



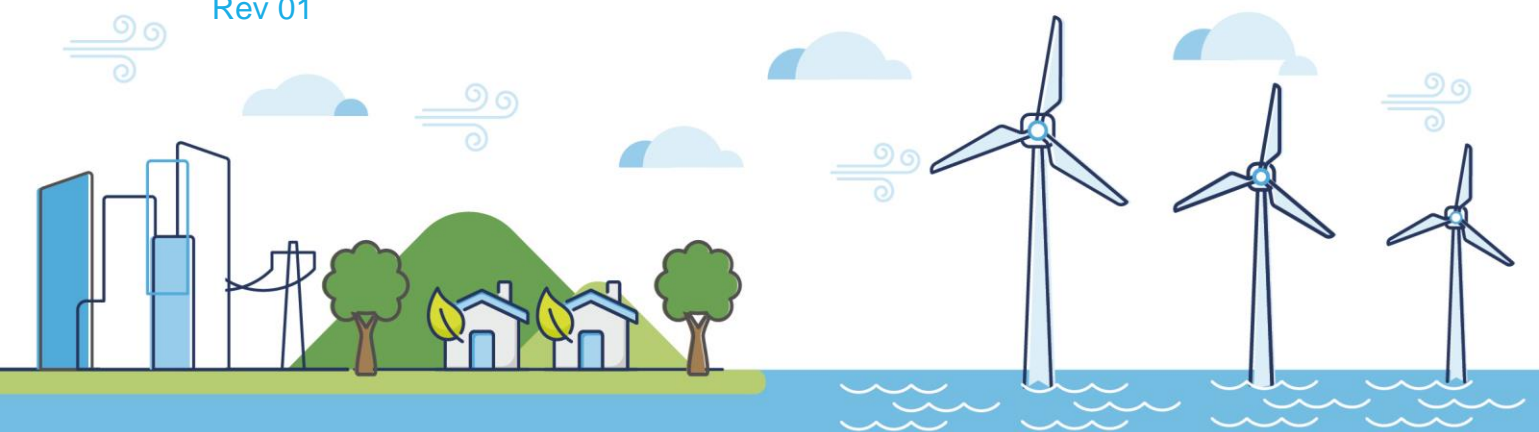
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## Glossary of Acronyms

DCO	Development Consent Order
ES	Environmental Statement
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
OSP	Offshore Substation Platform
UK	United Kingdom
WTG	Wind Turbine Generator

## Glossary of Unit Terms

MW	Megawatt
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## 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.
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).
Inter-array cables	Cables which link the WTGs to each other and the OSP(s).
Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets	The transmission assets for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. This includes OSP(s) <sup>1</sup> , interconnector cables, Morgan offshore booster station, offshore export cables, landfall site, onshore export cables, onshore substations, 400kV cables and associated grid connection infrastructure such as circuit breaker infrastructure.  Also referred to in this chapter as the Transmission Assets, for ease of reading.
Offshore substation platform(s)	A fixed structure located within the windfarm site, containing electrical equipment to aggregate the power from the WTGs and convert it into a more suitable form for export to shore.
Wind turbine generator (WTG)	A fixed structure located within the windfarm site that converts the kinetic energy of wind into electrical energy.
Windfarm site	The area within which the WTGs, inter-array cables, OSP(s) and platform link cables will be present.

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of writing the Environmental Statement, a decision had been taken that the offshore substation platforms (OSPs) would remain solely within the Generation Assets application and would not be included within the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the Transmission Assets. This decision post-dated the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) that was prepared for the Transmission Assets. The OSPs are still included in the description of the Transmission Assets for the purposes of this document as the in-combination effects assessment carried out in respect of the Generation/Transmission Assets is based on the information available from the Transmission Assets PEIR and associated Habitats Regulation documentation.



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# 1 Introduction

1. Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (the “undertaker”), a joint venture between Zero-E Offshore Wind S.L.U. (Spain) (a Cobra group company) and Flotation Energy Ltd, has made an application (the “Application”) to the Secretary of State for a development consent order (“DCO”) to authorise the generation assets of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm, located within the windfarm site. This is to include wind turbine generators (“WTGs”), inter-array cables, offshore substation platforms (“OSPs”) and possible platform link cables to connect OSPs (which is defined as the “authorised development” and described at Schedule 1 (Authorised Project) to the draft DCO which accompanies the Application and is entitled the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets Order 202[●] (the “Order”).
2. The purpose of an explanatory memorandum (“Memorandum”) is to assist the Examining Authority, Interested Parties and the Secretary of State in understanding the rights and powers sought within the Order. This Memorandum therefore explains the purpose and effect of each Article of, and the Schedules to, the Order, as required by Regulation 5(2)(c) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the “Regulations”).
3. As specified in the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note Fifteen (Drafting Development Consent Orders), this Memorandum sets out:
  - *The source of the provision (whether it be a previous made DCO, or a novel provision)*
  - *The section or schedule of the Planning Act 2008 (the “2008 Act”) under which it is made*
  - *Why it is relevant to the proposed development*
  - *Why the undertaker considers it to be important or essential to the delivery of the proposed development*
4. The undertaker has also had regard to the Government’s Guidance ‘Planning Act 2008: Content of a Development Consent Order required for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects’ (the “DCO Content Guidance”) in preparing the Order and this Memorandum.<sup>2</sup>
5. This document should be read alongside the Order and the other documents submitted in respect of the Application for the Order. Terms used in the Order have the same meaning in this Memorandum unless otherwise specified.

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<sup>2</sup> “Planning Act 2008: Content of a Development Consent Order required for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects” (Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) (April 2024)

## 2 Purpose of the Order

### 2.1 Background

6. The undertaker has submitted the Application to the Secretary of State for a development consent order for the construction, operation and maintenance of an offshore wind power generating station (the “authorised development”).
7. In summary the authorised development consists of:
  - Up to 35 offshore wind turbine generators
  - Up to two offshore substation platforms
  - A network of subsea inter-array cables (between the wind turbine generators and between the wind turbine generators and the offshore substation platforms) including cables crossings and cable protection
  - A network of subsea platform link cables including cable crossings and cable protection
  - Other offshore infrastructure including scour protection, cable protection measures, moorings and buoys
8. The offshore windfarm array will be located in the east Irish Sea approximately 30km west of the coast of Lancashire, England.
9. A detailed description of the authorised development is included in **Chapter 5 Project Description** of the Environmental Statement (Document Reference 5.1.5).
10. The Order contains a deemed marine licence under section 66(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (the “2009 Act”). Paragraph 53 of this Memorandum (Article 5 – Deemed marine licence under the 2009 Act) sets out the powers under which a DCO may ‘deem’ consent for a marine licence under the 2009 Act.

### 2.2 Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

11. As an offshore generating station, Work No. 1 is a nationally significant infrastructure project (“NSIP”) within sections 14 and 15 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “2008 Act”).
12. Under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the 2008 Act, an offshore generating station is an NSIP if it is an offshore generating station with a capacity of more than 100 megawatts (“MW”).
13. Section 15(4)(b) of the 2008 Act provides that an offshore generating station is a generating station situated within the Renewable Energy Zone, defined in section 84(4) of the Energy Act 2004 and section 235(1) of the 2008 Act as

being the exclusive economic zone falling between 12nm and 200nm from the shore. Work No. 1 is 30km or over 15 nautical miles (nm) from the shore. Work No. 1 is an offshore generating station within the Renewable Energy Zone and its capacity will be more than 100MW. It accordingly falls within section 15(3).

14. As Work No. 1 is an NSIP, development consent under section 31 of the 2008 Act must be obtained from the Secretary of State to authorise it, and an application for a development consent order must be made to the Secretary of State, care of the Planning Inspectorate, under section 37 of the 2008 Act.

## 2.3 Associated Development

15. The Order also seeks consent for development which would constitute associated development (as provided for in Part 1 (authorised development) of Schedule 1 (authorised project) to the Order). Under section 115 of the 2008 Act, the Secretary of State may grant consent for development that is associated with an NSIP.
16. Guidance on associated development issued by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in April 2013 (the “Associated Development Guidance”) describes associated development as being  
*‘...typical of development brought forward alongside the relevant type of principal development or of a kind that is usually necessary to support a particular type of project’* (paragraph 6) and *‘requires a direct relationship between associated development and the principal development. Associated development should therefore either support the construction or operation of the principal development or help address its impacts. Associated development should not be an aim in itself but should be subordinate to the principal development’* (paragraph 5).<sup>3</sup>
17. Annex B of the Associated Development Guidance lists examples of associated development for offshore generating stations, including converter stations and associated storage; facilities for additional sub-sea cables to offshore platforms; and additional circuit breakers or circuit breaker bays on offshore platforms.
18. The associated development for which the Order seeks authorisation includes Work No. 2 (the offshore substation platforms each fixed to the seabed by a foundation, and subsea platform link cables including cable crossings and cable protection). Additional associated development includes scour protection, cable protection measures, the removal of material from the seabed, the disposal of material on the seabed within the Order limits, seabed preparation for foundation works, cable installation preparation, sandwave

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<sup>3</sup> “Guidance on associated development applications for major infrastructure projects” (Department for Communities and Local Government) (April 2013)

clearance, seabed levelling, boulder-clearance, the removal of out of service cables and static fishing equipment, and the disposal of drill arisings.

## 2.4 Ancillary Works

19. In order to ensure that the authorised development is constructed efficiently and without impediment, the Order also contains the powers to carry out ancillary works, i.e. works/provisions not consisting of development. These are set out in Part 2 (“ancillary works”) of Schedule 1 (“authorised project”) to the Order.
20. These ancillary works comprise:
  - Moorings or other means of accommodating vessels in the construction and/or maintenance of the authorised project
  - Marking buoys, beacons, fenders and other navigational warning or ship impact protection works
21. The authorised development together with the ancillary works comprises the “authorised project”.

## 2.5 Transmission Assets

22. It is intended that the transmission assets connecting the authorised project to the National Grid will be consented separately pursuant to an application for development consent to be submitted jointly by the undertaker and Morgan Offshore Wind Limited pursuant to a Direction issued by the Secretary of State under section 35 of the 2008 Act on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022. This proposed development consent order will, if granted, authorise the transmission assets for both the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and the Morgan Offshore Wind Project (another proposed windfarm unconnected to the undertaker which is to be located in the Irish Sea).
23. Notwithstanding the fact that the transmission assets are being progressed under a separate consent application, as the Application is for an offshore generating station, details of the proposed route and method of installation for any cable have been submitted pursuant to reg. 6(1)(b) of the Regulations (**Cable Statement**, Document Reference 4.2).

## 3 The Draft Order

24. The Order is based on the model provisions set out in Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Planning (Model Provisions) (England and Wales) Order 2009 (the “Model Provisions”) as well as relevant precedents for similar developments consented under the 2008 Act. The Localism Act 2011 (the “2011 Act”) removed the requirement for the decision maker to have regard to the Model Provisions Order 2009 in deciding applications and so they no

longer have any formal legal status. Secondary legislation under the 2011 Act also removed the requirement for an undertaker to explain in the explanatory memorandum divergences from the Model Provisions Order 2009, although it is noted that the “Legislation” page of the Inspectorate’s website states that: “... it may ... still be useful and helpful for undertakers to show how and why they have departed from the Model Provisions Order in their applications.”

25. In addition, Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 13 ‘Preparing the draft Order and Explanatory Memorandum, February 2019’ explains that they were intended as a guide for developers in drafting orders, rather than a rigid structure, but aided consistency and assisted in drafting a comprehensive set of lawful provisions.
26. Where there is a departure from the Model Provisions, or an article is based on other precedent DCOs, an explanation of the new provision is provided. However, the cross-references to other made DCOs are not intended to be comprehensive, and this Explanatory Memorandum does not refer to every single precedent which accords with the Order.
27. The undertaker has also had regard to recent draft DCOs submitted and accepted for examination by other offshore wind projects in preparing the Order and this Memorandum, although it acknowledges that these are not precedents or binding. In particular, given the proximity of the authorised project to other Round 4 offshore projects in the Irish Sea (Mona and Morgan), the undertaker has had regard to their draft DCOs to ensure the drafting is as consistent as possible for the benefit of PINS and other stakeholders.
28. Pursuant to Planning inspectorate Advice Note Nine ‘Rochdale Envelope, July 2018’, the Order adopts the ‘Rochdale Envelope’ whereby the maximum permitted consent envelope is provided for and assessed, allowing some of the scheme detail to be refined and approved post-consent. The approval of that detail is provided for within the Requirements in Schedule 2 to the Order.
29. The purpose and effect of the provisions of the Order are now explained in sequence.

## 4 Preamble and Part 1 – Preliminary

### 4.1 Preamble to the Order

30. As with every statutory instrument, the Order is introduced by a preamble, which amongst other things, recites the powers under which the instrument would be made.

## 4.2 Article 1 – Citation and commencement

31. Article 1 sets out the name of the Order and the date on which it comes into force. This article did not appear in the Model Provisions. However, it is a standard article that is included in all development consent orders.

## 4.3 Article 2 – Interpretation

32. Article 2(1) defines the terms used in the Order. It is a standard article and was included in the Model Provisions as article 1.
33. Particular definitions to note include:
34. “ancillary works” means the ancillary works described in Part 2 (ancillary works) of Schedule 1 and any other works authorised by the Order that are not development within the meaning of section 32 of the 2008 Act;
35. “authorised development” means the development and associated development described in Part 1 (authorised development) of Schedule 1 to the Order and any other development authorised by the Order that is development within the meaning of section 32 of the 2008 Act;
36. “authorised project” means the authorised development and the ancillary works authorised by the Order;
37. “commence” sets out what constitutes commencement. It defines “commence” as the first carrying out of any licensed activities authorised by the deemed marine licence, save for operations consisting of pre-construction surveys, monitoring surveys and unexploded ordnance surveys, and “commenced” and “commencement” are to be construed accordingly.
38. The effect of this definition is that some works may be carried out without the authorised project having “commenced”. This enables the undertaker to carry out certain preparatory works prior to the submission of relevant details for approval under the requirements contained in Schedule 2 (requirements). These activities may in some cases need to be carried out in order to comply with the pre-commencement requirements (for example, to inform assessments and proposals required to be submitted for approval) and are considered appropriate and proportionate by the undertaker.
39. The undertaker has had regard to the DCO Content Guidance which notes that “*the definition of commencement must not provide for preliminary works which are so extensive that they would be likely to have significant environmental effects themselves, and would normally need consideration and approval by the discharging authority prior to such works starting*”. The undertaker does not consider the preliminary works to be so extensive as to have significant environmental effects in their own right.

40. The definition of “commence” is based on the wording used in other offshore precedents, including The Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Offshore Wind Farm Order 2024 (“Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions”) (Article 2), The Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm Order (“Hornsea Four”) (Article 2), and The East Anglia ONE North Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022 (“East Anglia 1N”) (Article 2).
41. “maintain” includes inspect, maintain, upkeep, repair, adjust and alter the authorised project, and further includes remove, reconstruct and replace any of the ancillary works and any component part of the authorised project (but not including the removal or replacement of foundations) provided that such works do not give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects to those identified in the environmental statement; and “maintenance” is to be construed accordingly.
42. The inclusion of “adjust” or “alter” is justifiable on the basis that during maintenance operations changes to existing specifications may be required. Similarly, “remove” is included as it may be necessary to remove something in order to repair, clean or replace it. It is considered that this is an appropriate definition, as it affords the flexibility required to enable the undertaker to respond to the range of maintenance activities that may need to be undertaken during the lifetime of the authorised project. It is also considered that this is a reasonable definition, given the proviso that any works to maintain the authorised project must not give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects to those identified in the Environmental Statement.
43. The definition of “maintain” is based on the wording used in other offshore precedents, including The Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Order 2023 (“Awel y Môr”) (Article 2), Hornsea Four (Article 2) and East Anglia 1N (Article 2).
44. “Order limits,” which references the limits of land (seabed) to be used and shown on the **Offshore Works Plan** (Document Reference 2.3) within which the authorised project may be carried out, whose grid coordinates are set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1 (authorised development) to the Order and shown on the **Offshore Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plan** (Document Reference 2.4).
45. The “undertaker” is defined as Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd, or any person who has the benefit of the Order in accordance with Article 7 (benefit of the Order).
46. Article 2(2) provides that measurements are approximate. The purpose of this is to ensure that if, upon construction of the works, it transpires that the distances are marginally different to those listed in the Order, there is no issue over whether the works are permitted by the Order. Thus, this provision allows for a small tolerance with respect to any distances and points, although works

will take place within the Order limits. It is commonplace to include such provision in development consent orders. See *Awel y Môr* (Article 2(3)), *Hornsea Four* (Article 2(3)) and *The Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind Farm Order 2021* (“*Norfolk Boreas*”) (Article 2(3)).

47. Articles 2(3) and 2(4) tie references to lettered/numbered points and numbered works in the Order to the relevant plans referenced and to Schedule 1 to the Order, respectively.

## 5 Part 2 – Principal Powers

### 5.1 Article 3 – Development consent etc. granted by the Order

48. This Article confers the principal power to construct the authorised project within the Order limits, subject to the provisions of the Order and the requirements provided at Schedule 2 (requirements) to the Order. The power for this Article is provided for under section 115(1) (in respect of the authorised development) and section 120(3) (in respect of the ancillary works) of the 2008 Act.
49. Schedule 1 (authorised project) to the Order describes the authorised project in detail, split into ‘work numbers’, each of which represents different sections or parts of the authorised project.
50. This article is based on the Model Provisions (Article 2), with the only substantive difference being that the model article does not refer to the ancillary works. This wording has precedent in *Awel y Môr* (Article 3), *Norfolk Boreas* (Article 3) and *Hornsea Four* (Article 3).

### 5.2 Article 4 – Operation of a generating station

51. This article provides that, once constructed, the undertaker has authorisation to use and operate the generating station. This is not a Model Provision but has precedent in *Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions* (Article 29), *Awel y Môr* (Article 4), *Hornsea Four* (Article 32), *East Anglia 1N* (Article 30), *The East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm Order 2022* (“*East Anglia Two*”) (Article 30), *The Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Order 2013* (“*Triton Knoll Generation*”) (Article 5) and others. Section 140 of the 2008 Act provides that a DCO may include a provision authorising the operation of a generating station only if the development to which the DCO relates is or includes the construction or extension of a generating station, which the Order does. The power for this Article is provided under section 120(3) of the 2008 Act which authorises making provision relating to matters ancillary to the development for which development consent is granted. Section 120(4) provides that provision may be made under subsection 120(3) for or relating to any of the



matters listed in Part 1 of Schedule 5. Paragraph 5 of Schedule 5 to the 2008 Act includes within the list of matters “The operation of a generating station”.

52. Article 4(2) provides that grant of development consent does not relieve the undertaker of the need to obtain any other permits, licences or consents necessary to authorise the operation of the authorised project. This clarifies that the undertaker will still be required to obtain, for example, an electricity generation licence under the Electricity Act 1989 (“1989 Act”). A list of the other consents and licences anticipated to be required in connection with the authorised project is included with the Application (**Other Consents and Licences Required**, Document Reference 4.15).

### 5.3 Article 5 – Deemed marine licence under the 2009 Act

53. Article 5 grants the deemed marine licence included in Schedule 6 (Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act: Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets). The power for this Article is provided under section 120(3) of the 2008 Act which authorises making provision relating to matters ancillary to the development for which development consent is granted. Section 120(4) provides that provision may be made under subsection 120(3) for or relating to any of the matters listed in Part 1 of Schedule 5. Paragraph 30A of Schedule 5 to the 2008 Act includes within the list of matters “Deeming a marine licence”. Section 149A of the 2008 Act provides that a development consent order may include provision deeming a marine licence if the activity is to be carried out wholly in one of the areas specified within section 149A(2) which the authorised project is. This article follows precedent orders, including Triton Knoll Generation (Article 8), Norfolk Boreas (Article 32) and Hornsea Four (Article 33).

### 5.4 Article 6 – Power to maintain the authorised project

54. Article 6(1) provides that the undertaker is authorised to maintain the authorised project at any time following its construction, subject to any contradictory provisions in the Order.
55. Article 6(2) makes clear that this power does not relieve the undertaker of its requirement to obtain any further licenses pursuant to Part 4 (marine licensing) of the 2009 Act.
56. The power for this Article is provided under section 120(3) of the 2008 Act.
57. This article follows the Model Provisions (Article 3) and precedent orders, including Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 4), Awel y Môr (Article 5) and The Hornsea Three Offshore Wind Farm Order 2020 as corrected (“Hornsea Three”) (Article 4).

## 5.5 Article 7 – Benefit of the Order

58. The “undertaker” is defined in Article 2 as Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd or any person who has the benefit of the Order in accordance with Article 7. This article provides for the transfer of the whole or part of the benefit of the Order with the consent of the Secretary of State, subject to certain exceptions. The Order includes drafting which makes it clear that the provisions of Article 7 apply to the deemed marine licence and can be applied either in whole or in part.
59. Paragraph (1) provides that, subject to Article 7, the provisions of the Order have effect solely for the benefit of the undertaker. This Article overrides section 156(1) of the 2008 Act (as permitted by section 156(2)) which limits the benefit of the Order to anyone with an interest in the land. Due to the nature of the authorised project, it is entirely appropriate that the powers under the Order are only exercisable by the undertaker and not any other person with an interest in the Order limits (unless provided under the following subparagraphs). Article 7(1) is based on Article 4 of the Model Provisions.
60. Paragraph (2) provides the circumstances where the written consent of the Secretary of State is required to transfer or grant to another person the benefits of the Order. This is to ensure that any transferee or lessee is deemed appropriate and qualified by the Secretary of State to take over control of the authorised project under the Order.
61. Paragraph (3) provides that the Secretary of State shall consult the MMO before giving consent to the transfer or grant to another person of the benefit of any or all of the provisions of the deemed marine licence.
62. Paragraph (4) provides that the exercise of any transferred or granted benefits or statutory rights is subject to the same restrictions, liabilities and obligations as would apply under the Order if those benefits or rights were executed by the undertaker.
63. Paragraph (5) provides that the consent of the Secretary of State is not required where any such transfer or grant of the benefit of the Order is made to the holder of an electricity generation licence (under section 6 (licences authorising supply, etc.) of the 1989 Act). As licence holders are authorised to construct, operate and maintain generating stations, the undertaker considers it appropriate that no consent is required for transfers or grants to another licence holder (because in considering whether to grant a generating licence under the 1989 Act, the Secretary of State will have established the fitness of the licence holder and its suitability to take the benefit of the Order). Where consent is not required under these provisions, paragraph (7) requires written notification to be given to the Secretary of State and the MMO.

64. Paragraph (6) clarifies that references to the undertaker in the Order will include any transferee or lessee. Absent this provision, there would be a contradiction since strictly speaking only the undertaker could benefit from these works. Paragraph (6) does not apply to paragraphs (4), (7), (10) and (11), which relate to the transfer of functions between the undertaker and any transferee or lessee as, otherwise, they would not have effect.
65. Paragraphs (8), (9) and (10) provide clarity as to the timing and content of notices that must be given pursuant to paragraph (7) to facilitate the transfer or grant of the benefit of the Order.
66. Sections 72(7) and (8) of the 2009 Act stipulate that marine licences can only be transferred from a licensee to another person by way of an application made by the licensee and a variation granted by the licensing authority. Paragraph (11) is therefore necessary to clarify that sections 72(7) and (8) of the 2009 Act will not apply where a transfer or grant of the benefit of the provisions of the deemed marine licence is made pursuant to Article 7.
67. Paragraph (12) makes provision for service of any notice given pursuant to paragraph (7) by electronic means.
68. This article follows precedent orders including Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 5), Awel y Môr (Article 6), Hornsea Four (Article 5), East Anglia 1N (Article 5) and Triton Knoll Generation (Article 6).

## 6 Part 3 – Miscellaneous and General

### 6.1 Article 8 – Abatement of works abandoned or decayed

69. This article is intended to make sure that the undertaker will not abandon or allow to fall into decay the offshore works. It provides a power which enables the Secretary of State, following consultation with the undertaker, to serve a written notice on the undertaker requiring it, at its own expense, to remove or restore those works. Section 105 of the Energy Act 2004 makes provision for the Secretary of State being able to serve notice on the undertaker requiring it to submit a decommissioning programme for approval. The provisions of this article do not cut across this statutory provision but supplement it.
70. The wording of this article replicates the wording in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 38) and Awel y Môr (Article 35).

### 6.2 Article 9 – Saving provisions for Trinity House

71. This article is a standard provision intended to provide protection to Trinity House that is taken from the model provision for harbours (para. 53 of Schedule 3 (model provisions for harbours) to the Model Provisions) and is commonly used in DCOs for offshore generating stations. It has been included

in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 35), Awel y Môr (Article 36), Hornsea Four (Article 42), East Anglia 1N (Article 40) and The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (“East Anglia Three”) (Article 36), amongst others.

### **6.3 Article 10 – Crown rights**

72. This article provides protection of the Crown’s position. This article is not part of the Model Provisions but is included in order to protect the Crown’s position in relation to its own estates, rights, powers, privileges, authorities or exemptions and to ensure that the Crown’s written consent is required where any land, hereditaments or rights are to be taken, used, entered or interfered with under the powers conferred by the Order. This reflects the statutory position set out in section 135 of the 2008 Act and has been included in substantially the same form in a number of DCOs, including Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 36), Awel y Môr (Article 37), East Anglia 1N (Article 41) and Hornsea Four (Article 43).

### **6.4 Article 11 – Protective provisions**

73. This article gives effect to Schedule 3, which contains provisions protecting the interests of third parties. It was not included in the Model Provisions but is a standard article in development consent orders that include protective provisions.

### **6.5 Article 12 – Certification of documents and plans, etc.**

74. This article reflects Article 41 of the Model Provisions and requires the undertaker to submit final versions of key documents referred to in the Order to the Secretary of State for certification as true copies following the making of the Order. The list of documents certified is included at Schedule 8 (documents to be certified) to the Order. This Article provides that any plans and documents that are certified under this Article can be used as evidence in any proceedings.
75. This Article is necessary to provide a procedure through which documents falling outside of the Order itself can be verified so that they can be relied upon. A similar approach has been taken in other DCOs, for example Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 37), Awel y Môr (Article 40), East Anglia 1N (Article 36) and Hornsea Four (Article 38).

### **6.6 Article 13 – Service of notices**

76. This article sets out the manner in which notices or other documents required or authorised to be served for the purposes of the Order are to be served. Among other things, it allows service by email with the consent of the recipient.

77. The article does not appear in the Model Provisions but is routinely included in orders authorising development. It is necessary as the service of notice provisions under sections 229 and 230 of the 2008 Act would not apply to notices served under a DCO. The article has precedent in a number of DCOs including Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 41), Hornsea Three (Article 44) and Awel y Môr (Article 41).

## 6.7 Article 14 – Requirements, appeals, etc.

78. This article gives effect to Schedule 4 (approval of matters specified in requirements) which provides a procedure for the discharge of requirements. Such an approach is recommended in Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 15: Drafting Development Consent Orders and has precedent in East Anglia 1N (Article 38).

## 6.8 Article 15 – Arbitration

79. This article is based on Article 42 of the Model Provisions and governs what happens when two parties disagree on the implementation of any provision of the Order. The matter is to be settled by arbitration, and if the parties cannot agree on who the arbitrator should be, this is decided by Secretary of State. It is common practice for DCOs to specify that the Secretary of State should perform this function. Paragraph (2) clarifies that any matter for which the consent or approval of the Secretary of State or the MMO is required shall not be subject to arbitration. This article has precedent in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Article 42), Awel y Môr (Article 44), Hornsea Four (Article 39) and East Anglia 1N (Article 37).

## 6.9 Article 16 – Compensation measures

80. This Article is presented on a without prejudice basis and gives effect to Schedule 7 (compensation measures) which contains without prejudice provisions on compensation measures to protect the national site network for lesser black-backed gull, should the Secretary of State consider that it is necessary.

# 7 Schedules

## 7.1 Schedule 1 (Authorised Project): Parts 1 (Authorised Development) and 2 (Ancillary Works)

81. Schedule 1 provides the details of the development for which development consent is sought, including associated development and other ancillary works. This Schedule should be read alongside the **Offshore Works Plan** (Document Reference 2.3). A summary of the authorised development is contained in section 2 of this Memorandum.

82. Part 1 of Schedule 1 specifies the authorised development comprising the numbered works. The split of the authorised development between different work numbers is designed to enable the Order to refer to different parts of the authorised development by citing the relevant work number.
83. Table 1 provides the maximum co-ordinates within which the authorised development may be situated.
84. Part 2 of Schedule 1 sets out the ancillary works.
85. The project parameters are at a level of sufficient detail to enable a proper assessment of the likely environmental effects based on a worst-case scenario. This approach is consistent with the “Rochdale Envelope” and the undertaker has had regard to the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note 9 ‘Rochdale Envelope, July 2018’. Flexibility is required so as to ensure that the undertaker can take advantage of new developments and emerging products in the market for offshore wind turbine generators and other equipment.
86. A detailed description of the authorised development is included in **Chapter 5 Project Description** (Document Reference 5.1.5).

## 7.2 Schedule 2 – Requirements

87. The requirements in Schedule 2 are the equivalent of planning conditions and apply to the construction, operation and maintenance of the authorised project. Approvals are to be sought from the Secretary of State, following consultation with any other relevant bodies. This is consistent with the processes and procedures employed by the promoters of other DCO schemes offshore, including Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Schedule 2), Awel y Môr (Schedule 1 Part 3), Triton Knoll Generation (Schedule 1 Part 3) and Hornsea Four (Schedule 1 Part 3).
88. Whilst a number of the Model Provisions in respect of requirements have been followed, a structure for the requirements has been developed which reflects the undertaker’s current expectations in terms of the control documents that will be prepared.
89. Requirement 1 (Time limits) specifies the time limit for commencing the authorised project as being seven years from the date on which the Order comes into force. This was included in the Model Provisions as requirement 2, although the period in the Model Provisions was five years from the date of the Order, as provided in regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 2015.
90. A seven year period for commencement was included in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Requirement 1), Triton Knoll Generation (Requirement 2), Hornsea Four (Requirement 1) as well as other offshore wind DCOs and

is considered appropriate given the scale of the project and the wider supply chain and economic climate.

91. Requirement 2 (Design parameters) restricts the construction and operation of the wind turbine generators to the area shown on the **Offshore Works Plan** (Document Reference 2.3). Table 2 sets out the maximum parameters within which the authorised project must be constructed. A similar requirement was included in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Requirements 2 to 7), Awel y Môr (Requirement 2), Triton Knoll Generation (Requirements 3 to 7) and Hornsea Four (Requirements 2 to 5).
92. Requirement 3 (Aviation safety) imposes restrictions on the operation of the authorised project in the interest of aviation safety and makes provision for notifications regarding the authorised project to be submitted to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation Safeguarding prior to the commencement of the offshore works. A similar requirement was included in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Requirement 10), East Anglia 1N (Requirement 31) and Norfolk Boreas (Requirement 12).
93. Requirement 4 (Great Dun Fell, Lowther Hill and St Annes Primary Surveillance Radars) imposes restrictions on the operation of wind turbine generators until appropriate mitigation has been agreed by the Secretary of State to address the potential impacts of the authorised development on the Great Dun Fell, Lowther Hill and St Annes Primary Surveillance Radars. Similar requirements for the protection of other radar were included in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Requirement 28), Awel y Môr (Requirement 23), Hornsea Four (Requirement 29) and East Anglia 1N (Requirement 35).
94. Requirement 5 (Blackpool Airport Instrument Flight Procedures) imposes restrictions on the construction and operation of wind turbine generators until a scheme to address the potential impacts of the proposed development on the instrument flight procedure for Blackpool Airport has been approved and an appropriate mitigation agreement has been proposed. There is no precedent for this condition in other DCOs, although it replicates similar requirements used for the benefit of the Ministry of Defence and other aviation stakeholders in respect of radar. There are precedents for similar conditions in Section 36 Consents.
95. Requirement 6 (Barrow / Walney Island Airport Instrument Flight Procedures) imposes restrictions on the construction and operation of wind turbine generators until a scheme to address the potential impacts of the proposed development on the instrument flight procedure for the Barrow / Walney Island Airport has been approved and an appropriate mitigation agreement has been proposed. There is no precedent for this condition in other DCOs, although it replicates similar requirements used for the benefit of the Ministry of Defence

and other aviation stakeholders in respect of radar. There are precedents for similar conditions in Section 36 Consents.

96. Requirement 7 (Warton Aerodrome and RAF Valley Instrument Flight Procedures) imposes restrictions on the construction and operation of wind turbine generators until a scheme to address the potential impacts of the proposed development on the instrument flight procedure for the Warton Aerodrome and RAF Valley has been approved and an appropriate mitigation agreement has been proposed. There is no precedent for this condition in other DCOs, although it replicates similar requirements used for the benefit of the Ministry of Defence and other aviation stakeholders in respect of radar. There are precedents for similar conditions in Section 36 Consents.
97. Requirement 8 (Decommissioning) requires that, where the Secretary of State has served a notice requiring a written decommissioning programme to be approved pursuant to section 105(2) of the Energy Act 2004, this must be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of works. A similar requirement was included in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Requirement 7), East Anglia 1N (Requirement 10) and Norfolk Boreas (Requirement 14).
98. Requirement 9 (Port Access and Transport Plan) requires a port access and transport plan, which accords with the **Outline Port Access and Transport Plan** submitted with the Application (Document Reference 6.7), in respect of the port(s) to be approved by the relevant highway authority in consultation with the relevant planning authority where a port in England or Wales is to be used for the transport over land of wind turbine generators and/or foundations in connection with the construction of the authorised development. This will not be required where the relevant highway authority has confirmed, after consultation with the relevant planning authority, that no such plan is required. For the purposes of this requirement “relevant planning authority” and “relevant highway authority” are the planning and highway authority in whose area the relevant port is located. A similar requirement was included in The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2020 (“Dogger Bank C and Sofia”) (Requirement 34).
99. Requirement 10 (Skills and Employment Plan) requires a skills and employment plan, which accords with the **Outline Skills and Employment Plan** submitted with the Application (Document Reference 6.11) in respect of the authorised development to be notified to the relevant authorities and then implemented. For the purposes of this requirement, “relevant authority” means any planning authority in whose area a marshalling port or operation and maintenance base used in connection with the authorised development is located. A similar requirement was included in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Requirement 26).



100. Requirement 11 (Requirement for written approval) provides that all approvals must be in writing. Similar requirements were included in Triton Knoll Generation (Requirement 23), Hornsea Four (Requirement 30), and Awel y Môr (Requirement 26).
101. Requirement 12 (Amendments to approved details) confirms that details approved pursuant to the requirements include any amendments that may subsequently be approved. This was included in the Model Provisions as requirement 37. Similar requirements were included in East Anglia 1N (Requirement 40), Hornsea Four (Requirement 31), and Awel y Môr (Requirement 27).

### 7.3 Schedule 3 – Protective provisions

102. Schedule 3 sets out protective provisions that are being discussed with third parties whose apparatus or works may be affected by the authorised project. These currently include:
103. Part 1 (for the protection of offshore cables) of Schedule 3 includes draft protective provisions for the benefit of offshore cables that are situated within the Order limits, namely the Lanis-1 and Hibernia A cables. It secures a commitment made in the ES that would prevent any part of the authorised development from being constructed within 500 metres of these cables, unless otherwise agreed in writing. There is precedent for a similar set of protective provisions the Dogger Bank C and Sofia (Part 4 of Schedule 12).
104. Parts 2 and 3 include draft protective provisions for the benefit of oil and gas operators in the vicinity of the authorised development, namely Harbour Energy<sup>4</sup> (Part 2) and Spirit Energy Production UK Limited (Part 3). Parts 2 and 3 are in mirror terms (save for specific apparatus definitions). These parts secure the following commitments made within the ES:
- Restriction on construction of WTGs or OSPs within 500 metres of pipelines or cables used for Harbour's or Spirit's licenced activities
  - Restriction on construction of wind turbine generators or offshore substation platforms within 1.5 nautical miles of clear airspace measured from Harbour's and Spirit's active helidecks, unless otherwise agreed in writing
105. The protective provisions set out in Schedule 3 remain subject to further change prior to and during examination as discussions with third parties continue.

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<sup>4</sup> The owner of legal and beneficial interests in United Kingdom Continental Shelf Block 110/7a D is currently Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited, which is a subsidiary of Harbour Energy. For ease, the undertaker has drafted Part 2 so that it is for the benefit of Harbour Energy and Chrysaor.

106. Given the entirely offshore setting of the authorised project, the Order does not include the standard protective provisions that are used for the benefit of onshore statutory undertakers or onshore electronic communication code providers.

## **7.4 Schedule 4 – Approval of matters specified in requirements**

107. Schedule 4 provides a procedure for the discharge of requirements to ensure the timely discharge of requirements and to make provision for an appeal mechanism. The inclusion of such a schedule is recommended in Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 15: Drafting Development Consent Orders, and Schedule 4 is largely based on the proposed schedule contained within Advice Note 15.
108. The Schedule specifies a period of eight weeks for the discharging authority to determine the application, but makes provision for a longer period to be agreed between the undertaker and the discharging authority. Provision is made for further information to be requested and submitted and provides timescales associated with this process. This reflects the process that has been established in a number of other DCOs, for example Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Part 2 of Schedule 2) and East Anglia 1N (Schedule 16).
109. Given the entirely offshore setting of the authorised project, the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012 do not apply and, consequently, the Schedule does not make provision for fees for applications to discharge requirements.

## **7.5 Schedule 5 – Arbitration rules**

110. This Schedule sets out the rules that apply to the arbitration of any dispute between parties. It is made effective by Article 15 (arbitration) of the Order. The undertaker considers that this approach provides greater certainty and clarity to all parties involved in the process and is preferential to the approach adopted in the Model Provisions. This reflects the process that has been established in other DCOs, including Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Schedule 15), Hornsea Three (Schedule 14) and Awel y Môr (Schedule 12).
111. The timetable for the arbitration process is provided in paragraph 3. The costs of the arbitration will be awarded by the arbitrator and the principle that each party will bear its own costs unless either party behaved unreasonably. Costs will include the arbitrator's costs together with the reasonable legal fees and other costs incurred by the other party.

## 7.6 Schedule 6 – Deemed Marine Licence under the 2009 Act: Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets

112. This Schedule sets out the terms of the deemed marine license referred to in Article 5. The Model Provisions do not provide a draft deemed marine licence; however, standard provisions and structure have been developed and included within other DCOs granted under the 2008 Act. The deemed marine licence follows the standard structure developed by previous development consent orders for offshore wind farms, including Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (Schedule 11), Norfolk Boreas (Schedules 9 and 10), East Anglia 1N (Schedule 13) and Triton Knoll (Schedule 2).
113. The licence is deliberately drafted such that it can be read independently of the rest of the Order and, as such, there is intentional repetition from the Order of various definitions and the description of the authorised development.
114. Pre-application comments and consultation responses from the MMO, Natural England and other consultees were taken into account when drafting the licence. The licence includes the standard navigation conditions for offshore renewable energy installations, as agreed by the MMO, Trinity House, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) and UK Hydrographic Office (UKHO), which were shared with the undertaker at statutory consultation. The undertaker has made minor changes to these standard conditions for grammatical purposes and to reflect other deemed marine licence precedents.

### 7.6.1 Part 1 – Licenced Activities

115. Paragraph 1 (Interpretation) of the Deemed Marine Licence defines the key terms used in the Deemed Marine Licence, which are largely identical to the terms defined in Article 2 (Interpretation) of the Order.
116. Paragraphs 2 to 4 (Details of licensed marine activities) provides details of the licensed activities in terms of construction, operation and maintenance. Paragraph 3 replicates the description of the authorised project (comprising of the authorised development, associated development and ancillary works) in Schedule 1 (authorised project) to the Order. Paragraph 4 describes the substances that may be disposed of as part of construction of the authorised project. These are not included in Schedule 1 to the Order, as it is considered more appropriate for these parameters to be controlled within the deemed marine licence.
117. Paragraph 5 restricts the construction, maintenance and operation of the licensed activities to the areas shown on the **Offshore Works Plan** (Document Reference 2.3).

118. Paragraph 6 confirms that the deemed marine licence remains in force until the authorised project has been decommissioned.
119. Paragraph 7 confirms that the provisions of section 72(7) and (8) of the 2009 Act do not apply to any transfer of the deemed marine licence unless it is a transfer not falling within Article 7 of the Order. This is necessary to ensure that there is no conflict between the operation of Article 7 of the Order and the 2009 Act.
120. Paragraph 8 confirms that where any licenced activity is to be undertaken in accordance with any details, plans or schemes approved under the licence, the approved details will include any amendments approved by the MMO.
121. Paragraph 9(1) confirms that any amendments made to any approved details must be in accordance with the principles and assessments set out in the Environmental Statement. Paragraph 9(2) provides that the undertaker must notify the MMO of any materially false or misleading information on which the granting of the licence was based as soon as is reasonably practicable and must provide the correct information.
122. Paragraphs 1 to 9 are standard provisions in deemed marine licences, for which precedents can be found in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (Part 1 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (Part 1 of Schedule 11), and East Anglia 1N (Part 1 of Schedule 13).

## 7.6.2 Part 2 – Conditions

123. The paragraphs in Part 2 are the equivalent of marine licence conditions and apply to the licensed activities. Approvals are to be sought from the MMO in consultation with the relevant statutory nature conservation body, Trinity House, the MCA and the UKHO (as appropriate). This is consistent with the processes and procedures employed by the promoters of other DCO schemes offshore.
124. Paragraph (Condition) 1 (Design parameters) and Table 3 repeat the design parameters included in Table 2 of Schedule 2 (requirements) to the Order.
125. Paragraph (Condition) 2 (Maintenance of the authorised project) confirms that the undertaker may at any time maintain the authorised project except where the terms of the licence provides otherwise. No maintenance works can be undertaken until an offshore operation and maintenance plan substantially in accordance with the **Outline Offshore Operation and Maintenance Plan** (Document Reference 6.6) is submitted to and approved by the MMO. There are precedents for a maintenance condition in Hornsea Four (paragraph 4 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and Hornsea Three (paragraph 5 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).

126. Paragraph (Condition) 3 (Extension of time periods) confirms that any time period given to either the undertaker or the MMO may be extended with the agreement of the other party. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and Hornsea Three (paragraph 6 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
127. Paragraph (Condition) 4 (Notifications and inspections) provides a procedure of supplying copies of the licence to agents and contractors, restricting the use of the licence to contractors and vessels notified to the MMO and publicising commencement notices and other incident notices (such as the exposure of cables or damage to the project) of the licenced activities. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 7 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 7 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
128. Paragraph (Condition) 5 (Aids to navigation) requires the undertaker to exhibit such aids to navigation as Trinity House may direct from time to time. This condition also requires the undertaker to publish notices to mariners and give notification of the progress of works to Trinity House. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 8 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 8 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 11 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
129. Paragraph (Condition) 6 (Colouring of structures) sets the colour of structures from highest astronomical tide to a height to be directed by Trinity House and the colour for the rest of the structure. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 9 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 9 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 12 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
130. Paragraph (Condition) 7 (Chemicals, drilling and debris) sets standards that must be met by the undertaker in respect of the chemicals and other substances that can be used and how they can be stored, transported and where they can be disposed of. There are also provisions relating to chemicals and other substances that cannot be disposed of and a procedure to be followed should objects which may reasonably cause a hazard in the marine environment be dropped unintentionally. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 11 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 14 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
131. Paragraph (Condition) 8 (Force majeure) provides for deposits outside of the Order limits during emergency situations provided that sufficient notice is then given to the MMO. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 11 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11),

Hornsea Four (paragraph 12 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 15 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).

132. Paragraph (Condition) 9 (Pre-construction plans and documentation) requires the undertaker to obtain the approval, before the commencement of licenced activities or any phase thereof, of a range of documentation, including:
- A design plan
  - A construction programme
  - A monitoring plan, which accords with the **In Principle Monitoring Plan** (Document Reference 6.4)
  - An offshore construction method statement which includes details regarding cable specification, installation and monitoring, scour protection management and cable protection management
  - An offshore project environmental management plan, which accords with the **Outline Project Environmental Management Plan** (Document Reference 6.2);
  - An offshore archaeological written scheme of investigation, which accords with the **Outline Offshore Written Scheme of Investigation** (Document Reference 6.10)
  - An offshore operation and maintenance plan, which accords with the **Outline Offshore Operation and Maintenance Plan** (Document Reference 6.6)
  - An aids to navigation management plan
  - In the event that driven or part-driven pile foundations are proposed to be used, a marine mammal mitigation protocol, in accordance with the **Draft Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol** (Document Reference 6.5)
  - A vessel traffic management plan, which accords with the **Outline Vessel Traffic Management Plan** (Document Reference 6.9)
  - A fisheries liaison and co-existence plan, which accords with the **Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-Existence Plan** (Document Reference 6.3)
133. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 12 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 13 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 17 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
134. Paragraph (Condition) 10 stipulates the time period in which approvals given under paragraph 9 should be determined by the MMO. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 14 of

Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 14 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 18 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).

135. Paragraph (Condition) 11 (Safety zones) requires a safety zone application under the Energy Act 2004. The undertaker is not aware of any precedent condition, but notes that a similar condition has been proposed in the draft Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Order (Condition 13 in Schedules 11 and 12) which is currently in Examination.
136. Paragraph (Condition) 12 (Offshore safety management) requires the undertaker to comply with MGN654 “Offshore Renewable Energy Installations (OREIs) – Guidance on UK Navigational Practice, Safety and Emergency Response Issues”. It has been included in response to a request from Trinity House during statutory consultation. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 15 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11) and Hornsea Four (paragraph 15 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
137. Paragraph (Condition) 13 (Reporting of engaged agents, contractors and vessels) requires the undertaker to provide the MMO details of agents and contractors engaged in licenced activities. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 16 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 16 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 19 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
138. Paragraph (Condition) 14 (Pre-construction monitoring and surveys) requires the undertaker to submit a pre-construction monitoring plan or plans in accordance with the in principle monitoring plan for approval by the MMO. The condition sets out what must be included within the monitoring plan. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 17 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 17 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 20 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
139. Paragraph (Condition) 15 (Construction monitoring) requires the undertaker to submit a construction monitoring plan or plans in accordance with the in principle monitoring plan for approval by the MMO. The monitoring plan or plans must include details of construction monitoring, including piling noise monitoring for the first four piled foundations of each piled foundation type and vessel traffic monitoring. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 18 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 18 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 21 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).
140. Paragraph (Condition) 16 (Post-construction monitoring) requires the undertaker to submit a post-construction monitoring plan or plans in accordance with the in principle monitoring plan for approval by the MMO. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon

Extensions (paragraph 19 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11), Hornsea Four (paragraph 19 of Part 2 of Schedule 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 22 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).

141. Paragraph (Condition) 17 (Reporting of scour and cable protection) requires the undertaker to provide the MMO with a report within four months of the date of the completion of construction providing the location and volume of cable protection and scour protection. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 20 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11).
142. Paragraph (Condition) 18 (Completion of construction) requires the undertaker to submit a close-out report to the MMO within four months of the date of the completion of construction confirming the final number and parameters (relevant for ornithological collision risk modelling) of the installed wind turbine generators, the as built plans and the coordinates of the cables. Thereafter, no further construction activities can be undertaken under the licence. There are precedents for this condition in Sheringham and Dudgeon Extensions (paragraph 21 of Part 2 of Schedules 10 and 11) and East Anglia 1N (paragraph 31 of Part 2 of Schedule 11).

## 7.7 Schedule 7 – Compensation measures

143. This Schedule secures the delivery of measures to ensure the overall coherence of the national site network in respect of lesser black-backed gull features should the Secretary of State conclude that such measures are necessary.
144. Without prejudice to the undertaker's position that there will be no adverse effect on the integrity on the lesser black-backed gull features of the Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary Special Protection Area and the Ribble and Alt Estuaries Special Protection Area as a result of the Project alone or in combination, the undertaker has prepared Schedule 7 to secure compensatory measures for lesser black-backed gull should the Secretary of State conclude that such measures are necessary.
145. The compensation measures include:
  - The construction of a mammalian predator-proof exclusion fence and removal of mammalian predators within the fenced enclosure at key lesser black-backed gull nesting site(s) or
  - The management and improvement of vegetation and scrub habitat for nesting lesser black-backed gulls at key lesser black-backed gull nesting site(s)
146. Schedule 7 provides details that must be included in the compensation, implementation and monitoring plan ("CIMP") for lesser black-backed gull,



which must be in accordance with the outline compensation and implementation monitoring plan submitted with the Application.

147. The Schedule includes options for the undertaker to elect to pay a contribution to the Marine Recovery Fund wholly or partly in substitution for one or more of the compensation measures or as an adaptive management measure. This option has been provided to allow for opportunities for strategic compensation to be explored by the undertaker.
148. The undertaker's position remains that there will be no adverse effect on integrity of the lesser black-backed gull features of the Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary Special Protection Area and the Ribble and Alt Estuaries Special Protection Area as a result of the Project alone or in combination. As such, the undertaker would submit that Schedule 7 (and Article 16) should be removed from the Development Consent Order as made.

## **7.8 Schedule 8 – Documents to be certified**

149. This Schedule sets out all of the documents that are to be certified under Article 12 of the Order, including documents forming the environmental statement.