

Planning Act 2008 – Section 92

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 compulsory acquisition hearing 1 (CAH1)

Date:	Friday 2 May 2025
Time:	Seating available at venue from 9.00am Virtual registration process from 9.00am Hearing starts at 9.30am Hearing to close by 1.00pm
Venue:	Royal Suite, Grand Hotel, North Promenade Sea Front, Blackpool, FY1 2JQ and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda for compulsory acquisition hearing 1 (CAH1) The Applicants' strategic case for compulsory acquisition and temporary possession	
Item 1	Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the compulsory acquisition hearing The purpose of this CAH1 is to examine the applicants' strategic case for the compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP) of land and rights. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the relevant statutory and policy tests under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and the Department for Communities and Local Government Guidance for CA would be met; • The applicants' strategy and criteria for determining whether to seek powers for CA of land, CA of rights or TP of land; • Consideration of alternatives to CA and TP; • The extent of land sought to be subject to CA and TP; • Update on negotiations with landowners; • The purpose and adequacy of the funding statement (APP-008) • Whether there is a compelling case in the public interest for the CA and TP provisions overall.

Item 3	<p>Applicants' approach</p> <p>The applicants will be asked to set out their general approach to CA and TP including the matters outlined in Agenda Item 2 above.</p> <p>Where affected persons consider that the relevant legal tests and/ or policies have not been met, they will be invited to address the ExA at a level of general principle. Individual site-specific objections will be heard at a later hearing(s) and do not need to be presented at CAH1.</p> <p>The applicants will be provided with a right of reply.</p>
Item 4	<p>Corporate structure of the applicants</p> <p>Update from the applicants on the corporate structure of the respective companies involved and likely changes to the statement of reasons (APP-013) and other application documents</p>
Item 5	<p>Examining Authority's questions</p> <p>The ExA will ask questions of the applicants on a number of issues including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of land sought to be subject to CA and TP – including the need for split cable corridors • Update on negotiations with affected persons • Other consents and licences (APP-232) • Progress with negotiations with National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (RR-1598) • The current position in respect of sections 127 and 138, PA2008 concerning other statutory undertakers and the progress with negotiations regarding protective provisions • Update towards obtaining consent for onshore and offshore crown land under section 135 PA2008 • Update on negotiations for special land, and open spaces under sections 131 and 132 PA2008
Item 6	<p>Human Rights and the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circumstances within which the provisions relating either to human rights or the PSED might be engaged • How the applicants have taken into account the relevant provisions from the Human Rights Act and the Equality Act 2010

Item 7	<p>Affected Persons</p> <p>CAH1 is a hearing to consider the outline of the applicants' case for CA and TP. Please note that it is not intended to discuss all site-specific matters relating to compulsory acquisition at CAH1. Individual affected persons whose land and/or rights are affected may speak to answer any questions from the ExA, but it is not proposed to hear their concerns in detail at CAH1. They are invited to submit further written representations, and should they wish to be heard at a future compulsory acquisition hearing, they can submit their requests for attendance at deadline 1 in the examination timetable.</p>
Item 8	Next Steps
Item 9	Closing

Attendees for CAH1

CAH1 is being held because the ExA wishes to question the applicants about their strategic case for CA and TP. It is not the place to hear individual objections about effects on land or rights. Subsequent CA hearings will provide places at which APs wishing to object on an individual basis to a CA or TP request affecting their interests in land will be invited.

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing:

- The applicants
- Affected persons (APs) objecting to the granting of CA and or TP powers on a strategic basis; namely that the extent of land or rights sought does not meet relevant legal or policy requirements

All affected persons (APs) may make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.