

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

Agenda for issue specific hearing 3 (ISH3):

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue specific hearing 3 Draft development consent order	Thursday 31 July 2025 Hearing starts at 9.30am Registration and seating available at venue from 9.00am and virtual registration process from 9.00am	Churchill Suite Mill Farm Sports Village, Fleetwood Road, Wesham, Preston, PR4 3JZ and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the issue specific hearing**
- 3. Applicants' summary of draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)**
 - a) Brief overview of the dDCO [REP3-009].
 - b) Summary of recent amendments made to the dDCO.
 - c) Summary of engagement on dDCO with relevant parties including Statements of Common Ground.
- 4. Articles**
 - a) The ExA will ask questions and seek comments on the proposed Articles including the following:

Article 2	<i>Interpretation</i> Including 'authorised development', 'maintain' and 'onshore site preparation works'
Article 3	<i>Development consent etc. granted by the Order</i>

Article 6	<i>Benefit of the Order</i>
Article 7	<i>Application and modification of legislative provisions</i>
Article 8	<i>Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance</i>
Article 10	<i>Power to alter layout etc. of streets</i>
Article 12	<i>Temporary closure of public rights of way</i>
Article 13	<i>Temporary restriction of use of streets</i>
Article 19	<i>Removal of human remains</i>
Article 22	<i>Compulsory acquisition of rights</i>
Article 29	<i>Temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised project</i>
Article 30	<i>Temporary use of land for maintaining the authorised project</i>
Article 33	<i>Funding</i>
Article 35	<i>Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows</i>
Article 36	<i>Trees subject to tree preservation orders</i>
Article 47	<i>Inconsistent planning permissions</i>

- b) Any relevant comments from interested parties on other proposed Articles within the draft DCO.

5. Schedule 1 – Authorised Project

The ExA will ask questions and seek comments on:

- a) Part 1 – Authorised Development
- b) Part 2 – Ancillary Works

6. Schedules 2A and 2B - Requirements (Projects A and B)

- a) The ExA will ask questions and seek comments on the proposed Requirements (R), including the following (note that each requirement discussed will relate to that for both Projects A and B):

R1	<i>Time limits</i>
R3	<i>Stages of Project A/ Project B</i>
R4	<i>Substation works</i>
R5	<i>Detailed design parameters onshore</i>

R6/7	<i>Provision of landscaping / Implementation and maintenance of landscaping</i>
R8	<i>Code of construction practice</i>
R9	<i>Traffic and transport</i>
R10	<i>Highway accesses</i>
R11	<i>Onshore archaeology</i>
R12	<i>Ecological management plan</i>
R14	<i>Construction hours</i>
R16	<i>Restoration of land used temporarily for construction</i>
R18	<i>Control of noise during operational stage</i>
R19	<i>Employment and skills plan</i>
R20	<i>Operational Drainage Management Plan</i>
R24	<i>Amendments to approved details</i>
R25	<i>Onshore collaboration</i>

- b) Comments from parties on any other Requirement and/or the need for further Requirements.

7. Schedules 3A, 3B – Streets subject to street works and 4A and 4B – Streets to be temporarily closed or restricted

Consideration of any relevant matters on these Schedules

8. Schedules 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B – Temporary possession and new rights

Consideration of any relevant matters on these Schedules

9. Schedule 10 – Protective provisions

- a) Applicants to provide update on status and negotiation of Protective provisions
b) Comments on Protective provisions from any relevant Undertaker.

10. Schedule 12 – Approval of matters specified in requirements

- a) Updates to Schedule 12 made at Deadline 3.
b) ExA questions on matters included in Schedule 12.

11. Schedules 14, 15, 16 and 17 – Marine Licences 1, 2, 3 and 4

- a) Applicants to provide brief summary of substantive changes to draft Marine Licences at deadline 3 and provide summary of negotiations on outstanding matters.
- b) Any ExA questions on the provisions of the draft Marine Licences.

12. Consents, Licences and other agreements

The applicants will be asked to provide an update on the progress and timescales for completion of other consent, licences and other agreements.

13. Without prejudice benthic compensation DCO schedule

Applicants to provide brief summary of this draft schedule, following by any ExA questions.

14. Any outstanding matters from issue specific hearing 2.

15. Review of actions arising

16. Close of hearing

Purpose of ISH

This issue specific hearing is being held to primarily address specific matters regarding the content of the applicants' draft Development Consent Order (dDCO). The latest version was submitted at deadline 3 (D3) [REP3-010]. Taking account of all representations received to date including the responses received at D3 to the Examining Authority's (ExA's) written questions, we consider that the matters set out in this agenda would benefit from questioning by the ExA and oral representations.

Discussions at this hearing will be held without prejudice to the ExA's final recommendation on whether or not the dDCO should be made.

Subject to available time, any environmental, onshore and offshore matters not considered during issue specific hearing 2 (as set out in the agenda for that hearing) may also be considered as necessary and at the discretion of the ExA.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail in this agenda to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this hearing.

- The applicants
- Blackpool Borough Council
- Fylde Borough Council
- Lancashire County Council

- Marine Management Organisation
- Preston City Council
- SABIC UK Petrochemicals Ltd and SABIC Petrochemicals BV
- South Ribble Borough Council
- Any other interested parties with an interest in the dDCO

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All interested parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

Anyone wishing to attend the hearing in person, who has not already advised the case team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Registration process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a joining instruction email shortly before the hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the hearing to start on time at **9.30am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9.00am** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

Documents

The ExA may refer to the following documents during the hearing:

- Consents and Licences Required Under Other Legislation [REP3-037]
- Draft Development Consent Order [REP3-009]
- Explanatory Memorandum [REP3-012]
- Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order including Draft Deemed Martine Licences [REP3-071]
- Statutory Undertaker Negotiations Progress Tracker [REP3-067]
- Without prejudice benthic compensation DCO schedule [REP3-066]

Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

A summary of the evidence presented orally at ISH2 should be included in post-hearing submissions to be submitted by deadline 4 in the Examination Timetable (8 August 2025).