



Hearing Transcript

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All right. Thank you everybody I think it's half past and will resume. Can I just confirm that the recording and the live stream are back and working? Thank you. Thumbs up. Thank you. Uh, miss, um, the item. We've finished item five, so we're now going to move on to item six, which Mr. Willis is going to deal with.

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Thank you, Mr. Jackson. Yes. So next steps. Um, so the draft examination timetable, um, which will obviously need to finalize following the preliminary meeting yesterday, um, had identified the submission of the revised draft deadline to um, which is currently set out for the 12th of December. Um, as I'm sure the applicant appreciates, um, any revisions to the DTA that may be required also require necessary changes if necessary. Sorry to the explanatory memorandum.

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Um, and following obviously our discussion yesterday will confirm the um examination timetable and our rule eight letter uh, which will aim to get out as soon as possible. Um, however, notwithstanding that at this moment in time, is there any, um, issues the applicant foresees with regard to that deadline?

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Catherine Nolan, on behalf of the applicant, no issues with that deadline. I think the applicant is mindful that presenting versions of the DCO at every deadline just increases the burden on on all parties, and so intends to stick to those three deadlines that are fixed just to sweep everything up together. So no issues with that proposal.

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Okay. Thank you. Uh, so in terms of action points coming out of today's hearing, um, we have been keeping the list, which I've proposed to run through, uh, in a moment. Uh, I will say these aren't, um, the myriad of minor points that we've perhaps discussed around drafts or revisions to the draft DCA. Um, so I won't I won't go through all of those, but we'll expect to see those in deadline two submission. Um, so what I will do is, uh, pick out the items as we see them. Um,

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and I'll invite, uh, any response to these if, if they're not, uh, or people have a different record. So on the, um, first item we have is for Gantt charts to be provided on the best and worst case scenarios to demonstrate the achievement of seven year construction. Um, implementation period is sought by the applicant. I think the applicant. You've agreed to do that by deadline. One agreement there.

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Um, the second one we have is to submit evidence to support, uh, that the foundation design life, uh, would be around the 35 years I think you alluded to, um, principally on the basis that therefore, you know, um, if a need replacing, you'd be requiring a new consent. So, again, evidence on that. Um, we've agreed I think deadline one. Yeah. Um, I think you mentioned, uh, possibility of an additional

requirements in the draft DCO or a commitment, at least, to secure having at least one, um, size of wind turbine rather than a mix.

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Um, given the discussion we just had about the DCO is, is that deadline to if it's a change or a commitment or.

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Catherine Nolan on behalf of the applicant. Yes. Um, we will put that in the DCO at deadline two. But what we can also do is when we prepare the written summary of the points we discussed today, we can probably just put in, um, the proposed text that would go in so you can see what was said today and what we're proposing to do about it. So you get early site of that change if that's helpful.

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Okay. That's helpful. Thank you. I'll just mark that.

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Um.

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The next item I have is the applicant to submit a note and a response to the question around the implications of the Stockholm judgment and whether a need of a need for a book of reference is required. Um, I think we suggested it. Aim for deadline one. But a possible submission deadline too. Um, is there any particular preference at this stage?

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Uh, Robin Hutchison for the applicant, I think that was the the approach. Agreed. So we will aim for deadline one, but, um, a deadline two as a fallback if that's okay. Okay.

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Similarly, uh, submit a sensitivity analysis of the effects of the proposed development without, uh, other existing baseline offshore wind farms. Uh, once. So those once decommissioned, uh, again, I think we provisionally said aim for deadline one.

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It's a similar position. The part of the team that would be preparing that aren't here today. So we'd like that flex. Okay. For deadline two if that's okay.

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That's noted. Thank you.

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Next one was to submit a table listing the heights of both in a cell and type of all existing and consented wind farms in the area. Um, I think we've alluded to you should already have that information. So by deadline one.

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Yeah that's fine. Yeah.

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Next action again for the applicant was to submit a copy of the Fraser Nash report and also would invite your commentary on it in terms of its implications. Uh, again, uh, deadline one I think was the identified deadline.

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Yeah. That's that's agreed. No problem.

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The next one was for Mr. Innes and the Orsted IPPs. Um, it's an a similar comment. Really? Uh, to submit further information and evidence in relation to the weight loss effects. Um, effectively, the alternative position to that of the frozen ash report. Uh, Mr.. Is is still with us. I'm just looking online.

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Okay. We'll we'll get that as an action out on the list from publicise that.

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Um, we've identified deadline one, I think, on that item.

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Next one for the applicant again is to submit a table showing the distances of the proposed development to other offshore wind farms in the area and the direction of the turbines in relation to that, as again by deadline one.

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As a general comment about updating the environmental statement documentation clean and tracked versions to pick up on the implications of the definition of kilometer squared. I think we've touched on that a couple of times. I appreciate there will be a number of documents for many updating at that stage. We've said that line one.

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Afternoon on behalf of the applicant. It's happily not as many documents, I think, as we had envisioned. And so I think we are, I think, optimistic that deadline one is in.

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Documents that have the glossary at the front end of the page, isn't it?

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Exactly. So I think that line one is fine for that.

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Okay. Thank you.

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I would comment there's a there are a couple of other similar typos. There's obviously at least one litre with a capital L would rather be a lowercase one.

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Okay. Um, one for the applicant. The next item I have, uh, was to submit a copy of the Dogger Bank amended order. You alluded to that in terms of demonstrating compliance with the definition of nationally significant infrastructure projects. Uh, deadline one.

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Yeah. Yeah, absolutely.

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And the final one on my list is, uh, again, the applicant, um, to submit an updated outline port and access transport plan to reflect. I think we discussed one being submitted to the local authority highway authority, as opposed to simply being, um, suggesting it would be, if requested by the governor.

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And on behalf of the applicant. I my understanding is it's actually the incorrect, um, reference is in the planning Statement. So it's actually submitting that to correct what is in the outline. Um, port access and transport plan and what secured in the DCO.

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So the document would be the updated planning design. Yeah. Okay.

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Exactly.

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Which includes the reference to okay.

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Thank you for that clarification

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okay. So that that concludes the list that I have. Was there anything that your cells perhaps have noted?

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If you just bear with me for a second. We do have our own list, which.

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Yeah.

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Halfway through.

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Yeah, I think, as we said from the outset, that we appreciate this film that are drafting issues that we weren't necessarily going to list itemize today. So you might have a longer list than us, but, uh.

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Yeah, there's nothing. We've got a comprehensive list that includes the, the sort of drafting points to, but nothing is jumping out or from memory that hasn't been covered there. So I think we're happy with that. Thank you.

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Thank thank you everybody. Um, that concludes that item. So we've come to the end of this issue specific hearing. Can I thank everybody for their attendance. As Mister Willis indicated, we will get the um, rule eight letter out as soon as possible. It will be next week, but at the earliest. But, um, but we will get that out, which will have the, uh, the finalized, uh, examination timetable. Um, obviously the deadlines in the near future, the the rule six exam timetable, which now we're not going to find one, had had hearings in the last week of January that may or may not be the case.

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So we may well, we I do anticipate there will be further hearings, whether it be that week or a different times, a different question. Um, and we look forward to seeing you all again then. Thank you, everybody, for your, uh, help and participation today. Thank you very much. To the, uh, audiovisual team in the corner, because they sit there doing what what they doing without without fuss and without, um, uh, without noticing. They need to be appreciated as as same team for the case team, but sitting at the back of the table.

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So thank you to them. Um, that in which case, thank you very much, everybody. Today's issue specific hearing is closed.