



Planning Inspectorate

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

Issue specific hearing 2

Dates: 29 to 30 July 2025

No	Party	Action	Deadline
Agenda item 1 - General matters			
1.	Applicants and NWCP	Submit a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Newton with Clifton Parish Council.	D5
2.	Applicants	Provide a note on recent progress with Natural England in relation to offshore matters and the list of application documents that the applicants have agreed to update at D5.	D4
3.	Applicants	Provide an overlay plan illustrating the football pitches layout at Blackpool Road Recreation Ground combined with the change request (change 4(b)) in the Change Request Application.	D4- (change request action)
4.	Applicants	Update the change request notification document [AS-081] to provide an explanation of the construction access change required as part of change 4 (reduction in order limits at the airport).	Pre-D4 - (change request action)
5.	Applicants	Change Request Application to include a topic by topic summary of the effects of the change request on the conclusions of the Environmental Statement.	D4- (change request action)
Agenda item 3 - Aviation			
6.	Applicants	Submit a joint statement, which explains how relevant aviation NPS policy has been met and how Blackpool Airports' concerns have been alleviated.	Once the cooperation agreement is completed
7.	Applicants	Provide a note to explain what information has been submitted to date in relation to bird strike and how this fits with the Environmental Statement.	D5
8.	Applicants	Provide clarification on the applicants' comments in the response to hearing action points due at deadline 1 [REP1-037] in relation to when the bird strike risk was first raised by BAE when BAE's concerns and details included the	D4



		Consultation Report Annex - Statutory consultation summary of responses and Applicants' regard (Part 2 of 2) (APP-188).	
9.	Applicants	Provide a submission explaining how the applicants are complying with NPS EN-1 paragraph 5.5.41, including whether any requirement securing the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan meets tests for conditions including reasonable possibility/ capability of being successfully discharged.	D4
10.	BAE, Blackpool Airport or the Applicants (optional)	Submit a document highlighting similarities and differences between Blackpool Airport and Warton Aerodrome.	D4
11.	BAE	Provide documents/ information requested by the applicants currently subject to the non-disclosure agreement with the applicants.	D4 and submitted to the applicants as soon as practicable
Agenda item 4 - Onshore ecology			
12.	Applicants	Submit a note clarifying the current position with Natural England (re Adverse Effect On Integrity) for the Ribble and Alt Estuary SPA and the Fairhaven saltmarsh mitigation area.	D4
13.	Applicants	Update the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and explanatory memorandum to include a without prejudice biodiversity benefit requirement in square brackets.	D4
14.	Applicants	Submit a note identifying where all the different elements of peat soils and peat land habitats have been considered through the Environmental Statement and provide responses to Natural England points raised on this topic.	D4
15.	Applicants	Provide a map detailing the Phase 1 habitat survey coverage.	D4
16.	Fylde Borough council	Provide information on Fylde Borough Council's usage of the access off Clifton Drive North to the existing sand winning compound.	D4
Agenda item 2 - Landscape character, visual effects and green belt			
17.	Applicants	Provide a cross section illustrating the height of the onshore substations, existing topography and indicative	D5



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		finished ground level for the land at the Morecambe and Morgan onshore substations paying particular attention to how construction of the Morgan substation will approach the steep descent in plot number 12-027A.	
18.	Applicants and Fylde Borough Council	Provide a summary of their respective positions concerning any effects on the areas of separation.	D4
19.	Applicants	Provide a timetable for engagement with Fylde Borough Council and Lancashire County Council in respect of the outline Design Principles.	D4
20.	Applicants	Update the green belt technical note to address matters discussed at ISH2 including 'other harms', the wording for community benefit and quantification of harm.	D4
21.	Applicants and all local authorities	Include in the next SoCG any areas of agreement/ disagreement on the outline Landscape Management Plan, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment and green belt technical note.	D5
Agenda item 6 - Hydrology and Flood Risk			
22.	Applicants	Provide an update to the Surface and Groundwater Management Plan and Outline Operational Drainage Management Plan to account for updated Standard 6 and Standard 7 of the National Standards for SuDS.	D4
23.	Applicants	Submit an updated FRA in response to comments received from the Environment Agency.	D4
Agenda item 5 - Offshore Ecology			
24.	Applicants	Update the Commitments Register to confirm that there will be no scale protection and no cable protection between MLWS and MHWS.	D4
25.	Applicants	Submit updated commitment agreed with the MMO concerning removal of infrastructure	D4
26.	Applicants	Update the project description and any other changes to the application documents to enable Natural England	



		to undertake a further review of the same.	
27.	Applicants	Provide a response to Natural England's Responses to the Examining Authority's written questions [REP3-095] to address Natural England's concerns so it is clear how the applicant has assessed and addressed the impact of the proposed development.	D4
28.	Applicants	Target a final SoCG with Natural England by D6 regarding offshore matters.	D6
29.	Applicants	Update the commitments register including reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No operational and maintenance activities within the Special Protection Area plus 2km buffer during winter months• That marine recovery fund will be prioritised• Cable protection for 10 years outside the Marine Conservation Zone• Post construction benthic monitoring and sampling	D4
30.	Applicants	Update the Cable Specification and Installation Plan in response to Natural England's concerns as to potential for burying cables	D4
Agenda item 7 - Land Use and Recreation			
31.	Applicants	Submit an explanatory memorandum on the draft section 106 (s106) in relation to the land at Blackpool Road Recreation Ground.	D4
32.	Applicants	Submit the s106 Agreement in relation to Blackpool Recreation Ground (either in agreed form or in a form representing progress of negotiations.	D6
33.	FBC and the Applicants	Engage with St Annes' Football Club regarding alternative pitch locations.	Ongoing
34.	Fylde Borough Council	To engage with the applicants on the s106 Agreement including provision of information on the skate park.	Ongoing
35.	Applicants	Provide a note to explain how the section 132 (open space) test has been met in relation to the Blackpool Road	D4



		Recreation Ground, including in relation to permanent rights and Restrictive Covenants being sought (plots 04-014 and 04-016).	
36.	Applicants	Clarify position concerning the Starr Gate junction and remove powers from the dDCO.	D4
37.	Applicants	Review statement of reasons and ensure it covers the temporary diversion of bridleway 5-5-16.	D4
38.	Applicants	Provide a note currently referred to as the "Agricultural Holdings Indicative Mitigation Plan" explaining engagement with landowners and how construction will work in practice.	D4
Agenda item 8 - Noise			
39.	Tetra Tech	Provide an explanatory note with input from Tetra Tech regarding how and why the conflict with Hoare Lea has arisen.	D4
Agenda item 9 - Socio economics			
40.	Blackpool Borough Council	Submit additional points on tourism not already covered in Blackpool Borough Council's local impact report.	D4
41.	Applicants	Submit the applicants' Local Tourism Assessment into examination.	D4
42.	All Local Authorities	Agree and report to the applicants which authority should be the approval body under Requirement 19 of Schedule 2A and 2B of the dDCO (Employment and Skills Plan), including an explanation of how this will work.	ASAP and no later than D5
Agenda item 10 - Traffic and Transportation			
43.	Applicants	Submit a table on level of access use and use of crossing points with reference to HGV usage	D4
44.	Applicants (a and b), Lancashire County Council (a only)	a) Provide a specific note detailing the feasibility of 13 link routes and corridors to Lancashire County Council, which shall be agreed and submitted into examination by D5; and b) Applicants to provide a document containing outline steps to be taken to achieve the actions under (a).	a) D5 b) D4
45.	Applicants	Explain the interaction of Requirement 16 (Restoration) and the details	D4



		contained in the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan in relation to highway restoration.	
46.	Applicants	Append the proposed location of truck stops to the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan.	D4
47.	David Barlow	Submit full representation at D4 with proposals to mitigate the impact of traffic along Lower Lane	D4
Agenda item 11 - Historic Environment			
48.	Applicants	Provide a document detailing the trial trenching approach of the Transmission Assets against that taken by other Development Consent Order projects.	D4
49.	Applicants	Timetable of trial trenching and how it fits in with construction. The timetable will need to cover now until project implementation.	D4
Other matters			
50.	Applicants	Review and update as necessary the Public Sector Equality Duty Statement.	D6
51.	Orsted East Irish Sea Transmission	To provide: a) details on risk to the Orsted East Irish Sea Transmission Project posed by the Transmission Assets; b) any policy relevant to this position; and any proposed requirement drafting.	D4