

SECTIONS 91, 92 AND 93, PLANNING ACT 2008

RULE 13(6), THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTIFICATION OF HEARINGS

THE PROPOSED HORNSEA TWO OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER (Application Reference: EN010053)

Notice is hereby given that the Examining Authority will hold the following issue specific, open floor and compulsory acquisition hearings for the examination of the application by Smart Wind Limited as agent on behalf of Optimus Wind Limited and Breesea Limited (together **the Applicant**) of 11th Floor, 140 London Wall, London, EC2Y 5DN for a Development Consent Order (**DCO**) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm Project Two (**the Application**). The Application was made on 30th January 2015 and accepted for examination on 19th February 2015 (Application Reference: EN010053).

The following hearings will be held at the **Humber Royal Hotel, Littlecoates Road, Grimsby North East Lincolnshire DN34 4LX** as indicated in the table below. On each day **please arrive for 09.15am as the hearing will begin promptly at 09.30am.**

Date	Hearing	Issues
Tuesday 28th July 2015	Open Floor Hearing (if requested)	Date reserved for an Open Floor Hearing if requested
Thursday 30th July 2015	Issue Specific Hearing	Draft Development Consent Order

The following hearings will be held at the **Ashbourne Hotel, Vicarage Lane, North Killingholme, Immingham DN40 3JL** as indicated in the table below. On each day **please arrive for 09.15am as the hearing will begin promptly at 09.30am.**

Date	Hearing	Issues
Tuesday 15th September 2015 Wednesday 16th September 2015	Issue Specific Hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of development and relationship with Hornsea Project 1 • Construction impacts and socio-economic matters • Ornithology • Marine Matters
Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September 2015	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	Dates reserved for a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (including, if required, s.127 of the Planning Act 2008 issues)
Tuesday 27th October, Wednesday 28th October, Thursday 29th October and Friday 30th October 2015	Reserved Session	Dates reserved for a second DCO Issue Specific hearing, any other Issue Specific or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (including, if required, s.127 of the Planning Act 2008 issues)

The Application

The Application relates to the construction and operation of up to two offshore wind farms (**Project Two**) within an area of the Hornsea Zone of the North Sea known as “Subzone 2” together with associated and ancillary development. Subzone 2 is located in the centre of the Hornsea Zone and has a total area of 462 km². The western boundary of Subzone 2 lies 89 km from the coast of the East Riding of Yorkshire and the eastern boundary is 50 km from the median line between UK and Dutch waters. Project Two will have a maximum generating capacity of up to 1.8GW and will connect to the National Grid at a substation in North Killingholme in North Lincolnshire.

The DCO for Project Two would, amongst other things, authorise up to 360 offshore wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 276m above lowest astronomical tide, and their foundations; up to six offshore

HVAC collector substations; up to two offshore HVDC converter stations; up to two offshore accommodation platforms and up to two offshore HVAC reactive compensation substations and their foundations. The DCO would also authorise a network of subsea electrical circuits connecting the wind turbines, offshore HVAC collector substations, offshore HVDC converter stations and offshore accommodation platforms; a marine connection to the shore to the proposed landfall at Horseshoe Point in Lincolnshire; a foreshore connection; up to eight underground electrical circuit transition joint bays in the vicinity of Horseshoe Point; up to eight underground transmission electrical circuits, with jointing pits, running in a north-westerly direction for approximately 40 km, connecting the underground electrical circuit transition joint bays to the electrical transmission stations; up to two electrical transmission stations in the vicinity of North Killingholme and a connection consisting of two underground electrical circuits between the electrical transmission stations and the National Grid substation, including a connection within the National Grid substation; improvements to the verge, highway and private access road running from Chase Hill Road between the junction with Haven Road in the east and Eastfield Road in the west; the permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights, overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land and the application and/or disapplication of legislation including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase; such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient, and other associated development.

A hard copy of the Application form and accompanying plans, maps and other documents may be inspected free of charge at the places and times set out below:

Venue	Opening hours
East Lindsey District Council Planning and Regeneration Room 51, Tedder Hall Manby Park, Manby, Louth, Lincolnshire LN11 8UP	Mon to Fri: 9am - 5pm Sat: closed Sun: closed

A DVD copy of the Application form, accompanying plans, maps and other documents may be inspected at the following locations.

Venue	Opening hours
Immingham Library Pelham Road Immingham N.E. Lincs DN40 1QF	Mon to Fri: 8.30am – 7.30pm Sat: 9am – 1pm Sun: closed
Grimsby Library Town Hall Square Grimsby DN31 1HG	Mon to Fri: 8.30am – 7.30pm Sat: 9am – 1pm Sun: closed

DVD copies have also been deposited in East Riding Mobile Library, Waltham Library, Goxhill Library, East Lindsey Access Point – Louth Town Hall, East Lindsey Access Point – Mablethorpe Library, Hull Central Library Reference and Information Library and the London offices of Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP.

DVD copies are also available free of charge on request from info@smartwind.co.uk or 0800 285 1295.

Copies of the Application documents are available online through the Planning Inspectorate's website at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-offshore-wind-farm-zone-4-project-two/>.