



HEARING AGENDA

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

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2

Date	Thursday 22 June 2023	
	Hearing Start Time:	10:00 am
Timings	Arrangements Conference for virtual attendance online:	09:30 am
	Seating for in-person hearing available at the venue from:	09:30 am
Location	Main Auditorium, The Kings Centre, 63-75 King Street, Norwich, NR1 1PH	
	Microsoft Teams for virtual attendance online	

REQUESTED ATTENDEES

1. Applicant
2. National Highways
3. Orsted
4. National Grid
5. Mr Clive Hay-Smith, Mr Paul Middleton and Priory Holdings Limited represented by Ardent Management

The Examining Authority welcomes involvement from any other persons or their representative whose land and/or rights are affected and who wish to make a representation in respect of the application including the changes to the application proposed by the Applicant [AS-045 to AS-065], at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2.

PURPOSE OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING 2 (CAH2)

The main purpose of the hearing is to clarify and get views on matters relating to:

1. Development scenarios and whether all development scenarios have been appropriate assessed in the Environmental Statement (ES);
2. The misalignment of proposed access ACC46 with the A47 Tuddenham improvement scheme; and
3. Update on negotiations with affected persons, Statutory Undertakers and any other parties.



This Agenda is based on information received up to Deadline 4. However, Deadline 5 on 13 June 2023 is prior to the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 and will include responses to the Examining Authority's Third Written Questions, as well as other responses and further information. As such, this Agenda may change in response to the submissions received at Deadline 5. The Examining Authority will notify attendees of the changes to the agenda right at the outset of the Hearing.

DOCUMENTS

The Examining Authority referred to several documents in the preparation of this agenda, and some of the documents that we may be referring to during the Hearing are listed here. These documents can be located using the Examination Library reference number in [] square brackets:

1. Environmental Statement Chapter 4 [APP-090]
4. Environmental Statement Chapter 24 [APP-110]
5. Transport Assessment and Supporting Annexes [APP-268] [APP-269]
6. Scenarios Statement [APP-314]
7. Supplementary Figures to Scenarios Statement [PDA-005]
8. Supplementary Information to the Scenarios Statement [REP3-074]
9. National Highway's Response to the Examining Authority's Second Written Questions [REP3-138]
10. The Applicant's Response to National Highways Deadline 3 Submission [REP4-035]

HEARING FORMAT

The Hearing will be a blended event, whereby the principal means of conducting the Hearing will be face-to-face within the venue cited above. Participants may join online if they wish using the Microsoft Teams platform and, if you have registered to join using this format, the joining link for the virtual Hearing will be sent to parties the day before, or on the day of, each session. Observers may attend in person or can watch remotely via the livestream of the event, the link for which will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure website on the day of the Hearing. The Examining Authority will not accept representations at the Hearing in the form of video or audio recordings.

The virtual event will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the Hearing to enable a prompt start. Hearings will finish as soon as the Examining Authority deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The Examining Authority may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to



allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

AGENDA

The Hearing will start promptly at the indicated time of 10:00 am. All other times in the agenda are indicative. The Examining Authority will close the Hearing at 13:15 pm, or sooner if all relevant matters have been covered.

09:30 am Seating available for in-person attendance

1. Registration by the Case Team

09:30 am Arrangements Conference for virtual attendance

2. Registration by the Case Team

10:00 am Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (session 1)

1. Welcome by lead member of the Examining Authority

2. Procedure for running the Hearing

3. Development Scenarios

- i. Having regard to the trip generation figures in the Transport Assessment and its annexes, whether the Environmental Statement has robustly assessed the scenario where there is an overlap of construction of SEP and DEP being built in isolation.
- ii. Whether the adverse effect of construction works that could be undertaken on the same section(s) of the cable corridor by separate crews, constructing SEP and DEP projects under scenarios 1c and 1d, has been robustly assessed in the Environmental Statement.
- iii. Further to the Examining Authority's proposed changes to the dDCO, whether an additional paragraph to R1 that secures a restriction that working crews cannot work on the same or adjacent section(s) of onshore cable corridor when they are being constructed under scenarios 1c and 1d is necessary.

4. Access ACC46 and the A47 Tuddenham Improvement Scheme

- i. What are the implications of the misalignment between the access ACC46 and the A47 Tuddenham Improvement Scheme



- for the Examination, for the delivery of the Proposed Development?
- ii. Update on Applicant's engagement with affected landowner(s) and Orsted to maximise use of the same construction haul route to minimise environmental and land use impacts.
 - iii. Whether discussion has taken place with National Grid about the need to maintain and protect Orsted's existing right to legal access along this corridor through the approved A47 DCO.
 - iv. Would the Applicant need to include more lands in the Order limits to enable access ACC46? And in that regard is any land currently included in the Order limits not required for the Proposed Development.
 - v. Explain with reasons that the Applicant's strategic case for Compulsory Acquisition is still robust, given there could be need for additional land to deliver the Proposed Development, and/ or the land that is currently within Order limits is not needed for the Proposed Development.
 - vi. What are the implications of the need to change the Compulsory Acquisition on this Examination? If timing allowed would the Applicant have submitted a change request?
 - vii. What would be required post Examination to enable access ACC46? What further would be needed for the SoS to consider in decision-making?

11:30 am **Break**

11:45 am **Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (session 2)**

5. Representations from Affected Persons and Statutory Undertakers

- i. National Highways
- ii. Mr Clive Hay-Smith, Mr Paul Middleton and Priory Holdings Limited represented by Ardent Management

6. Updates on all other negotiations, including for all Special Category Land

7. Procedural decisions, review of actions and next steps

8. Closing remarks

13:15 pm **Close of Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2**