



The Planning Inspectorate

Application by Ørsted Hornsea Project four Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm

Hearing Action Points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4): the marine environment (excluding ornithology) that was held virtually on Wednesday 27 April 2022

Action	Description	Action by	When
1	Further consideration of the definition and mapping of the eastern boundary of Works Area 9d (temporary ramp to beach) on the Works Plans as the geographical position of Mean High Water Springs varies according to beach level, and if it moved westward the base of the ramp could intrude into the intertidal zone.	Applicant	Deadline 4 (D4)
2	Provide definition and description of any activities and works that might be carried out on the beach in works area 9a ('temporary vehicular access tracks'). Confirm responsibility and process for monitoring activities and enforcement of mitigation in regard to works area 9d and 9a where in the intertidal zone.	Applicant	D4
3	Progress agreement through Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) process on East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) expectations for beach monitoring, including whether regular monitoring of the beach levels during construction would be necessary.	Applicant ERYC	D5
4	Update Environmental Statement Project Description to confirm that the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) exit pit location would not be above Mean Low Water Springs.	Applicant	D5
5	Natural England to comment further on Applicant's ISH4 explanation that no draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) Requirement would be	Natural England	D4

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	necessary to control the number and duration of cofferdams at the HDD exit pits.		
6	Provide update on agreement with Marine Management Organisation (MMO) of suitability of dredged sediment for disposal and validation of the laboratories used, through the SoCG process.	Applicant The MMO	D4
7	Review labelling of relevant plans and control through the dDCO of avoiding the 'overlap area' in relation to proposed dredged material disposal.	Applicant	D4
8	Continue to seek agreement with the MMO regarding monitoring of sediment samples through the SoCG process.	Applicant	D4
9	Capture reductions in the Maximum Design Scenarios for volumes for bedform clearance for cables and for the Smithic Bank Cable Protection, in the dDCO, Project Description and Pro-rata Annex.	Applicant	D4
10	Provide clarification of concerns regarding exclusion of SELcum impact ranges in the approach to Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol following Applicant's response [REP1-038] to [RR-020-4.3.4] and discussions at ISH4.	The MMO	D4
11	Provide a comparison with the proposed approach to underwater noise mitigation at source with those accepted by the Secretary of State in the recent East Anglia offshore wind farms Habitat Regulations Assessments.	Applicant	D4
12	Produce an updated clarification note on proposed process for underwater noise mitigation which would be secured through the Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol, with reference to precedent from other recent Offshore Wind Farm developments.	Applicant	D4
13	Submit promised response to Applicant's clarification note regarding mitigation of noise impacts on herring spawning.	The MMO	D4

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14	Progress resolution of National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations/ Holderness Fishing Industry Group concerns on fish and shellfish ecology matters through the SoCG process	Applicant	D4
15	Submit supplementary bathymetry and coastal processes report, to include responses to MMO's submission at Deadline 3 [REP3-052] on the Flamborough Front and collating all relevant Examination evidence on the matters.	Applicant	D4
16	Submit independent expert review of updated bathymetry and coastal processes report.	Applicant	D5