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Acronyms & Definitions

Abbreviations / Acronyms

Abbreviation / Acronym	Description
ADR	Air Defence Radar
ATA	Aerial Tactics Areas
DCO	Development Consent Order
ES	Environmental Statement
GW	Gigawatt
MOD	Ministry of Defence
ODOW	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind
OWIC	Offshore Wind Industry Council
PEXA	Practice and Exercise Areas
RMSA	Radar Mitigation Scheme Agreement
RRH	Remote Radar Head
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground

Terminology

Term	Definition
The Applicant	The Applicant is GTR4 Limited (a joint venture between Corio Generation and, TotalEnergies and Gulf Energy Development), trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind.
Environmental Statement	The suite of documents that detail the processes and results of the EIA.
The Project	Refers to the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind Project

1 Introduction

1.1 Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (ODOW)

1. Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind ('The Project') is a proposed offshore windfarm comprising both offshore and onshore infrastructure, including an offshore generation station (windfarm) located approximately 54km from the Lincolnshire coastline, export cables to landfall, onshore cables, connection to the electricity transmission network and ancillary and associated development.
2. The Project will have a total installed capacity of 1.5GW which is roughly equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of over 1.6million UK households.

1.2 Purpose of this Statement of Common Ground (SoCG)

3. The Ministry of Defence (MOD) is a ministerial department of the UK Government, responsible for implementing the defence policy set by the UK Government.
4. This SoCG has been prepared by the Applicant and the MOD to identify topics that are relevant to the MOD's remit and state whether relevant matters are agreed, not agreed or still in discussion. If relevant, where matters are not agreed, an explanation is provided as to whether these matters are of consequence or not.
5. This SoCG has been prepared with due regard to the Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, 2024).

1.3 Consultation

6. The Applicant has and continues to engage with the MOD, including through bilateral consultation and consultation under s42 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). A summary of the consultation is set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of Consultation

Date of Engagement	Engagement	Topic
30/08/2022	Response in Scoping Opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Air Defence Radar (ADR) ▪ Southern Managed Danger Area ▪ Danger Areas associated with Air Weapons Ranges at Donna Nook (EGD307) and Holbeach (EGD207) ▪ The Wash North and South Aerial Tactics Areas (ATAs) ▪ Practice and Exercise Areas (PEXA) ▪ Aviation safety lighting on the turbines

28/07/23	Phase 2 Consultation (Section 42 consultation on the PEIR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UXO surveys and clearance ■ MOD PEXA ■ Donna Nook or Holbeach Air Weapons Ranges. ■ Wide Area Multilateration (WAM) network ■ Air Defence radars deployed at (Remote Radar Head) RRH Staxton Wold and RRH Neatishead ■ Air Traffic Control radars deployed at military aerodrome ■ Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) and Aeronautical Information Circulars (AICs)
01/02/24	Online update meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Project update ■ Bilateral discussion on radar assessment and mitigation solutions
2022-ongoing	OWIC Aviation Taskforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Joint industry strategic workstream.

1.4 Topics addressed in this Statement of Common Ground

7. Table 2 sets out the topics addressed in this SoCG. The topics referred to are referenced against the relevant chapter of the Environmental Statement (ES) or other Development Consent Order (DCO) application plans and documents.

Table 2: Topics Included in this SoCG

Topic	Application Documents and references
Aviation & Radar	Chapter 16 Aviation, Radar, Military and Communication (AS1-04).

1.5 Identification of items agreed/not agreed/in discussion

8. This SoCG sets out the relevant topics and identifies them as agreed, not agreed or in discussion using a colour coding system. The colour coding system used throughout the document is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3: Colour coding system

Classification	Meaning
Agreed	Agreement has been reached between the parties
In discussion	This matter has not been 'agreed' or 'not agreed' but discussions are continuing, or information is to be provided with the intention of reaching agreement.
Not agreed (No material impact)	This matter has not been agreed, but discussions have been concluded and it is considered that it does not have a material impact.
Not Agreed	This matter has not been agreed and discussions are not currently on-going.

2 Statement of Common Ground

2.1 Aviation, Radar, Military and Communication

9. The Applicant has assessed potential impacts of the Project on aviation, radiator, military and communication receptors during the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning phases as set out in Chapter 16 Aviation, Radar, Military and Communication (AS1-042).

Table 4: Areas of common ground in respect of aviation

Ref	ODOW Position	MOD Position	Status
MOD1	The wording of Schedule 10, Part 2, Condition 10 of the deemed marine licences forming Schedule 10 (Deemed marine licence under the 2009 Act - generation assets), Schedule 11 (Deemed licence under the 2009 Act – offshore transmission assets), Schedule 12 (Deemed marine licence under the 2009 Act – Northern Artificial Nesting Structure 1), Schedule 13 (Deemed marine licence under the 2009 Act – Northern Artificial Nesting Structure 2), Schedule 14 (Deemed marine licence under the 2009 Act – Southern Artificial Nesting Structure 1) and Schedule 15 (Deemed marine licence under the 2009 Act – Southern Artificial Nesting Structure 2) of the draft DCO (REP5-002) pertaining to aviation safety is appropriate and adequate.	<p>Agreed subject to the retention of the following Requirements and Conditions already set out in the applicant’s draft Development Consent Order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition 10 – Aviation Safety at Schedule 10 Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act – Generation Assets, Part. 2. • Condition 10 – Aviation Safety at Schedule 11 Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act – Offshore Transmission Assets, Part. 2. • Condition 10 – Aviation Safety at Schedule 12 Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act – Northern Artificial Nesting Structure 1, Part. 2. • Condition 10 – Aviation Safety at Schedule 13 Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act – Northern Artificial Nesting Structure 2, Part. 2. • Condition 10 – Aviation Safety at Schedule 14 Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act – Southern Artificial Nesting Structure 1, Part. 2. and 	Agreed

Ref	ODOW Position	MOD Position	Status
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 10 – Aviation Safety at Schedule 15 Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act – Southern Artificial Nesting Structure 2, Part. 2 	
MOD2	The Export Cable Corridor is outside the Air Weapons Range. The applicant has amended Requirement 18 (Code of Constructions Practice) of the DCO (REP5-002) to include stipulations that the MOD is to be consulted on Work no. 12 and Work no. 13.	The MOD is satisfied that the updated wording of Requirement 18, as proposed by the applicant in the draft Development Consent Order, would address MOD concerns relating to the potential for the development, during both implementation and operational phases, to impact on those assets.	Agreed
MOD3	<p>Air Defence Radar – Remote Radar Head (RRH) Neatishead and RRH Staxton Wold</p> <p>The Applicant is an active member of the Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC) Aviation Taskforce which is leading on establishing strategic technical solutions for radar mitigation. The Applicant is working with the OWIC Aviation Taskforce to deliver mitigation solutions for the affected radar stations.</p> <p>The Applicant has included an appropriate Requirement in relation to Ministry of Defence Surveillance Operations within the draft DCO as Requirement 32. This Requirement has been updated at Deadline 6 to include the updated wording requested by the Ministry of Defence in Annex A of their response to the ExAs Rule 17 Request (REP5-177).</p>	Agreed subject to the Requirement wording set out at Annex A of REP5-177 being added to any Development Consent Order that might be made.	Agreed

Ref	ODOW Position	MOD Position	Status
MOD4	<p>Aviation Lighting – Low Flying Area 11</p> <p>The wording of Schedule 1, Part 3, Requirement 27 of the draft DCO (PD1-024) pertaining to aviation lighting is appropriate and adequate to secure the required aviation lighting:</p> <p><i>“27.(1) The undertaker must exhibit such lights, with such shape, colour and character as are required in writing by Air Navigation Order 2016 and determined necessary for aviation safety in consultation with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation Safeguarding and as directed by the Civil Aviation Authority.</i></p> <p><i>(2) Lighting installed specifically to meet Ministry of Defence aviation safety requirements must remain operational for the life of the authorised development unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Ministry of Defence.”</i></p>	<p>Agreed subject to compliance with Requirement 27 of the draft DCO (REP5-002).</p>	Agreed.

Signatures

The above statement of common ground has been prepared by Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind and the Ministry of Defence and is agreed on the date below.

Signed for the Ministry of Defence	
Name	
Position	
Date	
Duly authorised for and on behalf of the Ministry of Defence	

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References

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (2024) Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent