

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 6 (ISH6) dealing with matters relating to wake loss, radar and other environmental matters

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on wake loss, radar and other environmental matters	Thursday 5 June 2025 The hearing starts at 9:30am ¹	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams or via telephone.
	Virtual registration process from 9.00am ²	Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered to speak at the event.

Hearings Guidance: Please see Annex A of this Agenda

Interested parties who wish to speak at this event are required to provide notification by 23:59 on Friday 30 May. If you have not notified us that you wish to speak, 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 <u>project page of the national infrastructure</u> 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 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. The hearing 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.

² Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance of the meeting to those who have registered to speak.

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 prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.



Agenda

Title of meeting Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms Issue Specific Hearing 6

(ISH6) on wake loss, radar and other environmental matters

Date Thursday 5 June 2025

Time 9.30am
Venue Virtual event
Attendees Invitees

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing
- 2. Wake loss
- 3. Effects to radar
- 4. Other environmental matters
 - 4.1 Geology and Land use
 - 4.1.1 Sterilisation of mineral resources
 - 4.1.2 Loss of agricultural land
 - 4.2 Onshore heritage assets
 - 4.2.1 Archaeology: potential significance of effects from vibration on heritage assets
 - 4.2.2 Archaeology: recommendations of the Phase 2 Archaeological Evaluation Trenching Report [REP4-089 and REP4-090]
 - 4.2.3 Archaeology: hydrological effects on items of archaeological importance inside and outside of the order limits
 - 4.2.4 Proposed access road for the converter stations adjacent to the anti-aircraft gunsite scheduled monument nearby to Butt Farm
- 5. Any Other Business
- 6. Action points
- 7. Close

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
- Defence Infrastructure Organisation on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MoD)
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council archaeology advisor/ Humber Archaeology Partnership and built heritage advisor
- Ørsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Limited and Ørsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (Ørsted IPs)
- Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Project 1 Projco Limited, Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Project 2 Projco Limited, and Dogger Bank Offshore Wind Farm Project 3 Projco Limited (Projco IPs)

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

- Land use
- Mineral resources
- Onshore archaeology and heritage assets
- 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 6, 13 June 2025**.

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³ <u>Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms - Project information</u>