

Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets

Agenda for open floor hearing 1 (OFH1):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Open floor hearing 1	Tuesday 29 April 2025 Hearing starts at 2.30pm Registration and seating available at venue from 2.00pm and virtual Registration Process from 1.45pm	Royal Suite, Grand Hotel, North Promenade Sea Front, Blackpool, FY1 2JQ and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

Item 1	Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the OFH and Examining Authority's (ExA) opening remarks
Item 3	Confirmation of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at the OFH – see Appendix A attached
Item 4	Oral submissions from interested parties
Item 5	Applicants' response – including agreement of action points, if any
Item 6	Closing

Purpose of open floor hearing

The open floor hearing provides an opportunity for interested parties (IPs) to make oral submissions about the application to the ExA. To ensure fairness and equity, oral submissions will be restricted to a **maximum of 3 minutes per individual IP and 5 minutes per IP representing a number of interests** (generally one person per household or organisation will be permitted to speak). The ExA may ask speakers questions about their submissions and the ExA will give the applicants an opportunity to respond to any matters raised by speakers.

The examination process is primarily a written process and it is not essential for IPs to make oral submissions; a written submission will be given the same weight. Deadlines for written representations and for comments on other parties' submissions are set out in the examination timetable.

Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the particular participant. However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

Attendees

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should contact the Case Team 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.

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond **5.30pm**.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) 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 **2.30pm**, those attending virtually should join promptly at **1.45pm** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at OFH

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. Any 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.

Appendix A – List of those who have notified the ExA of a wish to be heard at OFH1 and the order in which they will be invited to speak (subject to change on the day of the hearing)

Name	Representing	Attending in person (P) or virtually (V)	Time allocated (mins)
Thomas Threlfall	Fylde Council	P	5
Andrew Sierakowski	Lancashire County Council	V	5
Phil Morgan	Newton-with-Clifton Parish Council	P	5
Angus Walker	Newton-with-Clifton Parish Council	P	
Keith McKay	Freckleton Parish Council	P	5
Trevor Bethell		P	3
David Barlow		P	3
Sabiha Musa		P	3
Angela Esslinger		P	3
Sheila Hall		V	3
Anne Mason	G.R & B Mason & Son	P	3
Gary Latham		P	3
Phil Morgan		P	3
David Dunlop	The Wildlife Trust	P	3
Christine Abbot		V	3
Paul Dennis	A number of landowners	P	5
Alistair Paul	Blackpool Airport	V	5
Alban Cassidy	Blackpool Airport	P	
Steve Peters	Blackpool Airport	V	
Annette Sharkey		P	3
Peter Sharkey		P	3
Richard Ellis		P	3
Wendy Ellis	Midgeland Riding School	P	3
Paul Ellis		V	3
John Kirkham	J.W. Kirkham & Sons Ltd	P	3
Rae-Anne Marr	Spirit Energy	V	3
Andrew Treharne		P	3
Ralph Cairns		P	3
Ralph Cairns	FACTS	P	5
Geza Tarjanyi		P	3