

National Infrastructure Planning
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Your Ref EN010028

Our Ref IPP-171

IP No 20053937

Friday 4 July 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 Three, (Unique Reference: 20053937).

We write further to the publication of the Deadline Two (DL2) submissions and Examiner Questions.

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 Three (DL3), 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 2 matters relevant to the Trust.

Examiner Questions

There is one question for the Canal & River Trust (Q5.1.9) - *The Canal & River Trust hold a leasehold interest from the freeholder, Tallentire Limited. They have reported [REP1-074] that they did not attend CAH1 as they had been assured that negotiations would be commenced. The applicants confirm [REP2-031] that heads of terms were issued on 21 May 2025. Please update on what progress has now been made.*

The Trust received draft Heads of Term on 21 May 2025. The Trust have instructed Carter Jonas to act on our behalf in relation to these land negotiations. Carter Jonas are currently reviewing the Heads of Terms.

Protective Provisions for the Trust

Since DL2 further good progress has been made on the protective provisions for the Trust. It is understood that the applicants have prepared a new tracker to provide updates on these matters. The Trust have agreed a joint statement for this tracker, namely that the protective provisions for the Trust are substantially agreed with limited points remaining.

Trusts' response to Deadline Two matters

The Trust has no comments to make on the applicant's other DL2 Submissions.

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The Trust will update the ExA on the progress made in relation to the protective provisions, land negotiations 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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