

To:
All Interested Parties
Applicants
Natural England

Our Ref: EN020032

8 July 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (“the Applicants”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets (“the Proposed Development”)

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 29 October 2025, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 29 January 2026. In accordance with section 107(1) of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application, unless a new deadline is set using the power under section 107(3) of the Planning Act 2008.
2. On 12 March 2026 the Secretary of State requested information from various parties (“the first information request”) [C1-001].
3. On 26 March 2026 the Secretary of State extended the statutory deadline to 14 May 2026.
4. On 14 May 2026 the Secretary of State extended the statutory deadline to 14 September 2026.
5. On 20 May 2026 the Secretary of State requested information from various parties (“the second information request”) [C2-001].
6. There are issues on which the Secretary of State requests that the parties identified below provide updates or information as appropriate (“the third information request”).

PART 1 - The deadline for responses to the below request is 23:59 on 22 July 2026

Land Powers

7. The **Applicants** are requested to provide further updates regarding negotiations on any land rights agreements.

Funding for Morgan Offshore Wind Project Transmission Assets Project

8. On a without prejudice basis, assuming that compulsory acquisition (CA), temporary possession (TP) and all other land powers were to be refused for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project Transmission Assets Project, the **Applicants** are requested to provide updated versions of all relevant documents as necessary, which may include (but is not limited to): Statement of Reasons, Funding Statement, Book of Reference, Schedule of Changes to the BoR, draft Development Consent Order (DCO), Land Plan - Onshore, Land Rights Tracker, Access and Rights of Way Plans, Crown Land Plans, Section 135 Progress Tracker, and Planning Statement.

Onshore Ornithology and Bird Strike Risk to Aviation at Warton Aerodrome

9. **Natural England** is invited to review the Applicants' response [C2-029] and confirm its position on adverse effects on integrity (AEOI) outlined in [C2-025].
10. Noting that the Applicants have not made the case that avoidance/reduction of temporary disturbance effects is not feasible, and without prejudice to the Secretary of State's conclusions, the **Applicants** are requested to update the outline Ecological Management Plan, the associated appendices and all other documents relevant to mitigation for temporary impacts to onshore ornithology, including the Commitments Register, to remove scenarios relying on measures at Lytham Moss and land south of Newton with Scales to provide mitigation for temporary disturbance and temporary habitat loss impacts to ornithology species (i.e. scenarios 1 and 2). These documents should retain the scenario which utilises seasonal working and screening to avoid adverse effects (i.e. scenario 3).
11. Without prejudice to Secretary of State's conclusions, the **Applicants** are requested to update documentation relating to CA, TP, and all other land powers, to amend the proposed order limits and dDCO if appropriate and remove all powers related to temporary mitigation areas in scenarios 1 and 2 e.g. temporary powers over plots 06-078 and 07-002 at Lytham Moss.
12. The **Applicants** are requested to confirm which plots at land south of Newton with Scales (currently plots 14-012A, 14-013A, 14-014 14-015, 14-016A, 14-017, 14-018, 14-019A, 14-020, 14-021, 14-025A, 14-026A, 14-027A, 14-030 for Morgan and 14-028B, 14-029B, 14-030, 14-031B, 14-032, 14-033B, 14 034B, 14-035 and 14-036 for Morecambe) are required to deliver the mitigation proposed for significant EIA effects, given the revised management proposals for the site. If any

changes are required, the Applicant is requested to update documentation relating to CA, TP, and all other land powers.

PART 2 – The deadline for responses to the below request is 23:59 on 7 August 2026

13. Responses were received from various parties to the questions raised in the second information request [C2-001], and these responses were published online on 29 June 2026. The **Applicants** and **All Interested Parties** are invited to comment upon these responses.

RESPONSE PROCEDURE

14. The deadline for responses to the request in **Part 1** is **23:59 on 22 July 2026**.
15. The deadline for responses to the request in **Part 2** is **23:59 on 7 August 2026**.
16. Responses should be submitted **by email only** to:
morganandmorecambeowfta@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.
17. Responses will be published on the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms Transmission Assets project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website **as soon as possible after the deadlines for responses:** <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020032>.
18. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Proposed Development or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,

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