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## Outline Communications Plan



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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.  |
| 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).                   |
| Mean High Water Springs                                       | The height of mean high water during spring tides in a year.   |
| Morecambe OWL   | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Morecambe OWL), owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners' (CIP) fifth flagship fund, Copenhagen Infrastructure V (CI V), is developing the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm, also located in the east Irish Sea.  |
| 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. |
| Morgan OWL  | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL), a joint venture between JERA Nex bp (JNbp) and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW), is developing the Morgan Offshore Wind Project. The Morgan Offshore Wind Project is a proposed wind farm in the east Irish Sea.   |
| 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.   |

| Term                                      | Meaning   |
|---|---|
| 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).  |
| 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                                    |
|---------------|--|
| BAOL          | Blackpool Airport Operations Limited       |
| CoCP          | Code of Construction Practice              |
| CLO           | Communication Liaison Officer              |
| DCO           | Development Consent Order                  |
| Defra         | Department for Environment & Rural Affairs |
| EnBW          | Energie Baden-Württemberg AG               |
| MHWS          | Mean High Water Springs                    |
| MLWS          | Mean Low Water Springs                     |
| Morecambe OWL | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd            |
| Morgan OWL    | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited               |
| JNbp          | JERA Nex bp                                |
| PRoW          | Public Rights of Way                       |
| RNLI          | Royal National Lifeboat Institution        |

## 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’).

1.1.1.2 This Outline Communications Plan has been updated for Deadline 4 in response to the following:

- Update to Requirement 8 wording in line with the draft Development Consent Order (REP3-009) to include Blackpool Airport Operations Limited (BAOL) as a consultee along with the relevant management plans upon which BAOL will be consulted by the relevant planning authority.
- Clarification of the roles and responsibilities for implementing this outline management plan
- Clarification that the measures within this outline management plan will be implemented during the onshore site preparation works.

1.1.1.3 The Outline Communications Plan was also updated for Deadline 3 to include the reference to the communications plan that will be prepared with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) (see paragraph 31.4.1.1).

## 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) which is a requirement of the draft Development Consent Order (DCO) (document reference C1). 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 Requirement 8(1)(e) identifies BAOL as a named consultee prior to the approval by the relevant planning authority of detailed codes of construction practice. BOAL will be consulted in relation to a stage of construction that includes either the Project A Blackpool Airport Works or the Project B Blackpool Airport Works. With regards to the management plans to be appended (as appropriate to the relevant stage) to the detailed codes of construction practice, BAOL will be consulted on the Communications Plan (in accordance with the outline Communications Plan) by the relevant planning authority.

1.2.1.4 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.

1.2.1.5 For onshore and intertidal works (landward of Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS)), 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



## **1.2.2 Purpose and scope of this Outline Communications Plan**

- 1.2.2.1 The purpose of this Outline Communications Plan is to describe the framework for delivering communications during the onshore site preparation works and construction process.
- 1.2.2.2 Onshore site preparation works are defined in article 2 of the draft DCO (document reference C1). This Outline Communications Plan applies to onshore site preparation works and construction activities located landward of MLWS.
- 1.2.2.3 Onshore site preparation works will be undertaken prior to the commencement of construction. These works will be undertaken in accordance with the measures set out within this Outline Communications Plan as certified through the DCO.
- 1.2.2.4 The measures within this Outline Communications Plan are in accordance with best practice and are appropriate to manage the impacts associated with onshore site preparation works and construction activities.

## **1.3 Roles and responsibilities**

### **1.3.1 Overview**

- 1.3.1.1 Although the construction team has not been appointed at the time of writing this plan, the key roles and associated responsibilities relating to this Outline Communications Plan are set out below. The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 also identify the legal duties, responsibilities and obligations of all the major roles within the construction team.
- 1.3.1.2 The detailed responsibilities of each role will be refined in the detailed Communications Plan(s).

### **1.3.2 Applicants**

- 1.3.2.1 The Applicants will be responsible for the following:
- Ensuring that the outline Communication Plan is implemented effectively,
  - Giving necessary direction to contractors (for example, setting contractual obligations)
  - Preparing the detailed Communication Plan(s) and undertaking reviews and refining the Communications Plan(s) (where necessary) in conjunction with the Communication Liaison Officer.

### **1.3.3 Communication Liaison Officers**

- 1.3.3.1 Communication Liaison Officers (CLOs) will be appointed by Morgan OWL and Morecambe OWL and will be responsible for:
- Implementing the outline and detailed Communications Plan(s)

- Liaising with relevant stakeholders and relevant parties
- Responding to enquiries from relevant stakeholders and parties
- Organising and leading meetings with other construction projects in the vicinity of the Transmission Assets
- Maintaining records relevant to the detailed Communications Plan(s)
- Working with the Principal Contractors to ensure the construction team is aware of the Communications Plan(s) and the complaints procedure.

### 1.3.4 Contractors/sub contractors

- 1.3.4.1 Contractors and sub-contractors will be required to understand their responsibilities and implement the measures within the Communications Plan.

## 1.4 Outline Communications Plan Framework

- 1.4.1.1 A detailed communications plan(s) will be developed as part of the CoCP.

- 1.4.1.2 The Applicants will ensure the detailed communications plan will provide effective and transparent methods of communication and engagement with local residents, businesses, the local community and any other relevant stakeholders who may be impacted by site preparation and construction works.

- 1.4.1.3 The Communications Plan Framework will be based broadly on the following principles:

- Implementation and management of a hotline during construction
- Occupiers of nearby properties will be informed in advance of the works taking place
- Hiring of Public Liaison Officers/Agricultural Land Officers (PLO/ALO)
- Development of a complaints management process and handling of complaints and enquiries
- Delivery of community based events, such as drop in sessions and local meetings, as required, to provide opportunities for two-way engagement and discussion.
- Development of project communication materials in alignment with key project milestones and project driven activities.
  - 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.

- 1.4.1.4 At key project milestones and activities, information will be shared via various methods but not limited to letters, newsletters, local information events, website updates and email notifications. Communications may include information about Public Rights of Way (PRoW) diversions, local traffic changes, project events, construction activity and confirmation of the construction scenario (concurrent, sequential or in-isolation).
- 1.4.1.5 Where temporary diversions to any PRoW are required, the relevant local authority will be informed of the duration and the diversions proposed. Measures for managing PRoWs are set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management (document reference J1.5).
- 1.4.1.6 The above is a minimum expectation, and the projects will draw upon best practice and engagement with relevant stakeholders to provide a robust detailed communications plan, that satisfies local community and business needs in addition to wider relevant stakeholder requirements.