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Application by SMart Wind Ltd for Hornsea Offshore Wind Farm (Zone 4) - Project Two
The Examining Authority's first round of written questions and requests for information

Question CA14

(a) A number of plots are identified in Part 4 of the BoR [APP-022] 'Crown Land' as being land in which the Secretary of State for Transport, the Highways Agency and the Highways England Company Ltd is the 'Owner of Crown Interest'. Can the Secretary of State for Transport, The Highways Agency and Highways England confirm the current and possible future status of this land in the context of the Highways Act 1980 and s15 of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and if necessary and at the appropriate time can the applicant revise the BoR accordingly?

Answer

Highways England Company Limited (Company number 09346363) ('the Company') is by virtue of Section 15 of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and the provisions of the Transfer Scheme dated 30 March 2015 (a copy of which will be made available on request) the owner of land registered at HM Land Registry under title numbers:

HM Land Registry Title Number	BoR Plot Number(s)
HS349933	272
HS107710	377,378,388
HS352088	437,441

Please note Although HS349933 is currently registered to Highways England the land is actually vested in the Local Highway Authority as a consequence of the A46 detrunking order. There is a 2 year project being carried out in Manchester to amend proprietorship and pass the deeds for the section of our network that was detrunked. Consequently, the local highway authority for the A46 should be consulted re HS349933.

The other plots are allocated to the SoS for Transport and were not devolved to Highways England, therefore any issues must be addressed directly to the Department for Transport.

(b) In the event that these plots are or will no longer be Crown land can the applicant state its intentions in respect of the land and the rights attached to it in the context of

its compulsory acquisition proposals and can Highways England indicate its views on how the land should be treated?

[The plots in question are: 175-187; 272; 37; 378-388; 392-399; 404-409; 437; 441]

Answer

For these plots for which Highways England can speak, as indicated in CA14 Part a) above, Highways England is content to grant rights over access but will not relinquish freehold interests.

Regards

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