

## Issue Specific Hearing 6 (ISH6) on Offshore Environmental Matters

### 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 **ISH6** held on **Thursday 13 February 2025**

Action		Party	Deadline (D)
1.	NE and the RSPB to respond to the Applicant's Deadline 4 submissions.	Natural England (NE)  Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)	D4a (26 February 2025)
2.	Confirm in Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 12 [AS1-040] Tables 12.25 and 12.27 whether the final 2 columns should refer to the construction phase percentage increase in baseline mortality, or whether those final two columns should instead refer to the operation and maintenance phase, and amend, if required, in the updated version of ES Chapter 12 that is due to be submitted.	Applicant	D4a
3.	Confirm that the second and third columns of Tables 7.1 and 7.2 of the Without Prejudice Additional Measures for Compensation of Guillemot and Razorbill [REP4-065] that give potential compensation figures for guillemot and razorbill based on a 'high' or a 'low' compensation scenario have been labelled incorrectly.	Applicant	D4a
4.	RSPB to submit the following two papers into this Examination:	RSPB	D4a



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Madsen et al (2015) 'Renewable energy developments in an uncertain world: the case of offshore wind and birds in the UK'</li><li>Searle et al (2023) 'A framework for improving treatment of uncertainty in offshore wind assessments for protected marine birds'.</li></ul>		
5.	Provide any updates required in relation to the reduction of lead-in times for guillemot and razorbill at Artificial Nesting Structure(s).	Applicant	D4a
6.	Provide a note to clarify the meaning of the use of 'best endeavours' in regard to the updated wording provided in paragraph 42 of [REP4-084] and paragraph 30 of [REP4-086].	Applicant	D4a
7.	Applicant and MMO to provide an update on their respective positions in respect to the spread of Invasive Non-Native Species following their upcoming meeting.	MMO Applicant	D5 (13 March 2025)
8.	In response to the MMO's concern mentioned in Section 3.2, paragraph 3.2.1 of [REP4-129], the Applicant will signpost and provide further information regarding the assessment of potential impacts from sediment mobilised due to erosion occurring during scour development.	Applicant	D4a
9.	MMO to examine and provide response on the Applicant's reply to Action Point 8 mentioned above.	MMO	D5
10.	Applicant to provide an update to their approach to supporting habitat and NE to respond to this approach.	Applicant NE	D4a D5
11.	Applicant to provide an update on their proposed benthic compensation measures,	Applicant	D4a



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	outlining those that they are proposing to keep and those they are proposing to drop, with reasons.		
12.	NE to provide comments on the issue of strategic benthic compensation considering the January 2025 Written Ministerial Statement. Additionally, NE to confirm whether any other benthic compensation measures should be progressed, aside from strategic benthic compensation.	NE	D4a
13.	MMO and NE to provide a response to any and all relevant points covered in the hearings not already covered by action points.	MMO NE	D4a
14.	Ørsted IPs to provide the reasoning behind the statement “the Applicant’s Navigational Risk Assessment (NRA) does not contain a sufficiently broad risk assessment” and confirm the details of the external review and comments on the Navigational Risk Assessment (NRA).	Ørsted IPs	D4a
15.	Applicant to explain how the wake loss assessment methodology differs from that considered for Mona Offshore Wind Farm.	Applicant	D4a
16.	Ørsted IPs to provide comments on the wake assessment.	Ørsted IPs	D4a
17.	Provide an update on the requirement for the Ørsted IPs Protective Provisions.	Ørsted IPs and Applicant	D4a
18.	Provide an update regarding discussions on considering naming Lincs Wind Farm or Race Bank Wind Farm within the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan [PD1-064] or Outline Vessel Management Plan [AS1-105].	Ørsted IPs	D4a



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19.	Applicant to provide an update on discussions with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) regarding whether mitigations for primary surveillance radar will be in place before 2030 when the project might be operational, and provide drafting of the related requirement.	Applicant	D4a
20.	Provide feedback on the drafting of requirement 32.	NATS en Route	D4a if possible
21.	Add the DIO as a consultee for requirement 18 of the draft Development Consent Order.	Applicant	D4a
22.	Applicant to confirm whether the commitment expressed in table 3.1 of the updated Design Approach Document [REP4-075] to construct a maximum of 50% of foundations as gravity-based structures refers to the offshore construction area as a whole or only to the construction of the Offshore Reactive Compensation Platforms. Alternatively provide signposting to where this confirmation can be found in documents already submitted to this examination.	Applicant	D4a