

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

**Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) 8:**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Issue Specific Hearing on offshore environmental matters, onshore environmental matters and the draft Development Consent Order (ISH8)</b>	<b>Wednesday 19 March 2025</b>	In person at Nineteen33 Suite, Boston United Football Club, The Jakemans Community Stadium, Pilgrim Way, Boston, PE21 7NE  and  By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
	Registration and seating available at venue from: 13:30	
	Virtual registration process from: 13:30	
	Event start: 14:00	
	Continuation of ISH8 (if required):	
	<b>Thursday 20 March 2025</b>	
	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:30	
	Virtual Registration Process from: 9:30	
	Event start: 10:00	

**Agenda**

**1. Arrangements for the Hearing**

The Examining Authority (ExA) would find it helpful if the parties set out in Table 2 below could attend this Hearing.

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the Hearing. The details set out below are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to speak during the Hearing, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

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.

## **Registration Process**

Parties who have registered to speak will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **14:00** those attending virtually should join promptly at **13:30** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

## **Procedure at ISH**

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a 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 an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

## **2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing**

**Please note:**

**In order to ensure timely publication of the agenda, this has been drafted before the receipt of submissions for Deadline 5. As a consequence, the ExA may need to adjust the agenda at the meeting to allow for responses received at Deadline 5.**

The purpose of the hearing is to examine specific offshore environmental matters, onshore environmental matters and the draft Development Consent Order. A more detailed summary of matters which the ExA proposes to address is set out below:

### **3. Matters for discussion**

**Table 1**

<b>3.1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Oil, Gas and Other Offshore Infrastructure</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wake loss</li> <li>• Co-operation and agreements</li> </ul>
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Land Use, geology and ground conditions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to Chapter 23 Geology and Ground Conditions [<a href="#">REP4a-016</a>], Chapter 25 Land Use [<a href="#">REP4a-020</a>] and Chapter 29 Socio-Economic Characteristics [<a href="#">REP4a-028</a>] of the Environmental Statement regarding the loss of agricultural land.</li> <li>• Requirement for the discharge of the Soil Management Plan and Organic Land Protocol.</li> <li>• Impacts on agriculture, including dust contamination and related mitigation.</li> </ul>
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant's approach to design and its strategy for future design development relating to the onshore substation structures.</li> </ul>
<b>3.5</b>	<b>The draft Development Consent Order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule 18 of the draft DCO – Protective Provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The applicant's case under section 127 and 138 of the Planning Act 2008 in support of the acquisition of statutory undertakers' land, or the extinguishment of rights over the same.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outstanding matters relating to other articles and schedules of the draft DCO.</li> </ul>
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearing</b>
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Any other matters arising</b>

### **4. Next Steps**

### **5. Closing**

## Attendees

Table 2

<b>Agenda Item 3.2</b>	<b>Agenda Item 3.3</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicant</li><li>• Ørsted IPs</li><li>• Equinor New Energy Limited</li><li>• Scira Offshore Energy Limited</li><li>• Dudgeon Offshore Wind Limited</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicant</li><li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li><li>• T.H. Clements &amp; Son Limited</li></ul>
<b>Agenda Item 3.4</b>	<b>Agenda Item 3.5</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicant</li><li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicant</li><li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li><li>• T.H. Clements &amp; Son Limited</li></ul>