

APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER, THE PROPOSED HORNSEA PROJECT FOUR OFFSHORE WIND FARM (APPLICATION REFERENCE EN010098)

NOTIFICATION OF OPEN FLOOR HEARINGS, ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARINGS UNDER SECTIONS 91, 92, 93 AND 94 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

Notice is hereby given that the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application made by Orsted Hornsea Project Four Ltd which has its registered office at 5 Howick Place, London, SW1P 1WG (“the Applicant”) for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008 for Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (“the Application”).

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy under sections 14(1)(a), 15(3) and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 29 September 2021 and was accepted for examination on 26 October 2021. The Examination commenced following the Preliminary Meeting held on 22nd February 2022. Examination hearings will be held as indicated below:

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue	Joining Details
11 th April 2022	Open Floor Hearing	Arrangements Conference from: 18.30 Hearing starts: 19:00	Virtual Event	This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered

12 th April 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) on the draft DCO	<p>Arrangements</p> <p>Conference from: 09:30</p> <p>Hearing starts: 10:00</p>	Virtual Event	<p>This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>
13 th April 2022	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1) on the Applicant's compulsory acquisition (CA) and temporary possession (TP) case and on any CA and TP objections (if there are requests to be heard)	<p>Arrangements</p> <p>Conference from: 09:30</p> <p>Hearing starts: 10:00</p>	Virtual Event	<p>This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>
26 th April 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2) on Onshore Environmental Matters	<p>Arrangements</p> <p>Conference from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 09:30</p>	Virtual Event	<p>This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered</p>
26 th April 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) on Offshore Environmental Matters	<p>Arrangements</p> <p>Conference from: 13:30</p> <p>Hearing starts: 14:00</p>	Virtual Event	<p>This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate</p>

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27 th April 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) on Marine Environment (excluding Ornithology)	<p>Arrangements Conference from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 09:30</p>	Virtual Event	This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered
28 th April 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5) on Marine and Coastal Ornithology	<p>Arrangements Conference from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 09:30</p>	Virtual Event	This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered
29 th April 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH6) on the Habitats Regulations Assessment	<p>Arrangements Conference from: 09:00</p> <p>Hearing starts: 09:30</p>	Virtual Event	This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered

4 th May 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH7) on environmental matters (date reserved if required)	Arrangements Conference from: 09:00 Hearing starts: 09:30	Virtual Event	This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered
5 th May 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH8) on environmental matters (date reserved if required)	Arrangements Conference from: 09:00 Hearing starts: 09:30	Virtual Event	This hearing will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided by the Planning Inspectorate in advance to those who have pre-registered

Note that if any of the above hearings are no longer required then notification that a particular date is no longer required will be published by the Planning Inspectorate on the Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm project webpage -

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs>

Notice of any additional hearings if required by the Examination will be further publicised. The week commencing Monday 18th July 2022 is currently reserved for any further Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s), Issue Specific Hearing(s) or Open Floor Hearing(s) that may be required. The format of these hearings (if required) will be confirmed in due course.

To find out how to register to participate in any of the above hearings and for further details please see the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 8 Letter –

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010098/EN010098-000951-Hornsea%20Four%20Rule%208%20FINAL%20letter.pdf>

Summary of the Project

Hornsea Four is an offshore wind farm which will be located approximately 69 km offshore the East Riding of Yorkshire in the Southern North Sea and will be the fourth project to be developed in the former Hornsea Zone. Hornsea Four will be located in an area of seabed of approximately 486 km². Hornsea Four will include both offshore and onshore infrastructure and consists of:

- Hornsea Four array area: This is where the offshore wind generating station will be located which will include the turbines, array cables, offshore accommodation platforms and a range of offshore substations as well as offshore interconnector cables and export cables
- Hornsea Four offshore export cable corridor (ECC): This is where the permanent offshore electrical infrastructure (offshore export cables, as well as the High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) booster station (if required), will be located;
- Hornsea Four intertidal area: This is the area between Mean High Water Springs (MHWS) and Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) through which all of the offshore export cables will be installed;
- Hornsea Four onshore export cable corridor: This is where the permanent onshore electrical cable infrastructure will be located; and
- Hornsea Four onshore substation (OnSS) including energy balancing infrastructure: This is where the permanent onshore electrical substation infrastructure (onshore High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) converter/HVAC substation, energy balancing infrastructure and connections to the National Grid) will be located.

The electrical export cables for Hornsea Four extend from the array area in an east-west orientation, to a landfall near Fraisthorpe, East Riding of Yorkshire. The onshore cable corridor extends from the landfall to connect the generated electricity to an onshore electrical substation, near Cottingham. A connection from the substation to the National Grid is also included within the Application.

A plan showing the location of the proposed Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm is available on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage at the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010098/EN010098-000547-D1.1.1%20PAD%20Volume%20D1%20Annex%201.1%20Location%20Plan%20Offshore%20and%20Onshore.pdf>

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment development for the purpose of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an Environmental Statement accompanied the application.

The Application

A digital copy of the Application form and accompanying plans, maps and other documents may be inspected free of charge online until the close of the Examination at the following location and during the hours set out below, excluding any public holiday dates which should be confirmed with the location in question:

Location	Times
The Treasure House, Champney Road, Beverley, HU17 8HE	Monday: 9:30am - 5pm Tuesday: 9:30am – 8pm Wednesday: 9:30am – 5pm Thursday: 9:30am – 8pm Friday: 9:30am – 5pm Saturday: 9am – 4pm

Copies of these documents are available online through the Planning Inspectorate’s website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=overview>

Electronic copies can be provided on request by emailing: hornseaprojectfour@orsted.com, by writing to Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm, c/o Julian Carolan Ørsted 5 Howick Place, London SW1P 1WG. The documents can be made available in hard copy format on request at a cost of:

- Application documents including Consultation Report, Planning Statement or Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment and supporting Annexes – £350;
- Environmental Statement Report Volumes 1-3 – £600;
- Environmental Statement Annexes – £600; and
- Total cost for all documents – £1,500.