

**Thanet Extension Offshore Wind Farm  
Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4):  
Landscape and Visual, Seascape and Historic Environment Issues**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 February 2019</b>
<b>Time:</b>	3.00pm Hearing room opens from 2.30pm <sup>1</sup>
<b>Venue:</b>	Building 500 <sup>2</sup> , Discovery Park Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9FF
<b>Access and Parking:</b>	<b>For pedestrian and vehicular access</b> , parking arrangements and the reception location, please use the <a href="#">attached map</a> . <b>Car park</b> shown on the attached map. <b>Public transport</b> <b>Bus</b> Discovery Park, Ramsgate Road Stagecoach routes 43 and 44 5 minute walk to venue <b>Train</b> Ramsgate or Sandwich Stations Taxi to venue

**Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4)**

ISH4 is being held for the following purpose:

- To enable the Examining Authority (ExA) to inquire into the landscape, seascape, and historic environment effects of the proposed development.

**Participation, conduct and management of hearing**

This is the fourth ISH to be held in this Examination. It is being held because the ExA wishes to question the Applicant about its approach to the assessment and mitigation of landscape, seascape and historic environment effects of the proposed development, in a context where IPs views can also be heard.

The business of an ISH is limited to the matters identified in the agenda. Oral submissions on other subject matters or from persons who are not IPs may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA. It is strongly preferable that any such issues arising from IPs are brought to an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) where there is no subject matter Agenda and IPs may raise any important and relevant matter.

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<sup>1</sup> The hearing will proceed directly on from ISH3. If on attending, you find that ISH3 is still in session, please sit at the back of the room until the ExA commences ISH4.

<sup>2</sup> Building 500 is adjacent to and in the same building complex as Discovery House.

Participation in the hearing is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing.

### *Invited Participants*

The following IPs are invited to attend and participate in this hearing:

- the Applicant;
- Historic England;
- Natural England;
- the Marine Management Organisation;
- Kent County Council;
- Dover District Council; and
- Thanet District Council.

The named IPs have been invited for the following reasons:

- As public bodies with policy and regulatory responsibilities for landscapes, seascapes, the historic environment and planning.

Invitees are requested to contact the Planning Inspectorate by **12 February 2019** to confirm their attendance.

Other Interested Parties (IPs) who are interested in landscape, seascape, and historic environment effects may attend the hearing but must contact the Planning Inspectorate by **12 February 2019** if they wish to be heard. A request to be heard should outline the items on this agenda on which they wish to speak and provide a summary outline of the issues that they wish to raise.

Other Persons (who are not already registered as IPs) who wish to raise relevant issues may also request to participate in the Examination and to be heard, contacting the Planning Inspectorate by **12 February 2019**. A request to participate and to be heard should outline the items on this agenda on which they wish to speak and provide a summary outline of the issues that they wish to raise. The ExA has discretion about whether to hear Other Persons and the hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring that invited persons and IPs issues are fully heard within the allotted time.

The ExA requests that invited participants and those who have requested to make oral representations attend at the appointed start time of 3.00pm.

### *Hearing Guidance*

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required. The Applicant, IPs and Other Persons may attend with expert advisers relevant to ports, pilotage, shipping, channels, marks, markers and lights, navigation, radio, radar and related systems and maritime safety, but IPs and Other Persons may equally participate without expert advice if they wish.

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008)<sup>3</sup> and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that the

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<sup>3</sup> 'Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent', (DCLG March 2015).

ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

Cross-questioning is regulated by the ExA and is only seldom employed at hearings. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure that representations are adequately tested or to ensure that a person has had a fair chance to put their case.

This agenda may be amended by the ExA at the start of the hearing session. Furthermore, the ExA may wish to raise matters arising from oral submissions Relevant Representations (RRs) and Written Representations (WRs), and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussion which are not listed on the agenda.

The hearing will run until all the ExA is content that all matters on the agenda have been addressed.

#### *References to Locations at Sea and Sea Zones*

To assist the identification and location of matters and issues at sea relative to the existing Thanet Offshore Wind Farm and the proposed development, the ExA has prepared an annotated version of the Offshore Works Plan identifying Sea Zones around the proposed development (the 'Sea Zones Plan').

The Sea Zones Plan has been lodged in the Examination Library under reference [OD-008]. The Sea Zones Plan can be obtained from the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010084/EN010084-000829-Sea%20Zones%20Plan.pdf>

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[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/418015/examinations\\_guidance-\\_final\\_for\\_publication.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418015/examinations_guidance-_final_for_publication.pdf)

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**Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4):** 19 February 2019 at 3.00pm

## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for this Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4)**

### **2. Effects on Landscapes and Seascapes**

The ExA will review:

- a) Effects on landscapes and seascapes.
- b) Effects cumulatively with the existing Thanet Offshore Wind Farm.
- c) Effects cumulatively with other offshore wind farm facilities.

The ExA will seek comments from IPs.

The Applicant will be provided with a right of reply.

### **3. Effects on the Historic Environment**

The ExA will review:

- a) Effects on historic environment assets at sea.
- b) Effects on historic environment assets on land.
- c) Provisions and security in relation to archaeology.

The ExA will seek comments from IPs.

The Applicant will be provided with a right of reply.

### **4. Review of issues and actions arising**

To the extent that matters arise that are not addressed in any procedural decisions, the ExA will address how any actions placed on the Applicant, IPs or Other Persons are to be met and consider the approaches to be taken in further hearings, in the light of issues raised in this hearing. A written action list will be published if required.

### **5. Next steps**

### **6. Closure of the hearing**