



# MORGAN AND MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WIND FARMS: TRANSMISSION ASSETS

**Deadline 6 Cover Letter**

**Deadline: Deadline 6**  
**Application Reference: EN020028**

**MRCNS-J3303-JVW-19234**  
**MOR001-FLO-CON-ENV-LET-0019**

**Document reference: S\_D6\_1**

**22 October 2025**  
**F01**

---

Document status					
Version	Purpose of document	Approved by	Date	Approved by	Date
F01	Deadline 6	GL	October 2025	IM	October 2025

---

Prepared by:	Prepared for:
Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd	Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd

---

---

22 October 2025

The Planning Inspectorate  
National Infrastructure Directorate  
Temple Quay House  
Temple Quay  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN

Dear Sir / Madam,

Planning Act 2008  
The proposed Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets  
**Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN020028**

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (Morgan OWL) and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (Morecambe OWL) (together, the Applicants) enclose their submission for Deadline 6.

Please find below an overview of key documents included within this submission.

### **Application Guide**

The Applicants have updated the Application Guide (A4 F11) and have provided a clean and a tracked version. The updated Application Guide contains a complete list of documents comprising the Applicants' Deadline 6 submission.

Please note the S\_D4\_17\_MMTA\_Onshore Terrestrial Waterbird Note\_F02 is now an appendix to the Outline Ecological Management Plan (J6/F06).

### **Examining Authority's Hearings Action Points**

The Applicants have responded to the Examining Authority's Hearing Action Points in the document Applicants response to Hearing Action Points of ISH4 and CAH3 (S\_D6\_6) and supporting annexes:

- Annex 6.1 to Applicants response to HAP ISH4\_7: Natural England Peat Plan (S\_D6\_6.1)
- Annex 6.2 to Applicants' response to CAH3\_3: Response to BCC KC Option (S\_D6\_6.2)
- Annex 6.3 to Applicants response to HAP CAH3\_9: Morecambe OWL financial position (S\_D6\_6.3)

### **Hearing Summaries**

The Applicants have submitted Hearing Summaries for ISH4 Day 1 (Applicants' Hearing Summary ISH4 Day 1, S\_D6\_12), ISH4 Day 2 (Applicants' Hearing Summary ISH4 Day 2, S\_D6\_13) and CAH3 (Applicants' Hearing Summary CAH3, S\_D6\_14). Where relevant the Hearing Summaries cross refer to the Hearing Action Points (S\_D6\_6) and the supporting appendices (S\_D6\_6.1, S\_D6\_6.2 and S\_D6\_6.3).

### **Planning Statement and Policy Trackers**

Following the hearings there have been a number of ongoing discussions taking place with key parties (including the Councils, Natural England and BAE) to seek to resolve outstanding issues. As a result the

---

Applicants will be submitting the final planning statement and policy trackers alongside their closing submissions at D7. As these documents effectively draw together the Applicants' case and final positions at the close of examination it is considered that this approach will ensure they are both up to date and aligned at D7.

### **Morecambe volume of cable protection calculation error**

The Morecambe Project team identified a calculation error in the stated *total volume of cable protection* (required due to ground conditions, outside the Fylde MCZ) for the Morecambe project only, which was presented in the Maximum Design Scenario (MDS) table within the following documents:

- Project Description Chapter (Table 3.7 and Table 3.9, F1.3)
- MCZ Screening and Stage 1 Assessment Report (Table 1.4 and Table 1.6, E4)
- draft Development Consent Order (Table 4 and Table 8, C1)

The total volume of cable protection presented in these documents was incorrectly stated as a lower figure due to a spreadsheet formula error. This error does not affect any of the assessments that have been undertaken as the environmental assessments were based on key spatial parameters, specifically the maximum height, width, and length of cable protection, all of which remain unchanged and were correctly applied.

Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation were informed via email on 30 September 2025 and invited to confirm their positions regarding the proposed correction. Both organisations subsequently responded on 6 October 2025, confirming their agreement in principle with the proposed amendments. Accordingly, the following documents have been updated with the correct total volumes and submitted at deadline 6:

- Project Description Chapter (Table 3.7 and Table 3.9, F1.3/F05)
- MCZ Screening and Stage 1 Assessment Report (Table 1.4 and Table 1.6, E4/F03)
- draft Development Consent Order (Table 4 and Table 8, C1/F09)

### **Joint Statement from the Applicants, BAE Systems, and MOD/DIO - Deadline 6 Update**

This joint statement is submitted at Deadline 6 to update the Examining Authority on the status of engagement between the Applicants, BAE Systems, and MOD/DIO; and to outline the current position regarding the management of bird strike risk at Warton Aerodrome.

*The Applicants' Wildlife Attractants Habitat Risk Assessment (Appendix A of the outline Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (REP5-106)) has been reviewed by MOD/DIO's subject matter expert (SME). Initial feedback has been received in respect of two of the environmental mitigation areas (EMAs), and further (full) feedback on all of the EMAs and the Biodiversity Benefit Area at Lea Marsh Fields is awaited. Although this was expected ahead of a meeting on 17 October, it was not possible to provide it in time. The Applicants understand that full feedback will now be provided ahead of Deadline 7 to allow any updates to be incorporated into the final draft Wildlife Attractants Habitat Risk Assessment.*

*The wording of Requirement 27, which secures the approval and implementation of a detailed Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP), has now been agreed between all parties. However, this agreement is provisional and subject to those representing BAE Systems and MOD/DIO having sight of and being content with certain linked updates required to the outline WHMP which the Applicants have made at Deadline 6. The current wording of Requirement 27 – as agreed between the parties – is contained in the draft DCO submitted at Deadline 6 (C1/F09). The final position of BAE Systems and MOD/DIO in respect of Requirement 27 will be confirmed in the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the Applicants, BAE Systems and MOD/DIO.*

---

*A SoCG is currently being prepared and will be submitted at Deadline 7. The signed Deadline 7 submission will be comprehensive and result in substantial changes to the current draft (through the inclusion of DIO as a participant in the SoCG, the introduction of a standalone policy table and an updated section in respect of bird strike risk to reflect the feedback received from MOD/DIO's SME and the up to date position with regard to agreement of the draft Wildlife Attractants Habitat Risk Assessment). The delay in submission is principally due to the SoCG evolving into a tri-party document, now including MOD/DIO, and it needing to take account of the SME's further (and full) feedback on the outline WHMP (including the Applicants' Wildlife Attractants Habitat Risk Assessment).*

### **Blackpool Borough Council Starr Gate highway adoption**

Blackpool Borough Council have informed the Applicants that they have updated the plots leading to the Starr Gate slipway (but not including the slipway itself) to adopted highway and will submit details of the adoption at Deadline 6. Following the discussions, the Applicants have provided drafting updates to Article 29 to prevent either project from exercising temporary possession powers over the proposed adopted highway plots at Starr Gate. The Applicants expect Blackpool Borough Council to submit a letter at Deadline 6 to confirm the adoption process is underway.

Blackpool Borough Council considers that, subject to review of the amendments to the dDCO, such amendments would resolve its concerns in relation to Starr Gate and those matters that are related to Starr Gate within the SoCG would be amended to 'Agreed'.

The Applicants and Blackpool Borough Council have provided a signed SoCG at Deadline 6 S\_D3\_6.2/F04. Both parties are agreed that if further updates can be provided post Deadline 6 then an updated signed SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 7.

### **Balham Road Access and Guild Wheel ('white land')**

The Applicants have committed to amendments to the project design and access strategy associated with the northern-most of the two accesses on Ballam Road and use of the Guild Wheel to access the onshore cable route. Both of these locations were discussed during ISH4 and CAH3. The selection of a single access from Ballam Road has been discussed and agreed with the landowner, and the removal of the Guild Wheel from the project design has been discussed and agreed with Lancashire County Council as local highway authority.

The Applicants have removed all powers within the dDCO at Deadline 6 (C1/F09) in relation to these locations. The accesses and associated rights have been removed from the Works Plans – Onshore and Intertidal (B8/F04), Access to Works Plan (B11/F03), Public Rights of Way Plan (B13/F06), Land Plans (B10/F05), Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (B18/F04) and Street Works plan (B12/F05), where relevant. The Order Limits in these locations are now identified as 'white land'.

All associated land plots and identifiers have been removed from relevant Schedules within the dDCO. The access designs have also been removed from the outline Highway Access Management Plan (J8/F04).

### **Fylde Borough Council – Statement of Common Ground**

Since Deadline 5, Fylde Borough Council and the Applicants have had several meetings to discuss the key matters outlined in the SoCG. Due to timing constraints, the Applicants and Fylde Borough Council have agreed to submit the final signed version at Deadline 7.

### **Lancashire County Council – Statement of Common Ground**

The Applicants have had further engagement with Lancashire County Council since Deadline 5. However, these discussions have not yet concluded, as such an updated draft SoCG has been submitted at Deadline 6 to reflect progress between the parties. A final signed SoCG will be submitted at Deadline 7.

---

Kind regards,



Strategic Consents Lead

Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms:  
Transmission Assets project, on behalf  
of Morgan Offshore Wind Limited



Consents Lead

Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind  
Farms: Transmission Assets project, on  
behalf of Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd