

**Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (the “Applicants”) for development consent for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets (the “Project”)**

**Summary of Oral Submissions made by Blackpool Airport at ISH4 (7 & 8 October 2025)**

1. Blackpool Airport Operations Limited (“**BAOL**”) and Blackpool Airport Properties Limited (“**BAPL**”) have now entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the Applicants. As previously explained at ISH3, the Cooperation Agreement addresses operational matters only, securing the necessary mitigations and funding to ensure that Blackpool Airport can continue its safe, uninterrupted and efficient Airport operations while the proposed development is carried out within the Airport boundary and within the Airport’s wider safeguarding areas.
2. This includes matters relating to bird strike risk. BAOL has been working collaboratively with the Applicants on the outline Wildlife Hazard Management Plan and, with some minor amendments to the draft Assessment of Bird Strike Risk at Blackpool Airport [**Appendix B of REP 5-106**], which the Applicants have confirmed will be made at Deadline 6, BAOL is satisfied that a robust risk assessment has been undertaken and sufficient controls are secured through the outline plan that will ensure there will be no increased bird strike risk at the Airport. These measures will be adopted as part of Blackpool Airport’s existing management practices in managing bird strike risk.
3. Under the Cooperation Agreement, BAOL is under an obligation to issue a Letter of No Objection to the Examining Authority within 10 working days of completion. The Letter of No Objection was sent to the Examining Authority’s case team on 29 September and it has now been uploaded to the project page [**AS-083**].
4. In summary, the Letter of No Objection provides that, following completion of the Cooperation Agreement, BAOL now has no remaining objection to the Morgan and Morecambe Transmission DCO application, and withdraws all prior representations made in relation to the application. Notwithstanding this, BAOL reserves the right to make fresh representations in relation to:
  - 4.1 any new application documents; or
  - 4.2 any amendments to existing application documents (such representations to be made only in respect of the new or amended clauses or sections of such documents); or
  - 4.3 any new proposals, which may be introduced after 29 September and which may materially prejudice BAOL’s licensed operations and functions,

but, for the avoidance of doubt, the Letter of No Objection does not affect any prior representations made by BAPL or Blackpool Borough Council. In terms of BAPL, that is in particular regarding representations made / to be made in relation to land matters (which were dealt with at CAH3 and are summarised separately).

5. In light of this 'no objection' position, the Airport's attendance on behalf of BAOL at ISH4 was principally in an observational capacity.
6. The Airport confirmed that whilst it was happy to assist the Examining Authority as required, to the extent any new information came to light via oral submissions it anticipated that, in order to ensure compliance with the terms of the Letter of No Objection and BAOL's related obligations in the Cooperation Agreement, any response from or on behalf of BAOL would be in writing at Deadline 6 following discussion and agreement with the Applicants.
7. In the context of new Requirement 27 (Wildlife Hazard Management Plan), the Airport confirmed it would need to reserve its position in respect of any proposed changes to the wording of the requirement and would seek to discuss any such changes with the Applicants before confirming its position to the Examining Authority.