

**Planning Act 2008 – Section 91****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 issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1) on site selection and alternatives, the scope of the proposed development and the applicants' assessments**

- Date:** Wednesday 30 April 2025, continuing on Thursday 1 May 2025 (if required)
- Time:** Seating available at venue from 9.00am  
Virtual registration process from 9.00am  
Hearing starts at 9.30am
- Venue:** Royal Suite, Grand Hotel, North Promenade Sea Front, Blackpool, FY1 2JQ  
and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams

**Purpose of ISH1:**

This issue specific hearing is being held to address specific issues and questions identified by us through our reading of submissions to date.

Taking account of relevant representations received, we consider that matters relating to site selection and alternatives would benefit from questioning by the Examining Authority (ExA) and oral representations.

We also consider that it would assist our examination for matters relating to the scope of the proposed development and the scope of the applicants' assessment to be examined through a hearing to ensure that the nature and scope of the proposed development and general matters related to the applicants' assessments are clearly explained and understood.

Towards the end of the hearing, we will ask general questions regarding the applicants' draft development consent order and the applicants' proposed outline management plans.

As the hearing is to discuss these matters only, we will not, at this hearing, be considering in detail or hearing detailed representations on the specific effects of the proposed development. There are likely to be further issue specific hearings on the specific effects of the proposed development as our examination progresses, along with the opportunity for written representations from any interested party and local impact reports from any local authority at Deadline 1.

<b>Agenda for issue specific hearing 1</b>  <b>Site selection and alternatives, the scope of the proposed development and the applicants' assessments</b>	
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing</b>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Purpose of the hearing</b>
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Relevant policy</b> to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Policy context for decision making</li> <li>b) Any updates to relevant policy and guidance</li> <li>c) Applicants' policy trackers</li> </ul>
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Site selection and alternatives</b> to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Applicants' overview of the site selection process</li> <li>b) Grid connection</li> <li>c) Cable route (onshore &amp; offshore)</li> <li>d) Substations</li> <li>e) Any other relevant matter</li> </ul>
<b>Item 5</b>	<b>Scope of the proposed development</b> to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Overview of the proposed development, to include the applicants' brief explanation of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Offshore cable works</li> <li>ii. Landfall works</li> <li>iii. Approach to onshore cable works areas</li> <li>iv. Works at St Annes Golf Club</li> <li>v. Works at Blackpool Airport</li> <li>vi. Works at Blackpool Road Recreation Ground</li> <li>vii. Proposed substations</li> <li>viii. River Ribble crossing</li> <li>ix. Connection to existing Penwortham substation</li> <li>x. Construction compounds, including horizontal directional drilling and direct pipe pits</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Proposed design parameters and project flexibility</li> <li>c) Proposed construction scenarios, stages (phases) and durations</li> <li>d) Co-ordination between Morecambe and Morgan projects</li> <li>e) Summary and update on cumulative effects and inter-relationships with other projects</li> <li>f) Proposed construction working hours and mobilisation period</li> <li>g) Community benefits</li> </ul>

<b>Item 6</b>	<p><b>Scope and content of the applicants' assessments</b></p> <p>The ExA will ask its initial questions to the applicants regarding the scope and content of the assessments, including in respect of the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Offshore ecology, including Habitats Regulations Assessment and Marine Conservation Zone issues</li> <li>b) Traffic and transportation</li> <li>c) Aviation (Blackpool Airport and Warton aerodrome)</li> <li>d) Effects on agricultural land</li> <li>e) Flood risk, hydrogeology and drainage</li> <li>f) Onshore ecology, including biodiversity net gain</li> <li>g) Onshore archaeology and other heritage assets</li> <li>h) Landscape and visual effects of the proposed substations</li> <li>i) Effects on local business and tourism</li> <li>j) Interrelationships with other projects, including cumulative effects assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Item 7</b>	<p><b>Draft development consent order (DCO)</b> to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Applicants' brief overview of the structure and content of the draft DCO</li> <li>b) General matters in connection with the draft DCO</li> <li>c) Progress of discussions with interested parties on detailed draft DCO matters</li> </ul>
<b>Item 8</b>	<p><b>Outline management plans</b> to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Overview of content and purpose of outline management plans</li> <li>b) Progress on outstanding issues regarding outline management plans</li> <li>c) Any other relevant matter regarding outline management plans etc</li> </ul>
<b>Item 9</b>	<b>Actions, next steps and closing</b>
<b>Item 10</b>	<b>Closing</b>