



RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S WRITTEN QUESTIONS 1
(EXQ1) ON BEHALF OF ORSTED EAST IRISH SEA TRANSMISSION
LIMITED (REF NO: MMTA-OP010)

IN CONNECTION WITH THE 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

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This submission is provided in accordance with Deadline 3 of the examination timetable for the application made by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Wind Limited (the “**Applicants**”) for an order granting development consent for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets (“**Project**”).
- 1.2 We represent Orsted East Irish Sea Transmission Limited (“**OEIST**”), which filed a relevant representation (accepted as an additional submission) [AS-064] in respect of the Project. This submission contains the OEIST’s response to the Examining Authority’s first set of written questions (“**ExQ1**”) [PD-008] (provided overleaf).

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Q reference	Question	OEIST's response
1.4.1	<p>The ExA notes OEIST's comments [REP1-225] that it is highly probable that the grid connection date for the Mooir Vannin proposals will be brought forward and therefore it is possible the construction of the respective developments will overlap.</p> <p>a) Can OEIST provide an up-to-date indicative timetable for both the Mooir Vannin generation assets and the transmission proposals, including likely application submission dates, subsequent potential reserved matter submissions (if consented) and potential construction commencement dates?</p> <p>b) When is it expected that further details will be publicly available?</p>	<p>In respect of the Mooir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm generation assets ("MVOWF"), the application for Marine Infrastructure Consent was submitted to the Isle of Man Government in March 2025.</p> <p>However, it became apparent that the existing Marine Infrastructure (Consenting Process) Regulations 2024 are worded in a way that any proposed controlled marine activity would struggle to be accepted for examination. Mooir Vannin Offshore Windfarm Limited ("Mooir Vannin") has been informed that amendments are being made to the Marine Infrastructure (Consenting Process) Regulations 2024 which will bring the requirements in line with the latest approaches that other jurisdictions take to marine infrastructure planning. It was therefore agreed that Mooir Vannin could withdraw its application, which it formally did on 10 June 2025. Mooir Vannin intends to resubmit its application in late July 2025 once the amendments to the Regulations are in force. No substantive changes to the version of the application submitted in March are anticipated.</p> <p>Mooir Vannin does not have control over when the application materials will become publicly available, however, the documentation associated with MVOWF could be shared with the Applicants upon request, in order to inform their cumulative effects assessment.</p> <p>Figure 1.4 from the MVOWF scoping report sets out the expected timeframes for the development and is provided as Appendix 1 to this response. As set out in Appendix 1, construction for MVOWF is expected to commence in Spring 2030. The slight delay in the acceptance of the application is not anticipated to result in any delays to the construction timeframes.</p> <p>In respect of the East Irish Sea Transmission Project, OEIST intends to lodge the scoping report mid-August 2025 with community consultation commencing in September 2025. It is anticipated that the application for development consent will be submitted in September 2027 and, if development consent is</p>

		<p>granted, construction is currently due to commence in 2029. The anticipated project timeline is provided as Appendix 2.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the Scoping Report will become publicly available following its submission to the Planning Inspectorate. To assist the Examining Authority and the Applicants a map which illustrates the draft scoping boundary and the two transmission route options being taken forward to Scoping is provided as Appendix 3.</p>
1.4.2	<p>From the information currently available, there appears to be potential for the locations of the OEIST proposals and the proposed development to be located near to each other and to be constructed either at similar times or relatively shortly after one another.</p> <p>a) Notwithstanding the limited public information currently available for the OEIST proposals, what effects could this potentially have in terms of the cumulative impacts of the developments, including upon landowners/occupiers, the environment, transport and local communities?</p>	<p>In response to question (a), OEIST acknowledges the potential for the East Irish Sea Transmission Project to have cumulative effects with the Project. The proposals will include an assessment of cumulative effects which will account for the Project (and any other relevant developments/assets). The detail of the assessment cannot be provided at this stage.</p> <p>However, as flagged above, in the interest of assisting the Examining Authority and the Applicants in their understanding of the potential for cumulative effects, OEIST has provided a map of the draft Scoping Boundary for the East Irish Sea Transmission Project as Appendix 3. The extent of cumulative effects will vary depending on which route is ultimately selected.</p>

	<p>b) Whilst acknowledging that the details of the OEIST proposals are currently very limited, what measures are both parties taking to ensure that each development (if consented) would be able to be brought forward without unreasonable impediment for each and to ensure that any necessary management, co-ordination and mitigation measures would be in place to protect the environment and local interests?</p>	<p>In response to question (b), a series of meetings commencing in October 2022 have taken place with the Applicants to discuss the potential interactions between MVOWF, the East Irish Sea Transmission Project and the Project. These meetings included introductory meetings in October 2022 to discuss engagement and programme and to request to be included in baseline assessments and Hazard Workshops in relation to the MoMoMo Projects, attendance at Marine Navigation Engagement Forum meetings, attendance at a Hazard Workshop, meetings with the respective consenting teams and discussions regarding the SoCG in respect of the Morgan application in early 2025. In particular, engagement has been sought with the Applicants regarding landfall and Penwortham since October 2022.</p> <p>However, OEIST considers specific measures require to be secured within the Development Consent Order for the Project, to ensure any interactions are adequately addressed. As outlined in OEIST's written representation [REP1-225], it considers that a crossing agreement is required to manage any potential interaction of transmission cables for the developments. In the absence of a crossing agreement, protective provisions are required in the Development Consent Order for the Project to protect the East Irish Sea Transmission Project.</p> <p>Additionally, if the details regarding the Project's connection at the Penwortham substation are not able to be clarified, it will be necessary to develop a mechanism which allows for reducing the extent of rights sought for the grid connection as quickly as possible.</p> <p>OEIST also considers that the works required for the connection at Penwortham Substation should be subject to requirements in the Development Consent Order to comply with certain design principles, including that access to the substation for other developers must be preserved.</p>
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APPENDIX 1

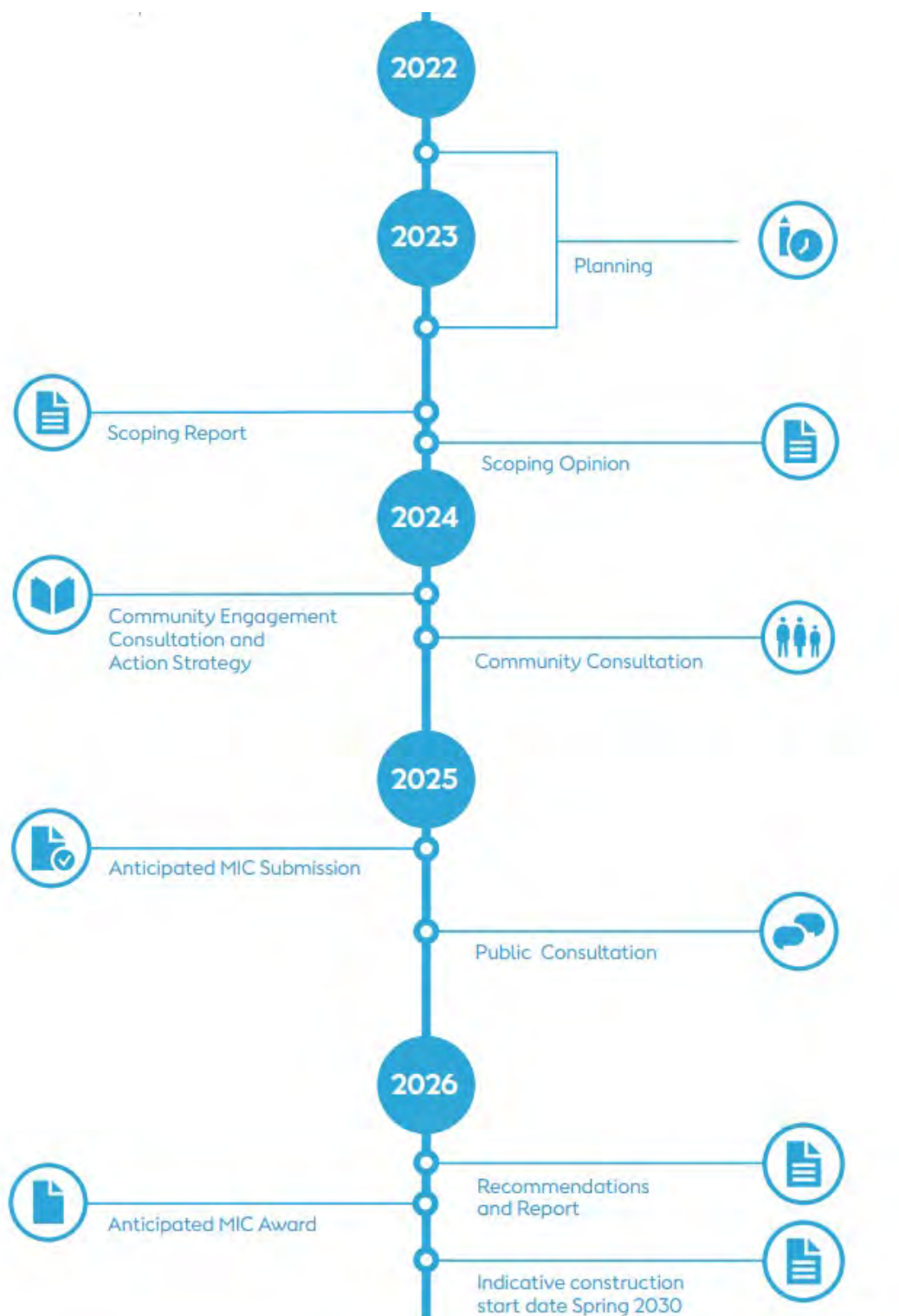
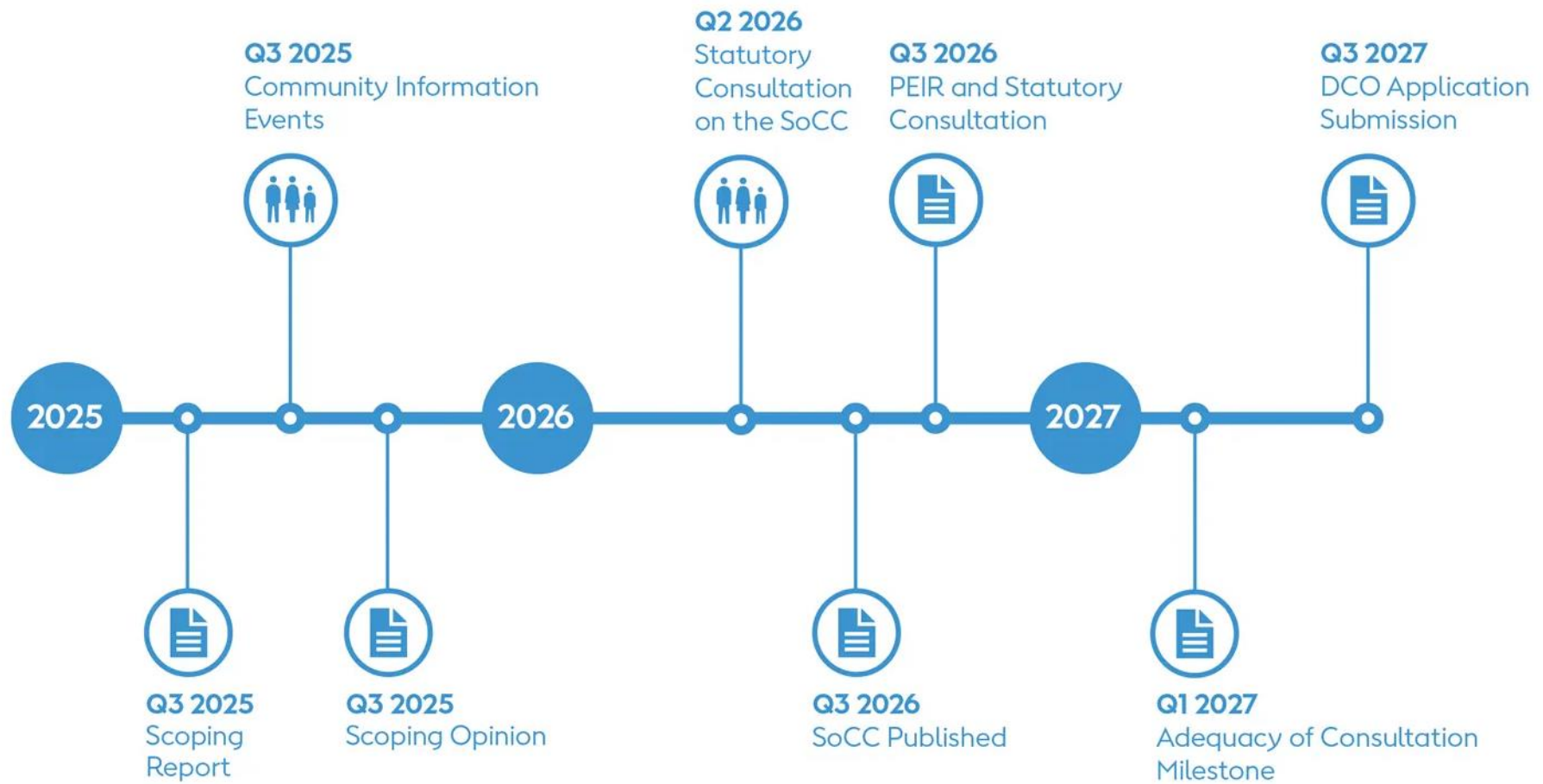
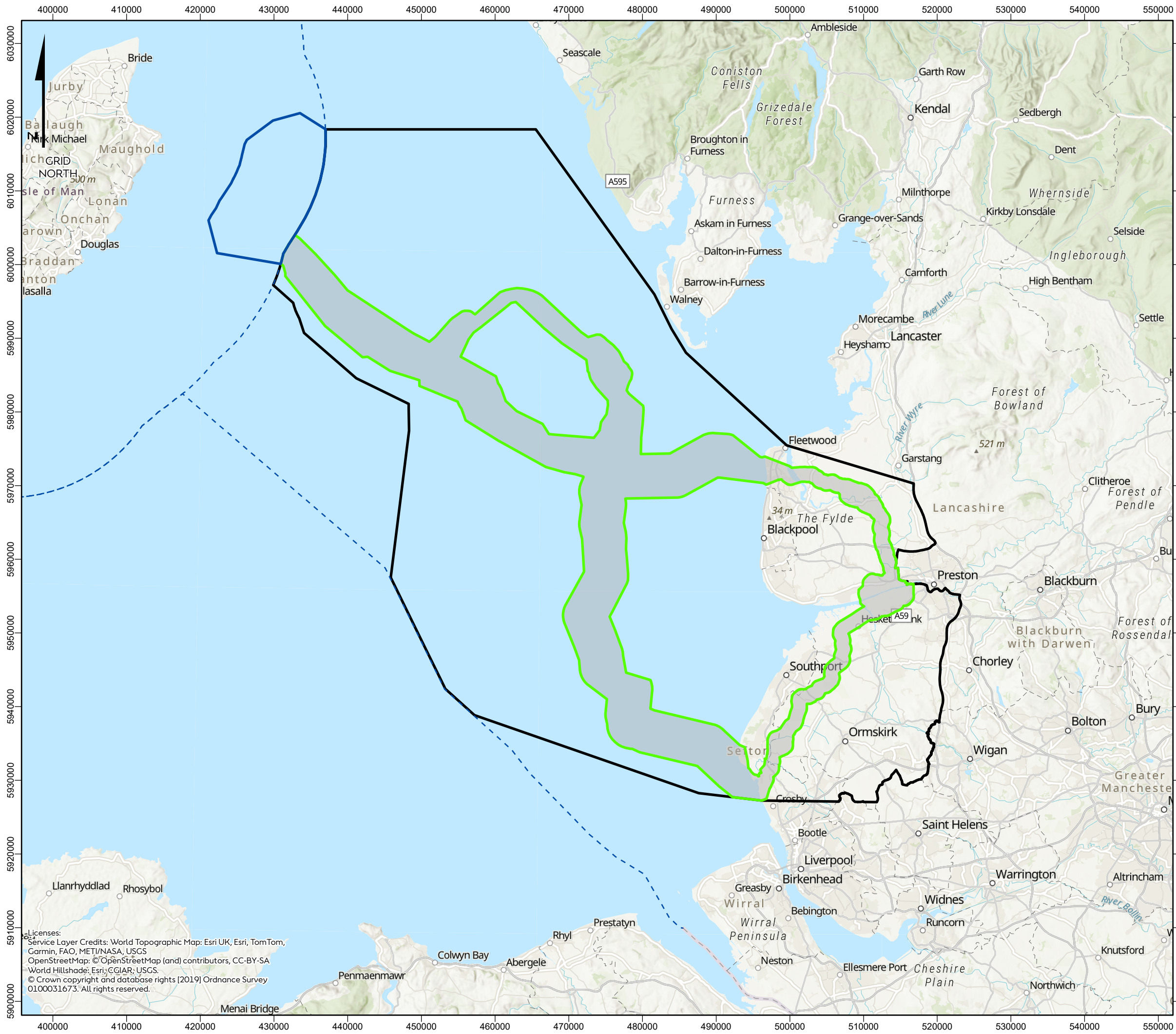


Figure 1.4: Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm anticipated timeline.

APPENDIX 2



APPENDIX 3



East Irish Sea Transmission Project

Draft Scoping Boundary
for the Proposed Development

- Isle of Man Territorial Limits
and English Offshore and
Inshore Limit
- Moor Vannin Offshore Wind
Farm Array
- Draft Scoping Boundary
- Section 35 Boundary



Coordinate System: ETRS 1989 UTM Zone 30N
Scale@A3: 1:500,000

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