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PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 32 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN AN EEA STATE

PROPOSED MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECT

Cobra Instalaciones Servicios S.A. (Cobra) and Flotation Energy plc (Flotation Energy) have formally notified the Secretary of State, of their intention to submit an Environmental Statement.

The proposals are for development of an offshore wind farm with an approximate capacity of 480 megawatts (MW) in the eastern Irish Sea approximately 30km from the northwest coast of England, awarded as part of the Round 4 Offshore Wind Licensing Arrangements

Information about the Proposed Development and about its likely significant effects is available in the scoping report and the Secretary of State's scoping opinion which are available electronically on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/morecambe-offshore-windfarm/?ipcsection=docs>

Based on the current information provided by the Applicant to the Secretary of State, and applying a precautionary approach, the Secretary of State is of the view that the Proposed Development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Belgium and the Republic of Ireland. In accordance with Regulation 32 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) the Secretary of State has provided information to the above mentioned EEA States about the Proposed Development and its likely significant effects, and the States have been asked to indicate by 28 December 2022 whether or not they wish to participate in the procedure for examining and determining the application under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations.

The Proposed Development is currently at the pre-application stage of the process. The Applicants have not yet submitted an application to the Secretary of State. If the application is accepted for examination, the application will be examined in public and, subject to the provisions of the PA 2008, the examination must be completed within a period of six months. Further information about how to participate in the examination procedure under the PA 2008 and the way in which the Secretary of State will notify and consult EEA States in accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website: www.planningportal.gov.uk/infrastructure.

Following examination of the application and having taken the environmental information into consideration, the decision maker may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or offset the major adverse effects of the Proposed Development.

Date: 16 November 2022

Signed by the Planning Inspectorate for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

