representations, and pursue lines of inquiry that are not listed on the agenda in the course of the discussion.

The hearing is being held at the discretion of the ExA to discuss matters that it considers to be important and relevant to the effective and robust examination of the application. Consequently, the business of the hearing will be limited to the matters identified in the agenda or otherwise raised by the ExA.

Active participation is at the invitation and discretion of the ExA. Oral submissions must address the matters and questions identified on the hearing agenda or raised by the ExA at the hearing. Oral submissions on other subject matters or from persons who have not been invited to speak by the ExA may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA, who may decide that such matters are not heard in the interests of relevance, efficiency or fairness.

A recording and transcript of the hearing will be published by the Planning Inspectorate on the project page of the national infrastructure website³ and any interested party may make a written submission on the specific matters either included in the agenda or arising at the hearing by **Deadline 4, 25 April 2025**.

³[Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms - Project information](#)