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Dear Sir / Madam,

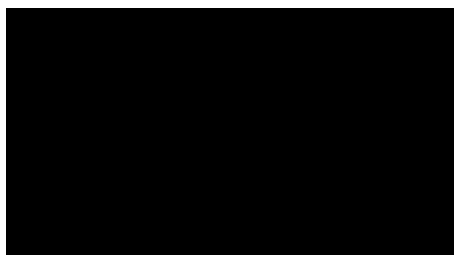
Planning Act 2008
The proposed Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets
Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN020028

1. We act for Blackpool Borough Council, Blackpool Airport Properties Limited, and Blackpool Airport Operations Limited (together the '**Blackpool Parties**') in respect of the above Development Consent Order application proceedings ('**Proposed Development**').
2. We write to the Secretary of State to advise that the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has recently provided confirmation that Blackpool Airport is a statutory undertaker pursuant to the Civil Aviation Act 2012. Blackpool Airport was designated as a statutory undertaker in January 1987, a designation which has never been extinguished and remains valid.

Relevance of Blackpool Airport's status as a statutory undertaker to the Application

3. Pursuant to ss127 and 138 of the Planning Act 2008 a statutory undertaker is afforded express protections in respect of its 'undertaking' against any proposed development (and associated development consent order). In this case, the protected undertaking is "the safe and efficient operation of Blackpool Airport".
4. This confirmed status as a statutory undertaker means that the development consent order for the Proposed Development cannot grant rights of compulsory acquisition over Blackpool Airport land within the DCO red line boundary, where the acquisition of such rights could impede the carrying on of the protected undertaking.

5. Nothing further is required for the Secretary of State's consideration of the protected undertaking in respect of this DCO application. The Blackpool Parties are content that the position advanced together with the Applicants in respect of Blackpool Airport (agreed Protective Provisions, Co-Operation Agreement, Article 29, and voluntary land agreements) remains appropriate. The Blackpool Airport's status as a statutory undertaker simply re-affirms that the Protective Provisions and Article 29 are required, and must be included in the DCO if granted.



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