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Dear Mr Wheadon

**Re: Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010
Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development
Consent for the proposed Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets ("the Proposed
Development")**

Thank you for your letter dated 25 July 2025 within which you have requested information in relation to the above project. At Request for Information 8 responses are invited from the Ministry of Defence (Defence Infrastructure Organisation [DIO]) on two matters:-

- An update on whether agreement has been reached on the wording of Requirement 6 in the Applicant's draft Development Consent Order; and
- Confirmation as to whether the Defence Infrastructure Organisation is able to remove the MOD objection to the proposal

To address the second matter first the Applicant has submitted a proposal intended to mitigate the effects of the development upon the Warton Aerodrome Primary Surveillance Radar (submitted to BAE Systems Operation Limited Warton Aerodrome BAE Systems Ltd on 21 February 2025). This mitigation proposal is currently being assessed by BAE Systems Ltd. Until such time as technical and operational assessments on the mitigation proposal have been completed, and that it has been concluded the mitigation proposal is viable, the DIO objection to this development must remain in place.

It is acknowledged that the Applicant has included at Requirement 6 of the draft Development Consent Order a requirement designed to secure the submission, approval, and implementation of a radar mitigation

scheme. DIO cannot agree to the Requirement until the outcome of the mitigation assessment is known. In the meantime, though, DIO is willing to consider draft Requirement wording.

The Applicant's proposed Requirement 6 wording is similar to that applied to the Mona Offshore Wind Farm which was considered by DIO and BAE Systems Ltd. Similar wording to that used for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm is provided at Annex A which includes a correction **(identified by bold underlined text)** and revised/updated details for the operator definition at sub-paragraph (5) "operator" (underlined). In principle, should the mitigation proposal submitted be concluded to be both technically and operationally viable, the wording set out at Annex A is likely to be acceptable to DIO to secure the submission, approval and implementation of a radar mitigation scheme.

As and when it is possible updates will be provided to both the Planning Inspectorate and the Applicant.

I trust this is clear however should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Warton Aerodrome Primary Surveillance Radar

6.—(1) No part of any wind turbine generator shall be erected as part of the authorised development until a radar mitigation scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Ministry of Defence and the operator.

(2) No wind turbine generator erected as part of the authorised development shall be permitted to rotate its rotor blades about its horizontal axis other than for the purpose of testing the proposed mitigation solution identified in the approved radar mitigation scheme until the Secretary of State, following consultation with the Ministry of Defence and the operator, has confirmed in writing that he is satisfied that –

- (a) the proposed mitigation solution has been subject to technical and operational assessment and, in particular, has undergone ‘in-situ’ testing in line with the requirements of (and for the time period(s) specified in) the approved radar mitigation scheme;
- (b) the performance criteria required to be met by the proposed mitigation solution, as specified in the approved radar mitigation scheme, have been met; and
- (c) the approved radar mitigation scheme has been implemented by the operator (the costs of which shall be the sole responsibility of the undertaker in accordance with sub-paragraph **(4)(a)**).

(3) The approved radar mitigation scheme must remain in place and be complied with for so long as any of the wind turbine generators erected as part of the authorised development are operational and provided that the PSR remains an operational requirement of the Ministry of Defence or the operator (or both).

(4) The undertaker shall be solely responsible for costs of–

- (a) implementing the approved radar mitigation scheme prior to any wind turbine generator erected as part of the authorised development being permitted to rotate its rotor blades about its horizontal axis;
- (b) thereafter maintaining, repairing and replacing, including without limitation resolving any failure (howsoever caused) of the approved radar mitigation scheme for so long as any of the wind turbine generators erected as part of the authorised development are operational and provided that the PSR remains an operational requirement of the Ministry of Defence or the operator (or both); and
- (c) in the event of any amendment being made to the authorised development which gives rise to new or different adverse impacts to those identified by the environmental statement on the operation of the PSR or the PSR air traffic control operations, working with the Ministry of Defence and the operator in good faith to agree any additional mitigation measures required to prevent or remove such adverse impacts for so long as any of the wind turbine generators erected as part of the authorised development are operational and provided that the PSR remains an operational requirement of the Ministry of Defence or the operator (or both), together with the costs of implementing and maintaining on an ongoing basis those additional mitigation measures.

(5) For the purposes of this requirement–

“approved radar mitigation scheme” means the radar mitigation scheme as approved by the Secretary of State in accordance with sub-paragraph (1);

“Ministry of Defence” means the Ministry of Defence as represented by Defence Infrastructure Organisation – Safeguarding, St George’s House, DIO Head Office, DMS Whittington, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS14 9PY or any successor body;

“operator” means BAE Systems (Operations) Limited (incorporated in England and Wales with Company Number 01996687, whose registered office is Victory Point, Lyon Way, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 7EX) or such other organisation as is licensed from time to time under sections 5 and 6 of the Transport Act 2000 to provide air traffic services at Warton Aerodrome or any organisation employed by BAE Systems (Operations) Limited to provide an air traffic service at Warton Aerodrome;

“PSR” means the primary surveillance radar at Warton Aerodrome or any upgrade thereto or replacement thereof;

“PSR air traffic control operations” means the air traffic control operations, including both civil and military aircraft operations, of the Ministry of Defence or the operator (or both) which are reliant upon the PSR; and

“radar mitigation scheme” means a scheme designed to prevent or remove any adverse impacts arising from the authorised development upon the operation of the PSR or the PSR air traffic control operations.