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Dear Mr Wheadon,

Planning Act 2008, Morgan Offshore Wind Ltd, Proposed Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Transmission Assets Order: SoS Consultation 2 – Request for Information [C1-001]

On 12 December 2024, the Marine Management Organisation (the MMO) received notice under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA 2008) that the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) had accepted an application made by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (the Applicants) for determination of a development consent order for the construction, maintenance and operation of the proposed Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Transmission Assets Order (the DCO Application) (MMO ref: DCO/2022/00010; PINS ref: EN020028).

The Applicants seek authorisation for the construction, operation and maintenance of Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Transmission Assets, comprising of two onshore substations, 6 offshore export cables, 18 onshore export cables (6 circuits), 12 400 kilovolt (kV) grid connection cables (4 circuits) as well as the associated cables corridors with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure and all associated development (the Project). This document comprises the MMO's response to the letter sent on 20 May 2026 from the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for further information.

This written representation is submitted without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the DCO Application. This representation is also submitted without prejudice to any decision the MMO may make on any associated application for consent, permission, approval or any other type of authorisation submitted to the MMO either for the works in the marine area or for any other authorisation relevant to the proposed development.

Yours Sincerely,

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1. Marine Physical Processes, Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology

- 1.1. The MMO notes that the Applicants have been requested to commit to pre and post construction surveys of geomorphological receptors at the intertidal work area. The Applicant has shared with the MMO an update to commitment 115 (CoT115) with the additional wording *"The Offshore In-Principal Monitoring Plan (OIPMP) also includes for monitoring of the recovery of sediments in the intertidal potentially impacted by construction."* The MMO welcomes this amendment and we have no further comments to make.
- 1.2. The MMO agrees with the need to update commitment 45 (CoT45), or for the Applicants to provide a new commitment to explicitly require consultation with Natural England if it is necessary to deploy any cable protection between Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) and Depth of Closure (DoC). In response to point 24 from the Secretary of State's request for information (Ref: C1-001), dated 20 May 2026, the Applicants have shared with the MMO the proposed wording for an updated commitment which reads *"No cable protection will be deployed between Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT) and Depth of Closure (DoC) without the prior written approval from the licencing authority when approving the CSIP and CBRA, in consultation with Natural England."* The MMO has reviewed the proposed wording and is satisfied with the update to the Commitments Register in regard to cable protection in the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan.
- 1.3. The MMO welcomes the need for an update in the Offshore In Principle Monitoring Plan (IPMP) to include commitments to adaptive management and remedial actions for impacts identified within the Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ). The Applicant has shared with the MMO an updated commitment in the register (CoT142) which reads *"Within the Fylde MCZ, boulder ploughs will not be used for the purpose of boulder clearance, and any boulders that are relocated will be redeposited in similar habitat type and randomly to avoid the creation of linear structures which may disrupt sediment transport."* The MMO defer to Natural England to comment on this commitment, and we will keep a watching brief over further discussions.
- 1.4. Regarding Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) clearance, the Applicants have been asked whether it is feasible to relocate UXO from within to outside the Fylde MCZ prior to detonation. The MMO will keep a watching brief over the Applicant's response and may consult Cefas for further advice depending on the Applicant's preference.
- 1.5. Finally, the MMO looks forward to reviewing the Applicant's response in relation to a without prejudice benthic compensation schedule. The MMO may consult Cefas' benthic ecology advisors on the Applicant's response.
- 1.6. We note that the Applicant's updated the MMO via email on 15 June 2026 to state that these updates are made alongside the appropriate updates to the Outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan and In Principle Monitoring Plan. The MMO are happy with this approach.

All other comments made have either been previously discussed throughout examination, or do not concern matters for the MMO.



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