



Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets Development Consent Order Documents

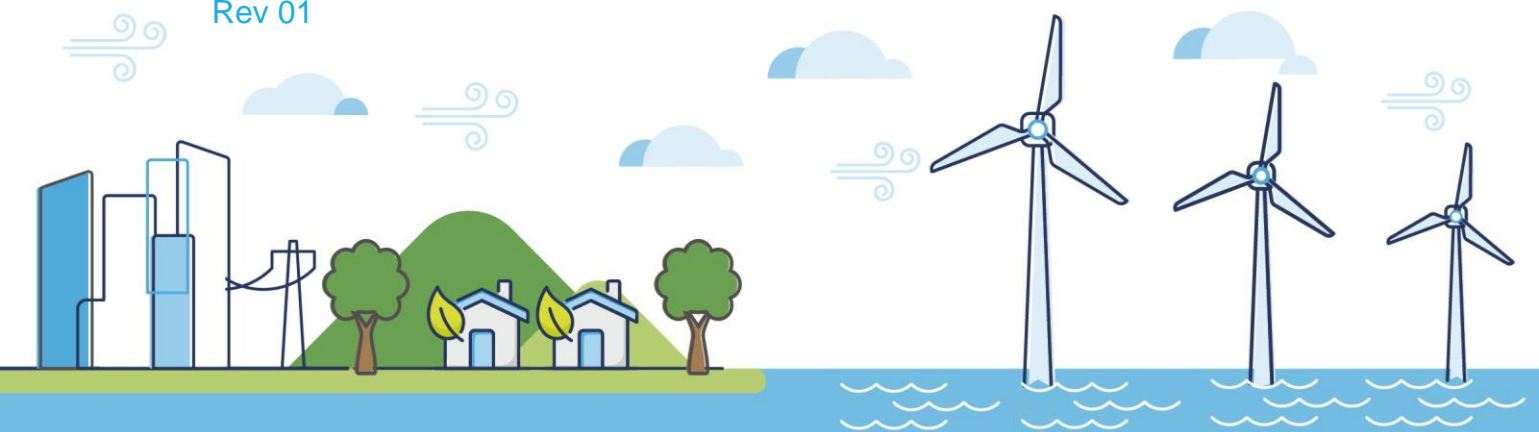
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Glossary of Acronyms

DCO	Development Consent Order
DESNZ	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
DML	Deemed Marine Licence
EPS	European Protected Species
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MMO	Marine Management Organisation
PINS	The Planning Inspectorate
OfGEM	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets
Ofcom	Office of Communications
OSP(s)	Offshore substation platform(s)
RIAA	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
SNCBs	Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies
UK	United Kingdom
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
WTG	Wind turbine generator

Glossary if of Unit Terms

km	kilometre
MW	megawatt

Glossary of Terminology

Applicant	Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd
Application	This refers to the Applicant's application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). An application consists of a series of documents and plans which are published on the Planning Inspectorate's (PINS) website.
Deemed Marine Licence	Section 149A of the Planning Act 2008 allows an applicant for a DCO to apply for 'Deemed Marine Licences' as part of the DCO process.
Generation Assets (the Project)	Generation assets associated with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. This is infrastructure in connection with electricity production, namely the fixed foundation wind turbine generators (WTGs), inter-array cables, offshore substation platform(s) (OSP(s)) and possible platform link cables to connect OSP(s).
Marine licence	The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 requires a marine licence to be obtained for licensable marine activities.



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1 Introduction

1. This document provides details of the additional offshore consents and licences that may be required for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets (the Project) beyond the consents permitted under the Development Consent Order (DCO) (and Deemed Marine Licence (DML)).
2. The Project is being developed by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (the Applicant). The Applicant is seeking a DCO for the Project, a proposed offshore windfarm located in the Eastern Irish Sea, approximately 30km off the Lancashire coast, with an expected nominal capacity of 480 megawatts (MW).
3. The other consents and licences that may be required under different legislation are detailed in **Table 1.1**.

Table 1.1 Offshore consents and licenses required under other legislation

Consent	Legislation	Consenting authority	Anticipated application date	Content of consent/licence
Appropriate Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)	The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ)	Part of DCO and DML process – parallel with DCO	The relevant Secretary of State is the competent authority for the purposes of the Habitats Directive and the 2017 Habitats Regulations. The Applicant has submitted a Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) with the Application.
Coast Station Radio Licence	Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006	Office of Communications (Ofcom)	Post- grant of DCO consent	The principal legislation governing the use of radio in the UK is the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. This Act requires the possession of a licence to install or use wireless telegraphy (radio) apparatus, unless the equipment has been exempted from this requirement. Coastal Station Radio licences are designed to allow coast (base) stations on shore to communicate with vessels. The Applicant does not anticipate any issues with obtaining such a licence, as it is a matter of requesting a channel from the Ofcom and paying the appropriate fee.
Decommissioning Scheme	Energy Act 2004	DESNZ	Post- grant of DCO consent	The Secretary of State will require a decommissioning programme to be submitted prior to commencement of authorised development, pursuant to section 105(6) of the Energy Act 2004.

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Energy Generation Licence	Electricity Act 1989	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OfGEM)	Licence granted October 2023	The Applicant has a generation licence, pursuant to section 6(1)(a) of the Electricity Act 1989, which authorises the Applicant to generate electricity in a specified area for the purposes of giving a supply to any premises in a specified area or enabling a supply to be so given.
European Protected Species (EPS) Licence for piling and unexploded ordnance (UXO) clearance	The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	Post- grant of DCO consent	Piling and UXO clearance may be required dependent upon final project design and further investigation of seabed infrastructure locations. It is an offence to deliberately kill, capture or disturb EPS, and to damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places. EPS Licences can be obtained to allow persons to carry out activities that would otherwise be prohibited, without committing an offence. The final windfarm design will be approved by the MMO under DML condition. If piled foundations are selected and/or UXO clearance is required, the Project would need to apply to the MMO for an EPS licence for those activities.
F10 – Notification of Construction Project	Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015	Health and Safety Executive (HSE)	Post- grant of DCO consent	The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 require particulars of the Project to be notified to the Health and Safety Executive in advance of construction. This would be sought by the appointed contractor(s).
Marine Licence for UXO identification	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009	MMO	Post- grant of DCO consent	Identification/investigation of UXO will require a Marine Licence.

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Marine Licence for UXO clearance	Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009	MMO	Post- grant of DCO consent	Clearance of UXO (if required) will require a Marine Licence. Specific methodological details and relevant mitigation methods would be subject to agreement with the MMO and consultation with any relevant stakeholders and the statutory nature conservation bodies (SNCBs).
Safety Zones	Energy Act 2004	DESNZ	Post- grant of DCO consent	<p>Where a safety zone relates to a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), the appropriate decision maker for safety zones is the Secretary of State, who has delegated that function to the DESNZ. As set out in the Safety Zone Statement (Document Reference 4.5) the safety zone application will therefore be made to DESNZ which may, if it is considered appropriate to do so, issue a notice declaring that such areas as are specified or described in the notice are to be safety zones.</p> <p>Consultation with DESNZ will commence once the safety zone application has been submitted and DESNZ will then provide comments on the proposed safety zones at this time and following the notice period.</p> <p>The application will be subject to consultation with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), along with any relevant shipping interests.</p>
The Crown Estate Beneficial Use Agreement	Commercial Agreement	The Crown Estate	Post- grant of DCO consent	A commercial agreement may be required from The Crown Estate for the use of

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				extracted seabed material, e.g. for use in gravity base foundations.