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National Infrastructure Planning
Temple Quay House
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Your Ref EN010028

Our Ref IPP-171

IP No 20053937

Monday 22 September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal: 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 ("the Application")

Canal & River Trust (the Trust) Submission for Deadline Five, (Unique Reference: 20053937).

We write further to the publication of the Deadline Four (DL4) submissions. We wish to provide the Examiner (ExA) with an update on the Trust's latest position in relation to the examination, with headings to identify the various elements in relation to Deadline Five (DL5), including update on progress made on negotiating an agreement in terms of the rights over Trust leased land. We also provide comments on Deadline 4 matters relevant to the Trust.

Rights over Trust leased land

The Trust's agents in relation to the land negotiations for rights over our leased land, Carter Jonas, are currently in discussion with Dalcour McClaren in relation to the draft Heads of Terms (HoT). We will update the ExA further as negotiations progress. The Trust expects agreement can be reached before the end of the examination, provided there is sufficient engagement on the HoTs from the applicant.

Notification of hearings

Further to your letter dated 9th September 2025, notifying of the issue specific hearing 4 (ISH4) and compulsory acquisition hearing 3 (CAH3). The Trust do not intend on attending either of these hearings.

Examiners second written questions (ExA2)

The Trust has reviewed the ExA2 and note that there are no questions for the Canal & River Trust or matters relevant to our interests. We therefore have no comments to make.

Trusts' response to Deadline Three matters

The Trust has no comments to make on the applicants' other DL4 Submissions.

The Trust will update the ExA on the progress made in relation to land negotiations and other matters at each relevant deadline.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

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Yours sincerely,

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