

Orsted Hornsea Project Four Limited (Orsted Project Four) holds an Agreement for Lease from The Crown Estate Commissioners in respect of the proposed Hornsea Project Four Offshore Wind Farm (Hornsea Four). Orsted Project Four has applied for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to authorise Hornsea Four, which bears the Planning Inspectorate's reference EN010098. On 27 October 2021 that DCO application was accepted for Examination. The Examination is due to commence on 22 February 2022.

Orsted Project Four is a wholly owned subsidiary of Orsted Power (UK) Limited, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ørsted A/S, which is majority owned by the Danish Government. Ørsted's current installed capacity in the UK is enough green energy to power over 4.4 million UK homes a year (and will rise to over 5.6 million homes by 2022). Hornsea Four will support the UK in its transition to a low carbon economy, helping achieve the Government's target of 40GW of offshore wind by 2030 and net zero by 2050.

Net Zero Teesside Power Limited (NZN Power) and Net Zero North Sea Storage Limited (NZNS Storage) have submitted a DCO application for the onshore part of the wider Net Zero Teesside Project (NZN), which bears the Planning Inspectorate's reference EN010103. That application was accepted for Examination on 16 December 2021 and at the time of writing a date has not been set for the commencement of the Examination.

Chapter 4 of the Environmental Statement submitted in support of the DCO application for the onshore part of the NZN explains that NZNS Storage will also be responsible for the offshore elements of NZN. The Environmental Statement states that "*the onshore and offshore works together comprise the wider Project*".

The proposed offshore geological CO<sub>2</sub> storage site (the "Endurance geological storage facility"), forming part of NZN overlaps materially in area with the proposed Hornsea Four wind farm array. The offshore elements of Hornsea Four includes up to 180 wind turbines, accommodation, cables and substation infrastructure.

Therefore, Orsted Project Four wishes to participate in the Examination of the DCO application for the onshore part of the NZN to protect its interests in the overlap zone and to ensure the successful coexistence of NZN, the Endurance geological storage facility, and Hornsea Four.

Orsted Project Four and the promoters of NZN are negotiating pursuant to the terms of a commercial agreement between the parties. The terms of that agreement prevented the submission of a relevant representation. Those terms have been varied, such that Orsted Project Four may make this submission.