

Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) on Onshore Environmental Matters and the draft Development Consent Order

Hearing Action Points

Application by GT R4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project (EN010130).

Actions arising from **ISH5** held on **Wednesday 12 February 2025**

Action		Party	Deadline (D)
1.	Respond in writing regarding any relevant matters relating to Protective Provisions.	Environment Agency	D4a (26 February 2025)
2.	Discuss with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and then submit additional wording for Condition 13 in relation to the Offshore Reactive Compensation Platform (ORCP) design, and any revisions to the Outline ORCP Design Principles Statement.	Applicant	D4a
3.	Provide further details of the applicant's position regarding the duty to further the purposes of National Landscapes contained on the recent DEFRA guidance.	Applicant	D4a
4.	Comment on the application of the duty to further the purposes of National Landscapes in relation to the Lincolnshire Wolds in the context of the applicant's Seascape Landscape and Visual Assessment.	Lincolnshire County Council (LCC)	D4a
5.	Natural England to confirm that access has been obtained to the latest confidential badger Annex to the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Strategy (OLEMS), and to obtain this from either the Applicant or Planning Inspectorate	Natural England	D4a
6.	Undertake discussions regarding the need, or not, for a badger and otter licence or	Applicant and Natural England	D4a



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	Letter of no Impediment (LoNI) and provide a note on the outcome of these discussions as well as discussing other outstanding matter from the Risk & Issues Log.		
7.	Submit its preferred approach to dealing with any additional mitigation for the Wash Special Protection Area (SPA) qualifying features.	Applicant	D4a
8.	Provide comments on whether additional land might be available outside of the Order Limits in relation to an additional mitigation scheme (in relation to Option 2).	Applicant	D4a
9.	Consider amendments to the wording in the OLEMS and Outline Code of Construction Practice (OCoCP) in relation to severed land and the compensation potential for skylark and yellow wagtail.	Applicant	D4a
10.	Assess the wording of the relevant documents to either improve the commitment to achieving a degree of biodiversity gain or to indicate where in the submitted documentation this commitment is already secured.	Applicant	D4a
11.	Consider any knock-on consequences for other documents should a legal agreement be signed for the Ecological Steering Group, Environment Compliance Officer and Ecology Enhancement Fund	Applicant	D4a
12.	Provide a breakdown of the predicted Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) grade for the permanent infrastructure and habitat enhancement and disturbed / undisturbed land.	Applicant	D4a



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13.	Provide the updated plan for the revised figure 1.14 Q1 LU 1.2 which maps the routes considered.	Applicant	D4a
14.	Engage in discussions and provide a note of respective positions regarding the cable corridor width and ability for micro-siting.	Applicant and TH Clements	D4a
15.	Consider additional wording to the drafting of the consultation requirements with affected landowners to be set out in the Soil Management Plan (SMP) and provide a commentary note on this and also on the issue of when after a period of heavy rain the land would be able to accommodate heavy machinery on it.	Applicant	D4a
16.	Clarification to be provided on the current and future role and status of the Land Interest Group and any implications for the appropriate consultation body for the outline SMP and oCoCP.	Applicant and TH Clements	D4a
17.	Confirm whether or not the Deadline 4 version of the SMP now addresses all of its concerns.	Woodlands Farm	D4a
18.	Provide an update on reaching agreement with the Local Planning Authorities as to the authorisation process for 'discharging' Requirements that would enable LCC to undertake this responsibility.	Lincolnshire County Council and the relevant District Councils	D4a
19.	Consider providing amendments to the wording of the Soil Management Plan to ensure there is no deterioration of the ALC grade, whilst also safeguarding the need to restore soil profiles to their pre-construction condition.	Applicant	D4a



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20.	Amend wording in the CoCP to remove the 'where practical' tailpiece in regard to cable burial depth.	Applicant	D4a
21.	Arrange discussions to investigate any disparities between their respective assessments of severed land now that the relevant shapefiles have been reviewed	Applicant and TH Clements	D4a
22.	Confirm satisfaction with the dispute resolution process in relation to severance.	Woodlands Farm	D4a
23.	Confirm how the final documents will take account of the detailed construction data once the Principal Contractor is appointed and will account for evolving best practices in relation to dust contamination.	Applicant	D4a
24.	Provide comments on the applicant's revised wording in relation to securing dust contamination measures in the final documents to take account of detailed construction data.	TH Clements	D4a
25.	Respond to the applicant's conceptual pre and post-construction drainage plans.	TH Clements	D4a
26.	Respond to Natural England's recommendations regarding the Peat Management Plan	Applicant	D4a
27.	Respond to the argument put forward by TH Clements in regard to climate change and its the increased frequency of heavy rainfall event will leave less time for land to drain	Applicant	D4a
28.	Applicant to examine the wording of their response to ExQ2 DCO 1.2 and clarify the extent of external independent reviews of the OnSS design that will be undertaken as part of the detailed design process.	Applicant	D4a



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29.	LCC to provide a list of consented orders that include a table listing the 'relevant planning authority' and both parties to have further discussions and update the ExA on this matter.	Lincolnshire County Council Applicant	D4a
30.	Applicant to update and check the wording of works plans to match the wording within Schedule 1, Part 1	Applicant	D4a
31.	LCC to provide reasoning for why it believes that a longer landscape maintenance period than set out in Requirement 11(2) is required	Lincolnshire County Council	D4a
32.	Applicant to provide confirmation of work Nos that it proposes to maintain for the lifetime of the project and expand on the relationship between Requirements 10 and 11(2). LCC to be consulted and to also provide a response in this regard.	Applicant Lincolnshire County Council	D4a
33.	Applicant and MMO to set out why there is such a gap in their relative interpretations of Article 6 and what further steps each party will undertake to reach agreement prior to the close of the examination.	Marine Management Organisation Applicant	D4a
34.	Applicant and MMO to seek alignment of the wording in paragraph 29 of Schedule 1 with the wording set out in the DMLs.	Marine Management Organisation Applicant	D4a
35.	Applicant and MMO to provide reports updating on their most recent discussions following the meeting proposed to be held after the hearings.	Marine Management Organisation Applicant	D4a
36.	MMO to provide a response to any and all relevant points covered in the hearings not already covered by action points.	Marine Management Organisation	D4a

