

The background image is a photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there is a sandy path or dune area with some sparse, dry-looking vegetation. The middle ground shows a wide, flat expanse of sand or a dry beach, with some small, dark patches of vegetation. The horizon is flat, and the sky is filled with soft, white clouds, suggesting an overcast or hazy day. The overall tone is muted and naturalistic.

# Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

## The Applicant's Response to the Fifth Request for Information

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## Acronyms & Definitions

### Abbreviations / Acronyms

Abbreviation / Acronym	Description
CA	Compulsory Acquisition
CAH	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing
ECC	Export Cable Corridor
HoTs	Heads of Terms
ISH	Issue Specific Hearing
LRT	Land Rights Tracker
RFI	Request for Information
SJC	St Johns College

## Reference Documentation

Outer Dowsing Document Number	Planning Inspectorate Document Reference	Title
6.1.3	REP5-009	Chapter 3 Project Description
8.18	REP5-125	Design Approach Document
24.6	REP6-114	The Applicant's Response to Actions Points recorded at CAH2 and ISH8

## 1 Applicant's Responses to the Fifth Request for Information

1. The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero issued a fifth Request for Information ("**RFI**") to GT R4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) ("**the Applicant**") and other Interested Parties on the 10 December 2025.
2. In section 1.1 below the Applicant has provided its written response, or signposting to its written response, against each request asked of it in the fifth RFI.

## 1.1 Applicant's Responses to the Fifth Request for Information

3. The Applicant has provided a response to each relevant paragraph within the Fifth Request for Information in Table 1-1 below.

Table 1-1 The Applicant's Responses to the Fifth Request for Information dated 10 December 2025

Paragraph Number	Addressed to	Request	Applicant Response
<b>Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession</b>			
8	The Applicant, Louise Jane Brooks, Julie Ann Mason, the Environment Agency, The Crown Estate (c/o The Crown Estate Rural), George Hays and Sons, St Johns College (SJC), Jarred Thomas Wright & William Eric Creasey & Davina Lynette Fillingham	The Secretary of State notes that in response to Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (published at Deadline 6, April 2025), the Applicant confirmed that there were a number of outstanding agreements with affected parties where the Applicant "could not confirm that agreement would be likely to be reached prior to a decision on its application". The Applicant, Louise Jane Brooks, Julie Ann Mason, the Environment Agency, The Crown Estate (c/o The Crown Estate Rural), George Hays and Sons, St Johns College (SJC), Jarred Thomas Wright & William Eric Creasey & Davina Lynette are all requested to provide an update on whether they have reached an agreement in their respective negotiations.	<p>In The Applicant's Response to Actions Points recorded at CAH2 and ISH8 (REP6-114) the Applicant set out that "The Applicant is confident it can secure the relevant land and/or rights in land by negotiation prior to the close of Examination except for those mentioned in table below[being a table including those parties to whom this question is addressed]." The Applicant has continued to engage with parties following the close of the Examination to agree terms for outstanding agreements where possible. The Applicant provides an update on negotiations with each party referred to by the Secretary of State below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Louise Jane Brooks – The parties have now agreed and signed Heads of Terms as of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The parties have instructed their respective solicitors to finalise the Option agreement. The Applicant has been informed by the interest's solicitor that Louise Jane Brooks has recently passed away and confirms that the Applicant is in discussions with their solicitors regarding probate.</li> <li>■ Julie Ann Mason – The parties have now agreed and signed Heads of Terms as of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The parties have instructed their respective solicitors to finalise the Option agreement.</li> <li>■ The Environment Agency – The Applicant continues to engage with the Environment Agency and has now received tenancy details. The Applicant is awaiting confirmation from the Environment Agency regarding the inclusion of tenants as a party in the agreements. The Applicant is still hopeful that Heads of Terms will be agreed and signed in the near future.</li> <li>■ The Crown Estate – The parties have continued to engage via The Crown Estate's managing agent to agree a voluntary agreement. The following statement has been agreed jointly by the parties: <i>"The terms are largely agreed with only the consideration for landscaping works as defined by Work No. 23 outstanding; as the Crown Estate must seek to ensure its compliance with the Crown Estate Act with regard to best consideration for any and all disposals. The parties are in the final stages of negotiation, with both parties committed to agree terms by the end of January 2026"</i>.</li> <li>■ George Hay and Sons – Negotiations with George Hay and Sons remain ongoing. The Applicant met with George Hay and Sons and their agent most recently on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to discuss Heads of Terms. The parties are continuing negotiations for the terms of a voluntary agreement with a view to agreeing and signing Head of Terms in the near future.</li> <li>■ St Johns College (SJC) – The position with St John's College remains as set out the Applicant's Response to Actions Points recorded at CAH2 and ISH8 (REP6-114), however the Applicant notes that the land was recently advertised for sale and is currently listed as "under offer". The Applicant will continue to monitor the situation and if/when the land is sold the Applicant will engage with the new owners with a view to reaching a voluntary agreement.</li> <li>■ Jarred Thomas Wright &amp; William Eric Creasey &amp; Davina Lynette Fillingham – Agreement has not been reached with Jarred Thomas Wright &amp; William Eric Creasey &amp; Davina Lynette Fillingham. The Applicant is seeking to acquire this land for landscape planting associated with Work No,</li> </ul>

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			<p>23. The affected parties disagree with the principle of having landscaping on this area of land. The Applicant has committed to continued engagement with the affected parties when the Applicant carries out the design review process, undertaken post consent (as detailed in the Design Approach Document REP5-125) which will determine the details of the required landscaping to screen the final substation design.</p> <p>The Applicant has sought to acquire land by negotiation wherever practicable, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008: Guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land. The Applicant has successfully agreed in principle Heads of Terms with 99% of landowners for landfall and the Onshore Export Cable Corridor (ECC) (representing 99% of the length of the Onshore ECC). Additionally, the Applicant has successfully agreed Option Agreements with 82% of landowners for landfall and the Onshore ECC (representing 80% of the length of the Onshore ECC). The Applicant is proceeding to exchange Option Agreements where possible, with 89 Option Agreements being exchanged to date, representing 61% of landowners. The Applicant will continue to engage with all remaining Affected Parties to agree a voluntary land agreement wherever possible. As is typical for NSIP developments, negotiations can and will continue post-consent wherever practicable.</p>
Offshore infrastructure			
9	Perenco UK Limited	In his first information request, the Secretary of State sought comments from Perenco UK Limited on Natural England's submission regarding the possible overlap between the removal of the gas platform and the construction of the Proposed Development. In its response, Perenco UK Limited stated that it is confident that the removal of the Galahad gas platform topsides and monopod will have been completed by Q4 2025 and there will be no overlap with such removal operation and the construction of the Proposed Development. However, in its response, the Applicant stated that the "decommissioning of the Galahad gas platform is anticipated to occur in 2026. Chapter 3 Project Description (REP5-009; Plate 11.1) confirms that construction within the Array Area is not expected to commence until Q3 of Year 2 of construction works (i.e., 2028)".	
10	Perenco UK Limited	The Secretary of State requests that Perenco UK Limited reconfirms the decommissioning timeframes for the removal of the gas platform, and if Q4 2025 was correct is asked to confirm whether the removal work has been completed.	