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Your Ref:

Our Ref:

EN010109

Date:

22 February 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – Sections (s) 91, 92 and 93 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules (EPR) 2010 – Rule 13

Application by Equinor New Energy Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project and Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm Extension Project

Notification of Hearings

1. Notification of Hearings

We have made a Procedural Decision to hold the following Hearings.

Date	Hearing	Time	Joining
Wednesday 22 March 2023	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) on onshore environmental matters, including the draft Development Consent Order (if required)	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 9:00 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:00 am	The Hearings 22-23 March 2023 will be held at: Main Auditorium The Kings Centre 63-75 King Street Norwich NR1 1PH The Hearings can also be attended by virtual means using Microsoft
Thursday	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) on onshore	Hearing starts: 10:00 am	



Date	Hearing	Time	Joining
23 March 2023	environmental matters, including the draft Development Consent Order (if required)	Seating available at venue from: 9:00 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:00 am	Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Friday 24 March 2023	Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI2) (if required)	Meeting time: 8:15 am Start time: 8:30 am	To be confirmed
Wednesday 29 March 2023	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH1), including the draft Development Consent Order (if required)	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 9:00 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:00 am	The Hearings 29-31 March 2023 will all be held at: Fishmongers Recital Hall Gresham's School Cromer Road Holt NR25 6EA The Hearings can also be attended by virtual means using Microsoft Teams . Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Wednesday 29 March 2023	Open Floor Hearing (OFH2) (if required)	Hearing starts: 7:00 pm Seating available at venue from: 6:00 pm Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 6:00 pm	
Thursday 30 March 2023	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH5) on offshore environmental matters, including the draft Development Consent Order (if required)	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 9:00 am Virtual Arrangements	



Date	Hearing	Time	Joining
		Conference from: 9:00 am	
Friday 31 March 2023	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH6) on offshore environmental matters, including the draft Development Consent Order (if required)	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 9:00 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:00 am	

2. Format of Hearings

All Hearings will be Blended events. Blended events allow attendance both in-person and virtually through Microsoft Teams. The Hearings will be livestreamed and a link will be posted on the [project webpage](#) before the start of the event

It is expected that both blended and fully virtual events will form part of the Planning Inspectorate's future operating model. Please see the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note [8.5: The Examination: hearings and site inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual examination events](#) for more information. These Advice Notes are updated periodically to align with the most up to date Government guidance and Planning Inspectorate's working practices.

3. Hearing outline agendas and requested attendees

In cognisance of the resource implications of preparing and participating in Hearings the ExA has taken several steps, including providing early notice of Hearings, and issuing detailed agendas in advance of the Hearing dates. Equally, we request parties to attend the Hearings that they have been requested at. Your attendance will ensure that discussion can progress at pace, and evidence and conclusions can be tested, with the aim of reaching resolution before the close of the Examination. Your attendance will also ensure that we are able to make better use of Examination resources and of the time of the parties that are present.

For the Issue Specific Hearings and the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) the ExA will publish a detailed draft agenda on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days in advance of the Hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each Hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.



To enable participants, make a decision about attending Hearings, the ExA is providing an outline agenda here for some of the Hearings. The ExA is also requesting attendance from some parties, as listed here, at those Hearings.

Outline agenda	Requested attendees
<p>ISH on Wednesday 22 March 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construction effects – Onshore 2. Noise and Vibration 3. Traffic and Transportation 4. Water Quality and Resources 5. Draft Development Consent Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Environment Agency • National Highways • Local Highway Authority (Norfolk County Council)
<p>ISH on Thursday 23 March 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development scenarios 2. Land use 3. Socio-economic 4. Landscape 5. Seascape 6. Design 7. Draft Development Consent Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • National Grid • Natural England • Local Planning Authorities (North Norfolk District Council, South Norfolk District Council and Broadland District Council)
<p>ISH on Thursday 30 March 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ornithology 2. Marine Mammals 3. Construction effects – Offshore 4. Draft Development Consent Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Natural England • Marine Management Organisation • Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
<p>ISH on Friday 31 March 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benthic ecology 2. Shipping and Navigation 3. Fishing and fisheries 4. Civil and Military Aviation 5. Oil and Gas and other offshore infrastructure and activities 6. Draft Development Consent Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Natural England • Eastern Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority • Marine Management Organisation • Maritime Coastguard Agency • UK Chamber of Shipping • NATS • Defence Infrastructure Organisation • Perenco • Independent Oil and Gas

4. Procedure at Hearings

The Examination will principally be a written process (see the Planning Inspectorate’s [Advice Note 8.4: The Examination](#)), supplemented where necessary by various types of Hearings. Please refer to the [Advice Note 8.5: Hearings and site](#)



[inspections](#) and [Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination events](#) as these provide important information about Hearing procedures.

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in Rule 14 of the EPR. The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of Interested Parties or Other Persons giving evidence and **will not allow cross-questioning** between parties.

5. Cancellation

If any of the above Hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the [project webpage](#), providing reasonable notice to all parties of the decision to cancel them.

If you have any queries please contact the contact team using the contact details at the head of this letter.

We look forward to working with all parties in the Examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

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Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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