

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 compulsory acquisition hearing 3:

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Compulsory acquisition hearing 3 (CAH3)	Thursday 9 October 2025 Hearing starts at 9.30am Registration and seating available at venue from 9.00am and virtual Registration Process from 9.00am	Village Hotel, East Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 8LL and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda items

Item 1	Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the hearing
Item 2	Purpose of the compulsory acquisition hearing
Item 3	Change Request 1 Applicants' comments on the changes to the order limits and onshore land plan
Item 4	Applicants' update on negotiations with affected persons (APs) The Examining Authority (ExA) will ask the applicants for an update concerning its land rights negotiations with all of the parties listed in the Land Rights Tracker. The ExA will ask the applicants any questions it considers it necessary.
Item 5	Representations by affected persons Whilst all APs are welcome to attend CAH3 and make oral submissions, a number of APs (and interested parties) as listed below have requested to speak at this hearing. This is an opportunity for any individuals or organisations who are APs or are appearing on behalf of APs to make a further representation in addition to any submissions already made. Those registered to speak will be called in the following order:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Knight and Isaac Nicholson (DWF) – Blackpool Borough Council • Alistair Paul (DWF) – Blackpool Airport • Christopher Hackett – Eckersley Property – St Annes Old Links Golf Club • Anne Mason - GR & B Mason • Phil Morgan – Newton and Clifton Parish Council • Stephen Dagg and Geoff Glover – Sabic UK <p>Representations by any other AP.</p> <p>The Examining Authority (ExA) may ask questions about matters arising from written and oral submissions.</p>
Item 6	<p>Consideration of the statutory tests for compulsory acquisition (CA) – section 122 Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land Holdings Detail [REP5-137] • whether there is compelling evidence that the public benefits that would be derived from CA will outweigh the private loss that would be suffered by those whose land is to be acquired. • Including reference to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Starr Gate access - Proposed solar farm within Blackpool Airport - Lea Marsh biodiversity area - Land where permanent acquisition is sought (highlighted in blue in the Lands Rights Tracker - [REP5-098]) • If the consideration of the above is affected in any way by the different construction scenarios - [REP5-131]
Item 7	<p>Statutory Undertakers (SU) - section 127 Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) - updated at [REP5-110]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for anyone representing a SU to make oral representations. • The applicants to summarise the latest position and to summarise any outstanding matters arising from representations from SUs. • The ExA may ask questions of SUs and the applicants about matters arising from written and oral submissions.
Item 8	<p>Open space – section 132 PA2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the impacts on the Blackpool Road recreation ground

Item 9	Crown Land – section 135 PA2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicants to report on any further progress with negotiations with the Crown Estates and other Government departments [REP5-114] • The applicants to comment on the approach the ExA should take if section 135 consent is not available by the end of the examination.
Item 10	Human Rights and Public Sector Equality Duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the updated Equalities Impact Assessment [REP5-092]
Item 11	Corporate structure of the applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability of the two applicants to fund the process and to cover any claims for statutory planning blight [REP5-135 and REP5-136]
Item 12	Any other matters relating to the relevant articles within the draft development consent order [REP5-011]
Item 13	Agreed action points
Item 14	Closing

Purpose of CAH3

The purpose of this compulsory acquisition hearing is for the ExA to hear any further oral submissions from affected persons, for the ExA to ask questions on matters arising from these and for the ExA to ask questions on other matters relevant to the applicants' proposals for CA and temporary possession.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail 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.

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. Interested parties (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.

Documents

Some of the documents that will be referred to during the hearing are listed below. They can be located using the Examination Library reference number in square brackets [].

- Applicants' response to ExQ2 [REP5-130]
- Book of Reference [REP1-014]
- Land Plans (Onshore) - [REP1-004] (to be updated through changed application)
- Statement of Reasons - [REP5-018]
- Lands Rights Tracker [REP5-098]
- Construction scenarios [REP5-131]
- Land Holdings Detail [REP5-137]
- Draft Development Consent Order [REP5-011]
- Statutory Undertakers Progress Tracker [REP5-110]

Timing

The ExA will keep to the agenda as much as possible. The hearing is not expected to go beyond 1pm.

Anyone who cannot provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing by deadline 6 in the Examination Timetable (22 October 2025).

Registration process

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.

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.

Procedure at CAH3

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 CAH3 should be included in post-hearing submissions to be submitted by deadline 6 in the Examination Timetable (22 October 2025).