MORGAN AND MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WIND FARMS: TRANSMISSION ASSETS

Deadline 3 Cover Letter







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The Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure Directorate Temple Quay House Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6PN

Dear Sir / Madam,

Planning Act 2008

The proposed Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets **Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN020028**

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL) and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Morecambe OWL), (together, the Applicants), enclose their submission for Deadline 3.

Please find below an overview of key documents within this submission.

Application Guide

The Applicants have updated the Application Guide (A4 F07) and have provided a clean and tracked change version of this document. The updated Application Guide contains a complete list of documents comprising the Applicants' Deadline 3 submission.

The Applicants have provided track change versions for most of the updated documents. The Applicants have not provided track change versions of the Statement of Commonality (S_D1_6/F02) or updated SoCGs as most relevant changes in these documents are colour changes which cannot be picked up in a track change version. As with previous submissions, the Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO (S_S51_2/F04) and the Schedule of Changes to the Commitment Register S_D2_15/F02 are also provided as clean versions only. Clean versions are also provided for the following documents as changes in plans, figures and excel tables are not visible in track change:

- B7/F03: Works Plans Onshore and Offshore Part 1 of 2
- B7/F03: Works Plans Onshore and Offshore Part 2 of 2
- B8/F03: Works Plans Onshore and Intertidal Part 1 of 2
- B8/F03: Works Plans Onshore and Intertidal Part 2 of 2
- B13/F03: Public Rights of Way Plan
- F3.12/F03: Volume 3, Figures Part 6 of 7
- S_D1_15/F02: Land Rights Tracker





IP submissions at Deadline 2

The Applicants reviewed the IP submissions received at Deadline 2. The Applicants' response is provided in the document S_D3_2: Applicants' response to IP submissions received at Deadline 2 and its accompanying annexes:

- Annex 2.1 to Applicants' response to IP submissions at Deadline 2: Fylde Council (S D3 2.1)
- Annex 2.2 to Applicants' response to IP submissions at Deadline 2: Marine Management Organisation(S_D3_2.2)
- Annex 2.3 to Applicants' response to IP submissions at Deadline 2: Natural England (S_D3_2.3)

In addition the Applicants have responded to the Deadline 1 submissions from Christine Fare, John Fare and Fare Farms Limited and South Ribble Borough Council's Local Impact Report that were only made available on 9 June. These responses are included in:

- Applicants' response to IP submissions at Deadline 2 (S_D3_2); and
- Response to Local Impact Report South Ribble Borough Council (S_D3_4)

Examining Authority's Written Questions (EXQ1)

The Applicants have reviewed each of the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) and provide responses in the document S_D3_3: Applicants' response to EXQ1 and its accompanying annexes:

- Annex 3.1 to the Applicants Response to ExA Questions: Q1.1.1 River Ribble Crossing (S D3 3.1)
- Annex 3.2 to Applicants response to ExQ1 Q1.2.3 (b): Whitley Parish Council v North Yorkshire County Council (S_D3_3.2)

Other document updates

The Applicants noted in the cover letter to their Deadline 2 submission that updated outline plans would be submitted at Deadline 3 to reflect updates to the Commitments Register. Any outline plans that have not been updated and submitted for Deadline 3 will now be provided at Deadline 4.

Statements of Common Ground

The Applicants have progressed Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with a number of stakeholders. An updated overview of the status of the draft SOCGs is provided in the updated Statement of Commonality (S D1 6/F02).

In addition to progress with other stakeholders, the Applicants have also agreed the following joint statement with Blackpool Airport to provide an update to the ExA on the progress of negotiations between the parties:

The Applicants and Blackpool Airport have continued to engage in detailed discussions and negotiations regarding the works on Blackpool Airport's operational land since issue specific hearing 1 (ISH1). As noted by both the Applicants and Blackpool Airport , the Applicants and Blackpool Airport (both Blackpool Airport Operations Limited (BAOL) and Blackpool Airport Properties Limited (BAPL) have been negotiating the terms of a Cooperation Agreement for many months to facilitate construction and operation of the Transmission Assets through Blackpool Airport whilst ensuring the continued safe, efficient and uninterrupted operation of the Airport.

Significant progress has been made on the draft Cooperation Agreement since ISH1. Almost all points have now been agreed. Whilst there are ongoing discussions on a handful of detailed legal drafting points, the





general principles of the drafting are agreed. The Applicants and Blackpool Airport are working hard to finalise the Cooperation Agreement ahead of the hearings scheduled to commence on 29 July 2025.

Whilst the Cooperation Agreement addresses for the most part BAOL's key concerns, as outlined in their relevant representation and written representation (RR-0245 and REP1-115), BAOL reserves the right to make fresh representations in relation to:

- 1. any new application documents; or
- 2. any amendments to existing application documents (such representations to be made only in respect of the new or amended clauses or sections of such documents); or
- 3. any new proposals, where those matters may materially prejudice BAOL's licensed operations and functions including but not limited to all flight operations.

BAOL also acknowledge that they were included as consultee in relation to the discharge of Requirement 8 (Code of Construction Practice), Requirement 10 (Highway accesses) and Requirement 12 (Ecological management plan) at Deadline 2 and have been provided with the wording being included in the outline Code of Construction Practice and outline Highway Access Management Plan at Deadline 3 and are content with those amendments.

The Applicants and BAE Systems are making progress towards agreeing the list of topics and preliminary position statements to be included within a SoCG. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to reach agreement in advance of Deadline 3. However BAE Systems and the Applicants have agreed to submit the draft SoCG in advance of the next set of Issue Specific Hearings (i.e. after Deadline 3 and before ISH2), at the discretion of the ExA. The Applicants expect BAE Systems to submit a similar request to the ExA to submit the SoCG outside of deadline.

The Applicants have also been in preliminary discussions with Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council regarding submission of a SoCG at Deadline 3. Unfortunately, it has not been possible for the Councils to allocate appropriate resources to hold topic specific meetings to conclude these discussions before Deadline 3. As a result, the Applicants will continue to work with Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council with the aim to submit draft SoCGs at Deadline 4.

Additionally, the Applicants continue to liaise with Fylde Borough Council to progress a SoCG. Most recently, a series of topic specific meetings focussed on the SoCG have been arranged, with some having taken place. At this stage, the Applicants and Fylde Borough Council are working towards submission of a draft SoCG at Deadline 4.

Kind regards,



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