

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

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING UNDER SECTIONS 91, 92 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 of 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. Hearings will be held as indicated below:

Date	Hearing	Time	Venue	Joining Details
18 th July 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH 7) ISH7 on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Arrangements Conference from: 09:15 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

18 th July 2022	<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2) CAH2 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>	<p>Arrangements Conference from: 13:15 Hearing starts: 13:30</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>
19 th July 2022	<p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH8) ISH8 on onshore environmental matters</p>	<p>Arrangements Conference from: 09:15 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>
19 th July 2022	<p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH9) ISH9 on offshore environmental matters</p>	<p>Arrangements Conference from: 13:15 Hearing starts: 13:30</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>
20 th July 2022	<p>Issue Specific Hearing (ISH10) ISH10 on the marine processes and ecology (excluding ornithology)</p>	<p>Arrangements Conference from: 09:15 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</p>

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21 st July 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH11) ISH11 on marine and coastal ornithology	Arrangements Conference from: 09:15 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
22 nd July 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH12) ISH12 on the Habitats Regulations Assessment	Arrangements Conference from: 09:15 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: 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 as soon as practicable 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=overview>, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel them.

To find out how to register to participate in any of the above hearings and for further details please see The Planning Inspectorate's Hornsea Project Four webpage <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/yorkshire-and-the-humber/hornsea-project-four-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=overview>

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 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>

Environmental Impact Assessment Development

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.

Application Form and Accompanying Documents

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 the 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.