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The Applicant; All Interested
Parties; Affected Persons;
Category 3 Persons;
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Other Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

EN010109

Date:

23 May 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – Sections (s) 91, 92 and 93, The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules (EPR) 2010 – Rules 9 and 13 and The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (CA Regulations) – Section (s) 14, s15 and s16

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 21 June 2023	Issue Specific Hearing on Shipping and Navigation, and any other relevant offshore and onshore issues (ISH7) (if required)	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 09:30 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:30 am	Main Auditorium The Kings Centre 63-75 King Street Norwich NR1 1PH The Hearings can also be attended by virtual means using Microsoft Teams . Full



Date	Hearing	Time	Joining
Wednesday 21 June 2023	Open Floor Hearing (OFH3) (if required)	Hearing starts: 6:00 pm Seating available at venue from: 5:30 pm Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 5:30 pm	instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Thursday 22 June 2023	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH2) (if required)	Hearing starts: 10:00 am Seating available at venue from: 09:30 am Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 9:30 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 agendas

The Examining Authority (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.



If any parties wish to attend and speak at any of the above Hearings, please inform the Case Team via the project mailbox: sadep@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by no later than **Deadline 5, 13 June 2023**.

If you do not have access to email, you can write to the Case Team to confirm your participation at the postal address above. Please address any letter to the 'Sheringham and Dudgeon Extension Project Case Team', including the case reference EN010109 and a contact telephone number. Postal communications must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by Tuesday 13 June 2023.

The Case Team can also be contacted via 0303 444 5000 if required.

If you wish to observe the Hearings only, this can be done by accessing the livestream link, which will be made available on the [project website](#) on the morning of the Hearings.

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. The ExA's Procedural Decision relating to holding further Hearings in accordance with CA Regulations s14, s15 and s16

Further to the ExA's decision to accept the Applicant's request to make a material change to the application on 17 April 2023 [PD-014], the ExA is required to meet s14, s15, and s16 of the CA Regulations, relating to holding further Hearings.

Upon receiving the Certificates of Compliance in line with Regulation 9 of the CA Regulations on 29 May 2023, the ExA will re-issue this Rule 13 notification to confirm ISH7 in line with the requirements in s14(2) of the CA Regulations, giving 21 days' notice to any additional affected persons or interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for the further issue-specific hearing.

In line with s15(1)(a) and (b), and s16(1)(a) and (b), in a subsequent issuance, the ExA will ask for notifications from additional affected persons and additional interested parties if they wish to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing and at an Open Floor Hearing. The ExA will issue a Procedural Decision to address any requests if received, in line with s15(2)(3) and s16(2)(3).



6. 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 case team using the details at the head of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Menaka Sahai

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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