

Notification of Hearings under Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010
DOGGER BANK SOUTH OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECTS
PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010125
Sections 91 and 92 of the Planning Act 2008
Notice of Preliminary Meeting, Compulsory Acquisition and Issue Specific Hearings

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and location 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) in respect of the application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) (“the Applicants”) (registered office at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PB) for a Development Consent Order under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”).

The Application (Planning Inspectorate reference number: EN010125) was submitted by the Applicants to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 12 June 2024 and accepted on 10 July 2024. The Examining Authority was appointed on 11 September 2024 to examine the Application.

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECTS

The application for an order to grant development consent for construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Dogger Bank South East (“DBS East”) and Dogger Bank South West (“DBS West”) offshore wind farms, both located in the North Sea on the Dogger Bank (together referred to as “the Projects”) and the associated development to connect the proposed offshore wind farms to the national grid. The Projects would have a combined maximum number of 200 turbines. The offshore array areas for DBS West and DBS East are situated at a minimum of 100km and 122km from shore respectively. The proposed onshore works consist of installation of buried onshore export cables, from a landfall on the East Riding of Yorkshire coastline near Skipsea to (up to) two newly constructed onshore converter stations near the hamlet of Bentley, before onward onshore cable routing to the proposed Birkhill Wood National Grid substation close to the existing Creyke Beck substation.

Maps showing the onshore and offshore locations of the wind farms and associated infrastructure form part of the Application (examination library references APP-006 for the onshore location plan and APP-007 for the offshore location plan), which can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate’s website under the documents tab:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010125>

As the proposed wind farms will have a generating capacity in excess of 100MW, the Projects are classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the Act. Development consent is therefore required for the Projects.

The Development Consent Order would, if granted, authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The Development Consent Order would also authorise alterations to the public

highway network, the construction of temporary construction and permanent access routes, the temporary stopping up and / or management of the public highway, public rights of way and street works, and the application and / or disapplication of legislation.

HEARINGS

The Examining Authority's letter dated 24 September 2024 contains a programme for the examination of the Application, including a number of hearings. Those hearings taking place in October 2024 will be held at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below.

| Date | Hearing | Time |
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| Tuesday 22 October 2024 | Preliminary Meeting | Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 09:30 Preliminary Meeting starts: 10:00 |
| Tuesday 22 October 2024 | Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) | Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 13:30 Hearing starts: 14:00 |
| Wednesday 23 October 2024 | Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) | Virtual Arrangements Conference from: 09:00 Hearing starts: 09:30 |

The hearings will be held as virtual events using Microsoft Teams, 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.

If you require assistance with registering your attendance, please contact the Planning Inspectorate at DoggerBankSouth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by calling 0303 444 5000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm). The deadline for registration is 23:59 Tuesday 8 October 2024.

The Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline and subsequent Deadlines are set out in the Draft Examination Timetable, available to view in the Rule 6 Letter on the project page of the Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010125>

Any further hearings will be publicised as required by the Examining Authority and by the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Application form and accompanying documents

Copies of the Application documents, including the draft Development Consent Order, the compulsory acquisition information (including the Land Plans, Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons) and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate's project website under the 'Documents' tab:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010125>

The documents will be available online throughout the examination period.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can also be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the Applicants using the following contact details:

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| The Planning Inspectorate |
| Email: DoggerBankSouth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk |
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