



The Planning Inspectorate

By email

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Dear Sir

MORGAN AND MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WINDFARMS TRANSMISSION ASSETS:

DEADLINE 5 - RESPONSES TO THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S FURTHER WRITTEN QUESTIONS

We have reviewed the Examining Authorities Further Written Questions directed to the Environment Agency, and would like to make the following response.

ExQ2	Question to:	Question:
8. Geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions		
Q2:8.1.2	The applicants (a-c), Environment Agency (EA) (b-c)	<p>Outline Hydrogeological Risk Assessment</p> <p>EA in their deadline 4 submission [REP4-132] raise a number of points in relation to the information in the outline Hydrogeological Risk Assessment of Lytham St Annes Dunes SSSI [REP3-061]. Some of the comments relate to similar issues to those being raised by Natural England.</p> <p>a) Please comment on the points raised by the EA and provide a realistic timeline for producing the additional data and information that is being asked for.</p> <p>b) Is it likely that a resolution will be found during this examination?</p> <p>c) Noting the gaps in the groundwater monitoring data that are being highlighted, that make validation of the groundwater conceptual model challenging, if the issues raised remain as outstanding by the end of this examination, please suggest a mechanism or a specific wording that would ensure appropriate actions will be taken post consent.</p>

	EA response	We are confident that a resolution will be found during the examination. The issues raised are addressed through the developing Outline Hydrogeological Risk Assessment (HyRA). We look forward to reviewing the final version at the next Deadline. The detailed HyRA is secured through Requirement 8.
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Yours faithfully



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