

MORECAMBE OFFSHORE WINDFARM GENERATION ASSETS

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010121

RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE OF ISSUE-SPECIFIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "**Secretary of State**")) for the examination of the application made by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (the "**Applicant**") of 12 Alva Street, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH2 4QG for a Development Consent Order ("**DCO**") under the Planning Act 2008 (the "**Application**"). The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State, C/O the Planning Inspectorate on 31/05/2024 and was accepted on 27/06/2024. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is EN010121.

The Application is for development consent to construct and operate the proposed Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets (the "Project") located in English waters in the east Irish Sea. The Project is proposing up to 35 wind turbines and associated offshore infrastructure to generate a nominal electricity export capacity of 480 megawatts (MW).

The Examining Authority was appointed on 23 July 2024 to examine the Application, and the Examination will begin at the Preliminary Meeting. Details of the Preliminary Meeting are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 23 October 2024

Registration Process: 1:15pm at venue and 1:30pm online

Meeting start time: 2pm

Venue: Blended event at Mersey Suite, Pullman Hotel, King's Dock, Port of Liverpool, Liverpool, L3 4FP and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered.

Attendees: Invited parties who have pre-registered

Further details of the Preliminary Meeting and how to register can be found in the Rule 6 letter (see below).

This will be followed by:

Date	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
Wednesday 23 October 2024	Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	Registration and seating available at venue from: 4:30pm Virtual Registration Process from: 4:30pm Hearing starts: 5pm	Mersey Suite, Pullman Hotel, King's Dock, Port of Liverpool, Liverpool L3 4FP, and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Thursday 24 October 2024	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) on the Scope of Development and Interrelationship with other Infrastructure Projects	Registration and seating available at venue from: 9:15am Virtual Registration Process from: 9:30am Hearing starts: 10am	Mersey Suite, Pullman Hotel, King's Dock, Port of Liverpool, Liverpool L3 4FP, and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

Hearing information

Details regarding attending and speaking at the hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 13(3) notification available here: [EN010121-000466-Rule 6 letter Morecambe Offshore Generation Assets Final.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#).

Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by the Procedural Deadline (15 October 2024) by completing the Event Participation Form (link provided on page A1 of the Rule 6 letter).

The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered. Live streams will also be provided for each Hearing and the link for this will be available on the day at: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010121>

Please contact the Planning Inspectorate Case Team by phone (0303 444 5000) or by email (Morecambeoffshorewindproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) if you require any support or assistance to attend any of the Hearings, either virtually or in person.

Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.

Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the full timetable (and amendments), how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make written submissions will also be available on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), in the Rule 6 letter or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

Summary of the Application and Project

The Project site is located in the Eastern Irish Sea, approximately 30km from the nearest point on the coast of Lancashire, 50km from the north coast of Wales and 59km from the coast of the Isle of Man. The Project consists of the generation assets for a proposed offshore windfarm, including wind turbine generators (WTGs), inter-array cables, offshore substation platform(s) (OSP(s)) and possible platform link cables to connect OSPs.

When fully operational, the windfarm is anticipated to generate a nominal capacity of 480MW and produce renewable power for over 500,000 homes in the UK.

The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- a) The construction and operation of up to 35 offshore WTGs and their associated foundations;
- b) The construction of up to two OSPs and their associated foundations; and
- c) The construction of a network of subsea inter-array cables and platform link cables.

A separate development consent order is being sought for the transmission assets required to convey the electricity generated by the WTGs from the Project to shore and onwards to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire. An application seeking development consent for this transmission infrastructure, as well as the transmission infrastructure of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project, pursuant to a direction issued by the Secretary of State on 4 October 2022 under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008, is being prepared and will be submitted jointly by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd and Morgan Offshore Wind Limited.

Environmental Impact Assessment - The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Consequently, the Applicant has submitted an Environmental Statement (ES) as part of the Application. A Non-Technical Summary ("NTS") of the ES is also available.

Viewing the DCO application

All of the DCO application documents, including the application form and all the plans and maps, can be freely viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website and throughout the examination period here on the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets project page: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010121>

You may also access these online versions of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets DCO documents free-of-charge at the below locations. Please check directly with the facilities to confirm their opening hours, as well as any bookings or registrations that might be required to access the documents digitally through the computers available at the respective locations.

Isle of Man

Location	Opening times	Contact details
Henry Bloom Noble Library 8 Duke Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2AY	Mon – Weds and Fri: 8:30am to 5pm Thurs: 10am to 7pm Sat: 9am to 4pm	Tel: 01624 696461 E: library@douglas.gov.im
Ramsey Town Library Parliament Square, Ramsey, Isle of Man IM8 1RT	Mon – Thurs and Sat: 9am to 4:30pm Fri: 9am to 4pm	Tel: 01624 810100

North West England

Location	Opening times	Contact details
Barrow-in-Furness Main Public Library* Ramsden Square, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 1LL	Mon to Thurs: 9:30am to 6pm Fri: 9:30am to 5pm Sat: 10am to 4pm	Tel: 01229 407370
Blackpool Central Library Queen Street, Blackpool, FY1 1PX	Tues to Fri: 9am to 5pm, Sat: 10am to 4pm	Tel: 01253 478080 E: central.library@blackpool.gov.uk
Fleetwood Library* North Albert Street, Fleetwood, Lancashire, FY7 6AJ	Mon to Weds: Thurs: 9am to 7pm Fri and Sat: 9am to 5pm	Tel: 0300 126 6703 E: fleetwood.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Formby Library Duke Street, Formby, L37	Mon to Fri: 10am to 5pm Sat: 10am to 2pm	Tel: 01704 874177 E: Formby.library@sefton.gov.uk
Kingsfold Library* Hawksbury Drive, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9EJ	Mon, Thurs, Fri: 9am to 5pm Tues: 9am to 7pm Weds and Sat: 9am to 1pm	Tel: 0300 123 6703 E: kingsfold.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Lytham Library Lytham Assembly Rooms, Dicconson Terrace, Lytham St Annes, FY8 5JY	Mon and Sat: 9am to 1pm, Wed: 9am to 7pm, Thurs and Fri: 9am to 5pm	Tel: 0300 123 6703 E: lytham.library@lancashire.gov.uk
Southport Library* 112 Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1DJ	Mon to Fri: 10am to 5pm Sat: 10am to 2pm	Tel: 0151 934 2118 E: southport.library@sefton.gov.uk
St Anne's Library 254 Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1NR	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9am to 5pm, Thursday: 9am to 7pm	Tel: 0300 123 6703 E: stannes.library@lancashire.gov.uk

North Wales

Location	Opening times	Contact details
Amlwch Library* Lôn Parys, Amlwch, Anglesey, LL68 9EA	Tues: 9:30am to 12:30pm and 2pm to 5pm, Weds, Fri, Sat: 9:30am to 12:30pm, Thurs: 2pm to 7pm	Tel: 01407 830145 E: kbxlh@anglesey.gov.wales
Bangor Public Library* Gwynedd Road, Bangor, LL57 1DT	Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:30am to 6pm, Weds, Fri: 9:30am to 5pm Sat: 9:30am to 1pm	Tel: 01248 353479 E: LLBangor@gwynedd.llyw.cymru
Llandudno Library Mostyn Street, Llandudno, LL30 2RP	Mon to Weds and Fri: 9am to 5:30pm, Thurs: 10am to 7pm, Sat: 9:30am to 3pm	Tel: 01492 574010 E: llandudno.library@conwy.gov.uk
Rhyl Library* Church Street, Rhyl, LL18 3AA	Tues and Thurs: 10am to 5pm, Wed: 12pm to 5pm Fri: 10am to 2pm, Sat: 9:30am to 12:30pm	Tel: 01745 353814

*Membership and/ or library card required to use facilities

If you require an alternative method for inspection of the DCO application documents or have any queries, including how to access the documents on the Planning Inspectorate's website, please call the Applicant on 0800 915 2493 (option 2) or email hello@morecambeoffshorewind.com.

The Applicant can also provide any of the application documents as required on a USB (free of charge). Hard copies of the NTS can also be provided upon reasonable request. Provision of hard copies of the ES will be subject to a maximum charge of £6,500 plus VAT, to cover printing and delivery costs.

If you require alternative methods for inspection of the application documents (for example in large print, audio, or braille formats), contact the Applicant using the details below.

Further information about the Project can be found on the website: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/morecambe or by contacting the team at 0800 915 2493 (option 2) or email hello@morecambeoffshorewind.com.