

# Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

## The Applicant's Change Notification dated 3 February 2025

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Dear Louise,

**Planning Act 2008 – Application for Development Consent**  
**GT R4 Limited, trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (the “Applicant”)**  
**The Proposed Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Farm Order**  
**Change Notification**  
**Application Reference: EN010130**

The Applicant refers to the Planning Inspectorate’s Guidance “Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination” (“**the Guidance**”). In accordance with the Guidance, this letter is a notification of the Applicant’s intention to submit a change request.

The change proposed is to the management of public rights of way (PRoW) that would be affected by the Project, namely:

- The removal of the proposed temporary closure and diversion of a section of PRoW Crof/276/2, replaced with an open managed crossing;
- The removal of the proposed temporary closure and diversion of a section of PRoW Crof/276/3, replaced with an open managed crossing; and
- The reduction in the length of the proposed diversion of a section of PRoW Crof/276/4.

The Applicant’s view is that the proposed change falls within the category of updates that do not constitute a change to the Order, being instead changes to the draft DCO “as articles are reviewed, drafting is improved, or requirements are developed” (the Guidance, New or Revised Information). However, the Applicant is mindful that the ExA may take a different view and wishes, as with previous change notifications, to ensure that proposed changes are preemptively highlighted to the ExA. On this basis, this Change Notification has included them and set out the information required under the Guidance. If the ExA was minded to agree that they do not constitute changes which require further procedure, the Applicant intends to update the dDCO to incorporate these amendments at Deadline 5.

The Applicant has been engaging with Lincolnshire County Council in relation to the proposed change.

The Appendix to this letter provides, in respect of the proposed change, the information to be included in a change notification as set out in “Step 1” of the Guidance.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact Beth Travis [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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## 1 Appendix – The Proposed Change

The Applicant has set out below, in respect of each change, the information required to be included in a change notification, as set out in the Guidance.

### Proposed Change – management of public rights of way (PRoW) that would be affected by the Project

Information to include in a change notification	Applicant's Response
A clear description of the proposed change, including any new works, altered works and ancillary matters	<p>Schedule 3 (Public rights of way to be temporarily stopped up) of the draft DCO (reference 3.1, version 7) will be updated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove PRoW Crof/267/2 from Schedule 3 on the basis that the proposed temporary closure and diversion of a section of PRoW Crof/276/2 is no longer proposed as the Applicant intends to instead keep that section of Crof/276/2 open using an open managed crossing;</li> <li>Remove PRoW Crof/276/3 from Schedule 3 on the basis that the proposed temporary closure and diversion of a section of PRoW Crof/276/3 is no longer proposed as the Applicant intends to instead keep that section of Crof/276/3 open using an open managed crossing; and</li> <li>Reduce the length of the proposed diversion of a section of Crof/276/4 specified in column 4 of the table in Schedule 3 from 439 metres to 21 metres on the basis that the Applicant has agreed a shorter diversion along the route of Crof/267/2 and Crof/267/3 which will be kept open, as noted above.</li> </ul> <p>The proposed change will also result in amendments to the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline Public Access Management Plan (PAMP) (REP2-041)</li> <li>Public Rights of Way Plan (REP2-003)</li> <li>Onshore Crossing Plan (document 2.18, version 5); and</li> <li>Onshore Crossing Schedule (document 6.3.3.2, version 6).</li> </ul>
A statement setting out the reasons and need for making the change to the application	<p>The change is being proposed in response to comments received from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) in response to Q1 TT 1.7 of the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) issued on 6 November 2024 (REP2-069) and further discussions held with LCC following receipt of that response. In that response, LCC noted that there was a significant diversion on Crof/276/2, 276/3 and 276/4 and asked if this could be shorter. A meeting was held with LCC to discuss this matter on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed at that meeting that the Applicant would seek to amend the proposals to shorten the temporary diversion of Crof/276/4 and to remove the proposed temporary closure and diversion of a section of Crof/276/2 and a</p>

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	section of Crof/276/3, instead keeping those sections of Crof/276/2 and Crof/276/3 open using open managed crossings
A statement establishing whether the proposed change involves changes to the Order land	The proposed change does not involve a change to the Order land. The change does not involve a request to include additional compulsory acquisition powers therefore the procedures in regulations 5 to 19 of the CA Regulations do not apply.
A statement establishing whether the proposed change to the application is expected to result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects	The environmental implications of this change have been reviewed to fully understand whether the changes affect the conclusions of the Environmental Statement (ES). It has been concluded that the change is not expected to result in any new or different likely significant environmental effects. The Applicant has submitted an Environmental Report for the Changes to Proposed Public Right of Way Temporary Diversion of Crof/276/2, Crof/276/3 and Crof/276/4 (Document reference 21.13 to support this conclusion.
Information to establish how the applicant considers the change to the application can be accommodated within the remaining statutory timescales	<p>The change can be accommodated within the remaining statutory timescales because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the proposed change would not generate new or different likely significant environmental effects;</li> <li>• the proposed change would not require additional compulsory acquisition powers; and</li> <li>• the proposed change is being proposed at a point in the Examination timetable where there are two further deadlines remaining and two sets of hearings scheduled (one set being confirmed for 12-14 February and another with dates reserved for 18-21 March) before the close of the Examination therefore it is considered that there is sufficient time to fully examine it.</li> </ul>
The timescale for the applicant's consultation about the proposed change, and the applicant's view on the scope of that consultation, including justification	<p>The Planning Inspectorate's Guidance "Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination" provides that: <i>"The applicant should consult all those persons prescribed under section 42(1)(a) to (d) of the Planning Act 2008 <u>who would be affected by the proposed change</u>, giving a minimum of 28 days from receipt of the information about the proposed change for responses"</i>(emphasis added).</p> <p>The Applicant has consulted with LCC on the proposed change. As noted above, the proposed change has been proposed to address concerns raised by LCC and LCC have confirmed to the Applicant that they welcome the proposed change.</p>

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	In light of the limited scope of this change, no other consultation is considered by the Applicant to be required.
The expected submission date for the 'change application'.	The Applicant does not expect to submit a change application. Should the Applicant require to do so it would be content to do so at Deadline 5, subject to confirmation from the ExA that no additional consultation is required.