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Glossary

| Term | Meaning |
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| 400 kV grid connection cables | Cables that will connect the proposed onshore substations to the existing National Grid Penwortham substation. |
| 400 kV grid connection cable corridor | The corridor within which the 400 kV grid connection cables will be located. |
| Baseline | The status of the environment without the Transmission Assets in place. |
| Mean High Water Springs | The height of mean high water during spring tides in a year. |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | The offshore and onshore infrastructure connecting the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to the national grid. This includes the offshore export cables, landfall site, onshore export cables, onshore substations, 400 kV grid connection cables and associated grid connection infrastructure such as circuit breaker compounds. Also referred to in this report as the Transmission Assets, for ease of reading. |
| Landfall | The area in which the offshore export cables make landfall (come on shore) and the transitional area between the offshore cabling and the onshore cabling. This term applies to the entire landfall area at Lytham St. Annes between Mean Low Water Springs and the transition joint bay inclusive of all construction works, including the offshore and onshore cable routes, intertidal working area and landfall compound(s). |
| Onshore export cables | The cables which would bring electricity from the landfall to the onshore substations. |
| Onshore export cable corridor | The corridor within which the onshore export cables will be located. |
| Onshore substations | The area within the Transmission Assets Order Limits landward of Mean High Water Springs. Comprising the offshore export cables from Mean High Water Springs to the transition joint bays, onshore export cables, onshore substations and 400 kV grid connection cables, and associated temporary and permanent infrastructure including temporary and permanent compound areas and accesses. Those parts of the Transmission Assets Order Limits proposed only for ecological mitigation/biodiversity benefit are excluded from this area. |
| Order limits | The limits within which the Transmission Assets may be carried out. |
| Transmission Assets | See Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (above). |

| Term | Meaning |
|---|---|
| Transmission Assets Order Limits: Onshore | The area within which all components of the Transmission Assets landward of Mean High Water Springs will be located, including areas required on a temporary basis during construction and/or decommissioning (such as construction compounds). Also referred to in this report as the Onshore Order Limits, for ease of reading. |

Acronyms

| Acronym | Meaning |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Agricultural Land Classification | ALC |
| bp | bp Alternative Energy Investments Ltd |
| Cobra | Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios, S.A. |
| CoCP | Code of Construction Practice |
| CLO | Communication Liaison Officer |
| DCO | Development Consent Order |
| Defra | Department for Environment & Rural Affairs |
| EnBW | Energie Baden-Württemberg AG |
| HNDR | Holistic Network Design Review |
| INNS | Invasive and Non-native Species |
| IQ | Institute of Quarrying |
| MHWS | Mean High Water Springs |
| MLWS | Mean Low Water Springs |
| Morecambe OWL | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd |
| Morgan OWL | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited |

Units

| Unit | Description |
|------|-------------|
| ha | Hectares |
| kV | Kilovolts |
| m | Metres |
| mm | Millimetres |

1 Outline Communications Plan

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1.1 This document forms the Outline Communications Plan prepared for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (referred to hereafter as ‘the Transmission Assets’).

1.2 Implementation

- 1.2.1.1 This Outline Communications Plan forms an appendix to the Outline Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) (document reference J1). Following the granting of consent for the Transmission Assets, detailed Communications Plans will be prepared as part of the detailed Code of Construction Practice(s) on behalf of Morgan OWL and/or Morecambe OWL, prior to commencement of the relevant stage of works and will follow the principles established in this Outline Communications Plan. The detailed Communications Plan(s) will require approval by the relevant planning authority following consultation with relevant stakeholders. The Applicants and all appointed contractors will be responsible for the implementation of the detailed Communications Plan(s).
- 1.2.1.2 The Applicants have committed to implementation of detailed Communications Plan(s) via the following commitment, CoT35 (see Volume 1, Annex 5.3: Commitments Register, document reference F1.5.3), and is secured by inclusion of Requirement 8 of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (document reference C1) Schedules 2A & 2B. Below sets out the requirement wording for Project A (Project B’s requirement mirror those of Project A for this requirement and are, therefore, not repeated):
- 8.—(1) No stage of the Project A onshore works or Project A intertidal works may commence until for that stage a code of construction practice has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority following consultation as appropriate with*
- (a) Lancashire County Council;*
 - (b) Natural England;*
 - (c) the Environment Agency;*
 - (d) in relation to the Project A intertidal works or, if applicable to the Project A offshore works, the MMO; and*
 - (e) in relation to the Project A Blackpool Airport works, BAOL to the extent specified in the outline code of construction practice.*
- (2) Each code of construction practice must accord with the outline code of construction practice and include, as appropriate to the relevant stage...*
- (a) communications plan (in accordance with the outline communications plan);...*

(3) The code of construction practice approved in relation to the relevant stage of the Project A onshore works and Project A intertidal works must be followed in relation to that stage of the Project A onshore works and Project A intertidal works.

- 1.2.1.3 The Transmission Assets may adopt a staged approach to the approval of DCO requirements. This will enable requirements to be approved in part or in whole, prior to the commencement of the relevant stage of works in accordance with whether staged approach is to be taken to the delivery of the each of the offshore wind farms.
- 1.2.1.4 For onshore and intertidal works (landward of Mean Low Water Springs), this approach will be governed by the inclusion of Requirement 3 within the draft DCO, which requires notification to be submitted to the relevant planning authority/authorities detailing whether Project A or Project B relevant works will be constructed in a single stage; or in two or more stages to be approved prior to the commencement of the authorised development.

1.3 Communications Plan Framework

- 1.3.1.1 The Communications Plan Framework will be based on the following principles:
- The Applicants will implement a proactive and proportionate approach to communication with relevant stakeholders and relevant parties.
 - Where appropriate, occupiers of nearby properties will be informed in advance of works taking place.
 - All necessary parties (including local residents and businesses, where applicable) will be informed when construction works will take place. Information provided, will include information on the general location of the activities, and the expected duration.
 - Provide communications in a clear and understandable way in which people can enquire about the construction of the Transmission Assets.
 - Provide regular updates on construction activities through various communication channels, such as newsletters, media coverage, websites, and drop-in sessions. These could include, but are not limited to:
 - Regular meetings with a local liaison committee, comprising relevant local representatives, to effectively communicate upcoming activities and to establish the most appropriate timescale and the best way to disseminate this information to the community.
 - Drop-in sessions to allow local businesses and communities to stay informed on the construction activities.
 - Community Liaison Officer(s) will be appointed and will be the point of contact for residents and local businesses. They will be

responsible for implementing the relevant parts of the Communications Plan.

- Agricultural Liaison Officer(s) will be appointed and will be the point of contact for landowners. The role is defined in the Outline CoCP (document reference J1).
- Development of a communications plan with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in relation to the onshore and intertidal works at Landfall, including proactive coordination regarding access to the Starr Gate Slipway and lifeboat operations.
- A phone line and email address will be available for members of the public to make enquiries.
- A complaints procedure will be implemented during the construction phase. All complaints and responses will be logged and recorded. Complaints will be investigated and, where required, measures to address the complaints will be implemented.

1.3.1.2 The Applicants will ensure that a comprehensive range of communication methods are available to engage with stakeholders effectively. These may include, where appropriate:

- Websites and digital services.
- Temporary and permanent signs and business cards.
- Advertising and marketing e.g. broadcasting, print based advertising, marketing materials, billboard and vehicles.