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**Your Ref** EN010028

**Our Ref** IPP-171

**IP No** 20053937

**Thursday 5 June 2025**

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

**Proposal: 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 ("the Application")**

**Canal & River Trust (the Trust) Submission for Deadline Two, (Unique Reference: 20053937).**

We write further to the publication of the Deadline One (DL1) submissions.

We wish to provide the ExA with an update on the Trust's latest position in relation to the examination, with headings to identify the various elements in relation to Deadline Two (DL2), including update on the proposed Protective Provisions for the benefit of the Trust, and on progress made on negotiating an agreement in terms of the rights over Trust leased land. We also provide comments on Deadline 1 matters relevant to the Trust.

#### Protective Provisions for the Trust

As part of their DL1 submissions, the applicant has provided an updated Draft Development Consent Order (Ref C1/F03 dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025). We welcome that this updated draft now includes a version of protective provisions for the Canal & River Trust (Part 11, Schedule 10). But, please note, as set out in our DL1 response these only reflect the progress of negotiations to date, they have not been agreed by the Trust.

We provided at DL1 our preferred protective provisions which are based on the DCO made for Keadby 3 (SI 2022/1396) and similar which have been recently included in the Cottam (SI 2024/943) & Gate Burton (SI 2024/807) Solar NSIPs, where the proposed developments affecting the Trust's asset is an underground electricity cable.

The Trust are currently awaiting further comments from the applicant on the latest draft protective provisions sent to the applicant on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Statement of Common Ground

We note that the applicant's DL1 submission Statement of Commonality (Ref: S\_D1\_6 Rev F01 dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025), in relation to a SoCG with the Trust and that a SoCG is not required "*on the basis of engagement will focus on negotiation of the Protective Provisions and associated side agreement where necessary.*" We would concur with this approach.

#### Trusts' response to Deadline One matters

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The Trust have read the various relevant DL1 submissions of the applicant which relate to the Trust's interests and in particular the Land Rights Tracker (Ref: S\_D1\_15 Rev F01 dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025). Page 32 of that document relates to the Trust and provides a summary of the negotiation status to date with which we concur.

The applicant's land agents (Dalcour Maclaren) provided the Trust draft Heads of Terms for the land where we have leasehold interests on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The Trust replied to this email on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025 advising that we will be appointing an external agent to assist us with negotiations and will provide details of the appointed person in due course.

The Trust has no further comments to make on the applicant's other DL1 Submissions

The Trust will update the ExA on the progress made in relation to the protective provisions and other matters at each relevant deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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