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Glossary

Term	Meaning
Applicant	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL) and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Morecambe OWL).
Development Consent Order (DCO)	An order made under the Planning Act 2008, as amended, granting development consent.
Marine licence	The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 requires a marine licence to be obtained for licensable marine activities. Section 149A of the Planning Act 2008 allows an applicant for to apply for 'deemed marine licences' in English waters as part of the development consent process.
Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Transmission Assets	The offshore export cables, landfall, and onshore infrastructure required to connect the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to the National Grid.
Morecambe OWL	Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd is a joint venture between Zero-E Offshore Wind S.L.U. (Spain) (a Cobra group company) (Cobra) and Flotation Energy Ltd.
Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets	The offshore export cables, landfall, and onshore infrastructure for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. 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.
Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Asset	The offshore generation assets and associated activities for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.
Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Transmission Assets	The offshore export cables, landfall and onshore infrastructure required to connect the Morgan Offshore Wind Project to the National Grid.
Morgan OWL	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited is a joint venture between bp Alternative Energy Investments Ltd. and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW).
The Planning Inspectorate	The agency responsible for operating the planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

Acronyms

Acronym	Meaning
AHEF	Archaeology and Heritage Engagement Forum
CEA	Cumulative Effects Assessment
CSIP	Outline Offshore Cable Specification and Installation Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
ECRA	The Crown Estate Export Cable Route Assessment
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EnBW	Energie Baden-Württemberg AG
EWG	Expert Working Group
ExA	Examining Authority
kV	Kilovolt
LSE	Likely Significant Effect
MCZ	MCZ Marine Conservation Zone
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
OWL	Offshore Wind Limited
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PTS	Permanent Threshold Shift
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance

1 Initial Statement of Common Ground between Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and Marine Management Organisation

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Overview

1.1.1.1 This initial Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared between Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicants') and Marine Management Organisation (MMO), together the parties. The SoCG sets out the areas of agreement and disagreement between the parties in relation to the proposed Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (hereafter referred to as 'the Transmission Assets').

1.1.1.2 The need for a SoCG between the Applicants and MMO is set out within Appendix F of the Rule 6 letter issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 28 March 2025 (PD-006).

- This document is intended to provide the Examining Authority (ExA) with an overview of the level of common ground between the parties. The SoCG will identify where agreement has been reached, where differences lie and the reasons for disagreement or outstanding matters. The SoCG will also specify the actions needed to address the issues and will facilitate further discussion between the parties. The SoCG will be updated during the Transmission Assets Examination and submitted at the Deadlines as set out in the Rule 6 letter (PD-006).

1.1.2 Transmission Assets elements under MMO's remit

1.1.2.1 MMO's remit, as set out in the relevant representation (RR-1414) is to make a contribution to sustainable development in the marine area and to promote clean, healthy, safe, productive and biologically diverse oceans and seas. The elements of the Transmission Assets which may affect the interests of MMO are within Work Number 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A3B, 4A4B and Work Numbers 26A to 31A, covering the offshore, intertidal and River Ribble crossing works. These are detailed in Schedule 2A (Authorised Project), Part 1 (Authorised Development) and in Schedule 2B (Authorised Project), Part 1 (Authorised Development) of the Draft DCO (AS-004).

This SoCG covers the following topics of relevance to MMO:

- Coastal processes
- Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology
- Fish and shellfish ecology
- Underwater noise (which is addressed in the relevant EIA topics above)

- Other Documents and Plans
 - Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP)
 - Offshore In Principle Monitoring Plan
 - Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan
 - Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan
 - Outline Offshore Cable Specification and Installation Plan
 - Outline Cable Burial Risk Assessment

1.1.2.2 For the following offshore matters MMO defers to statutory consultees and relevant interested parties:

- Marine mammals (defer to Natural England)
- Offshore ornithology (defer to Natural England)
- Marine archaeology and cultural heritage (defer to Historic England)
- Shipping and navigation (defer to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Trinity House)
- Commercial fisheries (defer to the commercial fishing industry interested parties)
- Seascape, landscape and visual resources (defer to Natural England)

1.1.2.3 The MMO will continue to be part of the discussions relating to securing any mitigation and monitoring or other conditions required within the DMLs, which will be set out in the agreement table for DCO and Marine Licenses below.

1.1.3 Overview of Transmission Assets

1.1.3.1 The design philosophy for the Transmission Assets is for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets (referred to as ‘the Generation Assets’) to be electrically independent. Therefore, each offshore wind farm will have its own separate set of transmission assets (e.g., cable and substation infrastructure). However, the location of the infrastructure will be aligned (where practicable), for example within aligned offshore and onshore cable corridors to minimise impacts to environment and the community.

1.1.3.2 Morgan OWL and Morecambe OWL (the Applicants), are jointly seeking a single consent for their electrically separate transmission assets comprising aligned offshore export cable corridors to landfall and aligned onshore export cable corridors to separate onshore substations (and associated infrastructure), and onward connection to the National Grid at Penwortham, Lancashire.

1.1.3.3 The key components of the Transmission Assets include the following.

- Offshore elements:
 - offshore export cables: these export cables will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets to the landfall for onward transmission.

- Landfall:
 - landfall site: this is where the offshore export cables are jointed to the onshore export cables via the transition joint bays. This term applies to the entire area between Mean Low Water Springs and the transition joint bays.
- Onshore elements:
 - onshore export cables: these export cables will be jointed to the offshore export cables via the transition joint bays at the landfall site, and will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets to the onshore substations;
 - onshore substations: the two electrically separate onshore substations will contain the components for transforming the power supplied via the onshore export cables up to 400 kV;
 - 400 kV grid connection cables: these export cables will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets from the two electrically separate onshore substations to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham;
 - environmental mitigation areas: temporary and/or permanent areas, including accesses identified to provide environmental mitigation only; and
 - biodiversity benefit areas: temporary and/or permanent areas, including accesses identified to provide biodiversity benefit only.

1.1.4 Approach to SoCG

1.1.4.1 This initial SoCG has been developed during the pre-examination phase and will be progressed during the examination phases of the Transmission Assets. In accordance with discussions between the parties, the SoCG is focused on those issues raised by MMO within its response to the Scoping Report, Section 42 consultation and as raised through the Evidence Plan Process that has underpinned the pre-application consultation between the parties. This SoCG also includes those issues raised by MMO during the post-application phase (i.e. relevant representations and pre-examination meetings).

1.1.4.2 The structure of this SoCG is as follows:

- Section 1.1: Introduction
- Section 1.2: Summary of SoCG
- Section 1.3: Summary of consultation
- Section 1.4: Agreement log.

1.2 Summary of SoCG

1.2.1 Overview

1.2.1.1 This SoCG outlines the consultation that has taken place between the parties during the pre-application and post-application phase of the Transmission

Assets. The agreement logs present the position reached on 7 July 2025 (Deadline 3).

1.2.2 Summary of those matters agreed, ongoing points of discussion and not agreed

1.2.2.1 Table 1.1 provides a summary of those matters agreed, an ongoing point of discussion or not agreed between the parties.

Table 1.1: Summary of those matters agreed, ongoing points of discussion and not agreed

Topic	Agreement status
Physical Processes	Ongoing point of discussion
Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology	Ongoing point of discussion
Fish and Shellfish Ecology	Ongoing point of discussion
DCO and Marine Licences	Ongoing point of discussion
Other Documents and Plans	Ongoing point of discussion

1.3 Summary of Consultation

1.3.1.1 Table 1.2 below provides an overview of the consultation undertaken by the Applicants with MMO during the pre-application phases of the Transmission Assets.

1.3.1.2 Table 1.3 below provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the Applicants with the MMO during the *post*-application phases of the Transmission Assets. The consultation presented is not exhaustive but provides an indication of aspects of key discussions undertaken. All attendees at the meetings listed in Table 1.2 are provided in the Technical Engagement Plan (APP-189) and Consultation Report (APP-170), however for the avoidance of doubt, this SoCG is limited to matters between the MMO and the Applicants.

1.3.1.3 This initial SoCG makes reference to other documents submitted with the Transmission Assets applications that set out, in greater detail, the discussions that have taken place between the MMO and the Applicants. These documents are:

- The Technical Engagement Plan (APP-189) and appendices (APP-190, APP-191 and APP-192)
- The Consultation Report (APP-170) and annexes (APP-187 and APP-188)
- The Marine Management Organisation's Relevant Representation (RR-1414)
- The Applicants' response to the Marine Management Organisation's Relevant Representation at the Procedural Deadline (PDA-013).

Table 1.2: Summary of pre-application consultation with MMO

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
Scoping			
08 December 2022	Scoping Opinion	Statutory	Issue of Scoping Opinion
Statutory (Section 42) consultation			
12 October 2023	Statutory consultation	Statutory	Statutory consultation responses from the MMO are presented in Consultation Report Appendices E1.9 (APP-180).
Transmission Assets Evidence Plan Steering Group			
10 January 2023	Meeting 1	Non-statutory	- Introduction to the Transmission Assets and the projects programme and key milestones. - Discussions of the Pre-Application and Evidence Plan Processes and overview of the Evidence Plan Steering groups and Expert Working groups.
11 May 2023	Meeting 2	Non-statutory	- Discussion of the timeline of activities and offshore site selection process including the key restraints, offshore cable route selection and landfall providing the final offshore cable corridor prior to PEIR. - Interaction with the key designated sites were presented alongside mitigation options and The Crown Estate Export Cable Route Assessment (ECRA).
16 July 2024	Meeting 3	Non-statutory	Project updated and route planning and site selection refinements made to the project post PEIR. Survey updates were presented alongside the commitments register and Evidence Plan Process.
Transmission Assets Physical Processes, Benthic Ecology and Fish and Shellfish Ecology			
30 March 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory	- The project overview was presented alongside and overview of the Evidence Plan Process, including the Steering Group and EWGs. - Information on the baselines and approach to assessment were provided for each of the topic's updates on the approach to the Fylde MCZ.
27 July 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory	Project updates were presented prior to the updates to the approach to the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA).

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
			- Each topic presented their baseline and initial assessment approach alongside their approach to the CEA outputs. - The MCZ Assessments baseline and initial assessment outputs were also presented.
07 February 2024	EWG03	Non-statutory	- A project update and the refinements to the project parameters post-PEIR were presented. - The section 42 responses for each topic were discussed including those of the MCZ assessment.
15 August 2024	EWG04	Non-statutory	- Presentation and discussion of the updates post Section 42 regarding the commitments and impact assessments of the MCZ Assessment. - Updates to and discussion of the Outline Offshore Cable Specification and Installation Plan (CSIP and the Outline Cable Burial Risk Assessment (CBRA) were presented.
Transmission Assets Marine Mammals			
05 April 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory	- Introduction to the Transmission Assets including the programme and key milestones. - The purpose of the Evidence Plan Process, including the EWG approach to agreement, indicative meeting programme and ways of working were discussed. - The approach to baseline and initial findings for marine mammals was presented alongside the methodology and assessment approach for underwater sound.
01 August 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory	- Project updates were presented followed by addressing feedback and actions from the first EWG for offshore ornithology. - The initial assessment outputs for the marine mammal assessment were discussed, including PTS ranges, behavioural effects noise contours, mitigation considerations, UXO clearance and cumulative effects.
08 February 2024	EWG03	Non-statutory	Project update and refinements to the project parameters post PEIR. The section 42 responses for marine mammals were presented and discussed followed by LSE Screening.
Transmission Assets Offshore Ornithology			
01 June 2023	EWG01	Non-statutory	Introduction to the Transmission Assets project and key milestones.

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
			The purpose and overview of the Evidence Plan Process, including the approach to agreement, indicative way of working and meeting programmes were presented. Subsequently, the initial baseline and approach to assessment for the offshore ornithology topic was presented.
02 August 2023	EWG02	Non-statutory	A project update and the offshore ornithology updates regarding initial assessment outputs and the approach to the CEA.
06 February 2024	EWG03	Non-statutory	A project update was presented followed by the project parameter refinements post-PEIR and then the S42 responses relevant to the offshore ornithology topic.
Morgan and Morecambe OWF: Transmission Assets – Archaeology and Heritage Engagement Forum (AHEF)			
05 June 2023	Meeting 1	Non-statutory	- Introduction and project overview of the Transmission Assets was provided. - Project milestones and roadmap was presented prior to the presentation of the baseline and data analysis to be contained within the PEIR. - The approach to assessment for Marine Archaeology was presented.
29 February 2024	Meeting 2	Non-statutory	A project update and initial post-PEIR project refinements were presented followed by the S42 responses relevant to Marine Archaeology.
20 August 2024	Meeting 3	Non-statutory	Presentation of project updates and further refinements post-PEIR, a recap of the geophysical and geotechnical surveys undertaken, and an overview of the archaeological impacts assessed within the ES.

Table 1.3: Summary of post-application consultation with MMO

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
4 November 2024	Monthly MMO Meeting	Non-statutory	Post Acceptance Engagement. Matters discussed include project update and DCO Examination timeline, forward process.

Date	Form of consultation	Statutory or non-statutory engagement	Summary of consultation
2 December 2024	Monthly MMO Meeting	Non-statutory	Update meeting – Matters discussed include project update and DCO Examination timeline, forward process.
27 January 2025	Monthly MMO Meeting	Non-statutory	Update meeting – project and Examination timeline, relevant representations.
24 February 2025	Monthly MMO Meeting	Non-statutory	Update meeting – project and Examination timeline, relevant representations.
17 March 2025	Monthly MMO Meeting	Non-statutory	Update meeting – Applicants responses to the MMO relevant representations.
13 May 2025	Monthly MMO Meeting	Non-statutory	A meeting to discuss the draft SoCG.
23 June 2025	Monthly MMO Meeting	Non-statutory	A meeting to discuss updates to the SoCG, pre-Deadline 3.

1.4 Agreement log

1.4.1.1 This section of the SoCG sets out the level of agreement between the parties. For each matter the status is identified as being either agreed, not agreed or an ongoing point of discussion, according to the criteria set out in Table 1.4 below.

Table 1.4: Position definitions and colour coding

Position and colour coding	Definition of position
Agreed	The matter is considered to be agreed between the parties.
Ongoing point of discussion	The matter is neither agreed or not agreed, and is a matter where further discussion is required between the parties.
Not agreed, but not material	The matter is not considered to be agreed between the parties, but is not deemed material
Not agreed	The matter is not considered to be agreed between the parties.

1.4.1.2 Table 1.5 to Table 1.8 set out the level of agreement between the parties for each relevant component of the application (as identified in section 1.4).

1.4.2 Physical Processes

Table 1.5: Agreement log between the parties on Physical Processes

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)				
MMO.PP.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with the MMO on potential impacts on Physical processes.	The MMO agrees that the Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation to date.	Agreed
MMO.PP.2	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by the MMO through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on Physical processes.	The MMO agrees that the Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation to date.	Agreed
MMO.PP.3	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to Physical processes, within the MMO's remit.	The MMO is currently reviewing the plans and policies, and is in the process of confirming, the MMO will provide a response at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.4a	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for Physical processes. The baseline is appropriate for the purpose of the EIA.	The MMO will defer to NE as the competent authorities for EIA's	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.4b	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for Physical processes. The baseline is appropriate for the purpose of the HRA.	The MMO will defer to NE as the competent authorities for HRA's	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.5	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for Physical processes.	Ascertained from the reception of the Agreement logs from the MMO post-application	Agreed
MMO.PP.6	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity of Physical processes receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA.	As per response to agreement log and in the MMO Relevant representation (RR-1414, Section 4.3.3)	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
MMO.PP.8	Assessment methodology	The Physical processes modelling is appropriate for predicting impacts on Physical processes receptors.	This remains an ongoing point of discussion. The MMO will provide a response in Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.9	Assessment methodology	Agreement that the Physical processes modelling strategy for the Environmental Statement is appropriate	This remains an ongoing point of discussion. The MMO will provide a response in Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.10 a	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) in the EIA is appropriate.	The MMO will confirm this at Deadline 3 EIA's	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.10 b	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) in the HRA is appropriate.	The MMO will defer to NE as the competent authorities for HRA's	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.11	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant effects on Physical processes for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone.	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment and will confirm agreement or provide further information at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.11 2	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant effects on Physical processes for the impacts from the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other plans and projects.	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment and will confirm agreement or provide further information at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.PP.13	Mitigation and monitoring	The mitigation measures and monitoring outlined in Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical processes (APP-042) and the Commitments Register (AS-030) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided	The measures set out in PEIR chapter have been substantially updated with the measures and commitments listed in the Expert Working Group Meeting 15th August (see Table 1.2) and these are both appropriate and welcome and appear to ensure that the scope for significant effects is very substantially reduced relative to the original proposals (Ascertained from the reception of the Agreement logs from the MMO post-application).	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
			The MMO will confirm no further requirements are required at Deadline 3.	

1.4.3 Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology

Table 1.6: Agreement Log between the parties on Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
EIA				
MMO.BE.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with the MMO on potential impacts on Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology.	The MMO agrees that the Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with the MMO on potential impacts to Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal ecology.	Agreed
MMO.BE.2	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by the MMO through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology.	The MMO agrees that the Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with the MMO on potential impacts to Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal ecology.	Agreed
MMO.BE.3	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology, within the MMO's remit.	The MMO is currently reviewing the plans and policies, and is in the process of confirming, the MMO will provide a response at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.BE.4	Surveys	Sufficient site-specific and desktop data has been collated to appropriately characterise the baseline Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology environment to inform the EIA.	As per response to agreement log and in the MMO Relevant representation (RR-1414, Section 4.2.2 and 4.2.3)	Agreed
MMO.BE.5	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology.	The MMO is content with the characterisation of the baseline environment.	Agreed
MMO.BE.6	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology.	As per response to agreement log and in the MMO Relevant representation (RR-1414, Section 4.2.1)	Agreed
MMO.BE.7	Assessment methodology	The sensitivity of Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA and the approach to assessment is appropriate.	The MMO is content with the assessment methodology.	Agreed

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
MMO.BE.8	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the CEA in the EIA is appropriate.	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment and will confirm agreement or provide further information at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.BE.9	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant effects on Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone (other than the impacts on the Fylde MCZ).	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment in relation to cable protection and will provide further information at Deadline 3.	Agreed
MMO.BE.10	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	With the exception of the Subtidal mud and Subtidal sand features of the Fylde MCZ, all other features of all other MCZs are screened out from further assessment on the basis that there is no significant risk of the project hindering the achievement of the conservation objectives for any other MCZ.	The MMO defers to Natural England regarding the implications on the Fylde MCZ and all other MCZs. (MMO's Relevant representation (1414) Section 5.4.1)	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.BE.11	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant risks to the achievement of the conservation objectives of the Fylde MCZ due to the Transmission Assets and therefore, a Stage 2 MCZ Assessment is not required.	The MMO defers to Natural England regarding the implications on the conservation objectives within the Fylde MCZ. (MMO's Relevant representation (1414) Section 5.4.1)	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.BE.12	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone or cumulatively with other projects.	The Applicants have adequately demonstrated that there will be no adverse effects on integrity for SACs designated for any Annex I habitat features for any impacts for the project alone or in combination.	The MMO defers to NE in relation to AEoI for SACs.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.BE.13	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant effects on Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology for the impacts from the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other plans and projects (not considering the Fylde MCZ).	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment and will confirm agreement or provide further information at Deadline 3	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.BE.14	Mitigation and monitoring	The mitigation measures and monitoring outlined in Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology (APP-045) and the Commitments Register	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment in relation to cable protection and if any further information	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
		(AS-030) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided	is provided and will provide further information at Deadline 3	

1.4.4 Fish and Shellfish Ecology

Table 1.7: Agreement Log between the parties on Fish and Shellfish Ecology

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
EIA				
MMO.FSF.1	Consultation	The Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with the MMO on potential impacts on Fish and shellfish ecology.	The MMO agrees that the Applicants have undertaken adequate consultation with the MMO on potential impacts to fish and shellfish ecology.	Agreed
MMO.FSF.2	Consultation	The EIA has had due regard to matters raised by the MMO through statutory and non-statutory consultation on potential impacts on Fish and shellfish ecology.	The MMO agrees that the Applicants have had due regard to matters raised on fish and shellfish ecology .	Agreed
MMO.FSF.3	Policy and planning	The Application has identified and considered the plans and policies relevant to Fish and shellfish ecology, within the MMO's remit.	The MMO is currently reviewing the plans and policies, and is in the process of confirming, the MMO will provide a response at deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.4	Baseline environment	Sufficient site-specific and desktop data has been collated to appropriately characterise the baseline Fish and shellfish ecology environment to inform the EIA.	Noted in the MMOs relevant representation that the generally appropriate data sources have been used and the key species well characterised. (RR-1414, Section 4.4.1)	Agreed
MMO.FSF.5	Scoping	Agreement to the scoping of impacts for the EIA for Fish and shellfish ecology.	The MMO is content with the information that has been scoped into the project.	Agreed
MMO.FSF.6	LSE Screening	The approach for determining likely significant effects (LSE) on European sites with Annex I habitats and Annex II diadromous fish as features is appropriate and that all the relevant sites and impact pathways have been identified.	The MMO defers to NE in relation to LSE effects.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
MMO.FSF.7	Assessment methodology.	The sensitivity of Fish and shellfish ecology receptors has been correctly identified and sufficiently described within the EIA.	Further information has been provided in RR on sensitivity assessment and the MMO is reviewing the Applicants response. Comments to be provided at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.8	Assessment methodology	The approach to underwater sound impacts from UXO clearance is appropriate.	Noted in the MMOs relevant representation that the appropriate impacts have been considered in the ES with the assessment being proportionate to fully identify and assess the potential impacts of underwater sound. (RR-1414, Section 4.7.1) The MMO did also note however that the use of Southall <i>et al.</i> , 2007 and its recommended use of TTS as a proxy for disturbance was not appropriate due to the risk of under-estimating disturbance (RR1414, Section 4.7.2). Comments to be provided at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.9	Baseline environment	The Applicants have adequately characterised the baseline environment for Fish and Shellfish ecology.	Further information has been provided in RR on sensitivity assessment and the MMO is reviewing the Applicants response. Comments to be provided at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.10	CEA assessment methodology	The list of projects screened into the CEA in the EIA is appropriate.	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment and will confirm agreement or provide further information at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
MMO.FSF.11	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant adverse effects on the integrity for SACs designated for fish features for any impacts from the Transmission Assets alone (noting that the Applicant has committed to updating the Draft DCO to restrict any UXO required to be cleared to 'low-order' methods only).	The MMO defers to NE in relation to AEoI for SACs.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.12	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets alone.	There will be no significant effects on Fish and shellfish ecology for the impacts from the Transmission Assets alone (noting that the Applicant has committed to updating the Draft DCO to restrict any UXO required to be cleared to 'low-order' methods only)..	The MMO is reviewing the information provided at Procedural Deadline A. Comments to be provided at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.13	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant adverse effects on the integrity for SACs designated for Fish and shellfish ecology features for any impacts from the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other projects (noting that the Applicant has committed to updating the Draft DCO to restrict any UXO required to be cleared to 'low-order' methods only)..	The MMO defers to NE in relation to AEoI for SACs.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.14	Assessment of the effects from the Transmission Assets cumulatively with other projects	There will be no significant effects on Fish and shellfish ecology for the impacts from the Transmission Assets when considered cumulatively with other projects (noting that the Applicant has committed to updating the Draft DCO to restrict any UXO required to be cleared to 'low-order' methods only)..	The MMO is currently reviewing the assessment and will confirm agreement or provide further information at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.FSF.15	Mitigation and monitoring	The mitigation measures and monitoring outlined in Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology (APP-048) and the Commitments Register (AS-030) are appropriate and will ensure significant effects are avoided	Due to outstanding issues as set out in our RR this remains an ongoing area of discussion. Comments to be provided at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.5 DCO and deemed Marine Licences

Table 1.8: Agreement Log between the parties on the Draft Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licences

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
Draft Development Consent Order				
MMO.DCO.1	Deemed Marine Licences (Schedules 14, 15, 16 and 17)	The Conditions set out in Schedule 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the DCO, excluding high order UXO clearance (Schedule 14 and 15), are appropriate.	The MMO has provided additional comments within in Deadline 1 response. Comments to be provided at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
MMO.DCO.2	Deemed Marine Licences (Schedules 14, 15, 16 and 17)	Condition 20 'UXO Clearance' in Schedule 14 and 15 is appropriate (noting that the Applicants have committed to updating Condition 20 in the Draft DCO to restrict any UXO clearance to low-order techniques only).	The MMO welcomes the commitment to low order UXO clearance only and will review the updated documents. As standard the MMO does not agree with UXO clearances being included within the DML including only low order, however the MMO will provide a without prejudice position should UXO clearance remain within the DML.	Ongoing point of discussion

1.4.6 Other Documents and Plans

Table 1.15: Agreement Log between the parties on Other Documents and Plans

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
Outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP)				
MMO.OP.1	oMMMP	The Outline MMMP is appropriate (noting that the Applicants have committed to updating Condition 20 of the dMLs at Schedules 14 and 15 of the draft DCO to restrict any UXO clearance to low-order techniques only- Mitigation for high order UXO detonation will still be included as an Addendum to the Outline MMMP to align with the assessment of high order UXO in Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine Mammals (APP-050) and to support a separate standalone marine licence if high order clearance is required).	The MMO is reviewing this document and notes further updates will be provided by the Applicants in due course. Comments to be provided at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
Offshore In Principle Monitoring Plan				
MMO.OP.2	oIPMP	The Offshore IPMP is appropriate. 23 June 2025: An updated Offshore IPMP will be submitted at Deadline 3.	The MMO is reviewing this document and will provide comments at Deadline 1. 23 June 2025: The MMO will review the updated Offshore IPMP submitted at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan				
MMO.OP.3	oO&MP	The Outline O&M Plan is appropriate. 23 June 2025: An updated Outline O&M Plan will be submitted at Deadline 3.	The MMO is reviewing this document and will provide comments at Deadline 1. 23 June 2025: The MMO will review the updated Outline O&M Plan submitted at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan				

Reference Number	Discussion point	Applicants' position	MMO' position	Status
MMO.OP.4	oFLCP	The Outline FLCP is appropriate. 23 June 2025: An updated oFLCP will be submitted at Deadline 3.	The MMO is reviewing this document and will provide comments at Deadline 1. 23 June 2025: The MMO will review the updated oFLCP submitted at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
Outline Offshore Cable Specification and Installation Plan				
MMO.OP.5	oCSIP	The Outline oCSIP is appropriate. 23 June 2025: An updated oCSIP was submitted at Deadline 2.	The MMO is reviewing this document and will provide comments at Deadline 1. 23 June 2025: The MMO will provide comments at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion
Outline Cable Burial Risk Assessment				
MMO.OP.6	oCBRA	The Outline CBRA is appropriate.	The MMO is reviewing this document and will provide comments at Deadline 1. 23 June 2025: The MMO will provide comments at Deadline 3.	Ongoing point of discussion