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13 December 2023

Dear Ms Williams

# **Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind**

# Notice to the Secretary of State Pursuant to Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 of Further Statutory Consultation

We previously notified you by letters dated 5 June 2023 and 18 October 2023 that GTR4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) ("the Applicant") intends to apply to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the construction and operation of Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind ("the Project"). It is expected that the DCO application for the Project will be submitted in Q1 of 2024.

Following the latter notification, the Applicant undertook consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in October, November and December 2023 (the "Autumn Consultation").

Through consideration of the responses to the Autumn Consultation and ongoing design development, changes have been made to the Project including:

- 1. Refinement of landscaping to better align with landownership boundaries to prevent severed land and enable access for maintenance;
- 2. Addition of drainage works adjacent to the landscaping to mitigate landowner concerns of potential impacts of planting on land drainage;
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- 4. Re-location and removal of passing places following design optimisation studies;
- 5. Removal and re-location of construction compounds based on engineering refinements and landowner feedback; and
- 6. Refinement of landfall works to accommodate optimised engineering design and environmental mitigation.

The Applicant is now undertaking further targeted statutory consultation regarding these changes to ensure that any persons with an interest in the changes are duly consulted with (the "Targeted Statutory Consultation"). It will run from Monday 18th<sup>th</sup> December 2023 until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

We are writing to notify you of the above in accordance with Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008.

# Background to the Project

The Project will be located approximately 54km from the Lincolnshire coastline in the southern North Sea. The Project will include both offshore and onshore infrastructure including an offshore generating station

of up to 100 wind turbines, offshore platforms and other electrical infrastructure. Offshore export cables will export electricity via export cables to landfall located at Wolla Bank, Chapel St Leonards.

At landfall, the offshore export cables will be connected to the onshore infrastructure. Onshore cables will be routed underground to an onshore substation in the vicinity of Surfleet Marsh with cables routed underground from that onshore substation in order to connect into the main transmission network via new transmission infrastructure to be owned and operated by National Grid.

Further information can be found in the consultation materials (see below).

### **Consultation Materials**

The Applicant is about to commence the Targeted Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008. Therefore, in accordance with Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008, please find enclosed:

- 1. Hard copies of the template Section 42 Cover Letters to be issued to consultees. Please note that there are two forms of letter: (i) letter to be sent to persons identified for the purposes of Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008; and (ii) letter to be sent to all other statutory consultees; and
- 2. A hard copy of the notice published prior to the Autumn Consultation under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008.

The consultation materials for the purposes of this Further Statutory Consultation comprise the following:

- 1. Targeted Consultation Supporting Information;
- 2. Targeted Consultation Refinements Plan; and
- 3. Targeted Consultation Onshore Order Limits Plan.

Electronic copies of the above consultation materials made available to the consultees can be downloaded at the following link <u>PINS</u>: <u>Outer Dowsing Offshore Windfarm - Shepherd and Wedderburn</u> (shepwedd.com).

The consultation materials referred to above can also be viewed on the project website at <a href="https://www.outerdowsing.com/">www.outerdowsing.com/</a> or accessed free of charge at the locations and times set out in the Section 42 Cover Letters enclosed with this letter from Monday 18th December 2023 until Friday 19th January 2024.

# Consultation Period

The consultation will end at 11.59pm on Friday 19 January 2024.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter or the Project generally, please do not hesitate to contact me on the below contact details.

# Yours sincerely



Chris Jenner
Development Manager
Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind
@outerdowsing.com



14 December 2023

Ref:

### Dear Sir/Madam

# **Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind**

# Further Statutory Pre-Application Consultation under Section 42 and Section 44 of the Planning Act 2008

We are writing to consult with you on the proposed application for Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind ("the Project").

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The Applicant undertook consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in June and July 2023 (the "Initial Statutory Consultation"). The Applicant subsequently undertook additional consultation on proposed changes to the Project (both onshore and offshore) in October, November and December 2023 (the "Autumn Consultation").

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In accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008, the Applicant must publicise the proposed application. Notice was given in June 2023 ahead of the Initial Statutory Consultation, and a subsequent notice was given in October 2023 ahead of the Autumn Consultation. A copy of the notice given in October 2023 is enclosed with this letter for information.

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# Your interest in the land

The Applicant has undertaken diligent inquiry including a review of title and Land Registry information, and has identified that you have interest in land which either (i) was included in the plans that accompanied the Autumn Consultation and has now been removed from the onshore order limits of the Project or (ii) was not included in the plans that accompanied the Autumn Consultation and has now been added to the onshore order limits or (iii) both.

Please refer to the plan titled Targeted Consultation refinements Plan comprised within the consultation materials showing the land which has been removed from and added to the onshore order limits since the Autumn Consultation, and the plan titled [Targeted Consultation Onshore Order Limits Plan] comprised within the consultation materials showing the land which now falls within the Project's proposed development area.

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## **SECTION 48. PLANNING ACT 2008**

# REGULATION 4, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

# NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND DECOMMISSION OUTER DOWSING OFFSHORE WIND

Notice was given in June 2023 that GTR4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) C/O Johnston Carmichael Llp Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London, England, EC3V 9DU ("the Applicant")) intends to apply to the Secretary of State for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, an offshore wind generating station located approximately 54 km east of the Lincolnshire coastline in the southern north sea, together with associated development to connect the generating station to the national grid (the "Project").

Following the notice, the Applicant undertook consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 in June and July 2023 ("Statutory Consultation").

In considering responses to the Statutory Consultation, through ongoing design development, and through the Offshore Transmission Network Review process, there have been a number of changes and refinements to the Project.

To ensure that all parties with an interest in the works and/or land are consulted on these changes to the Project, the Applicant is now undertaking further statutory consultation to ensure that any persons with an interest in such changes are duly consulted with (the "Further Statutory Consultation").

The proposed DCO would, among other things, license and authorise:

- Up to 100 offshore wind turbines and their foundations with a maximum tip height of 403m above lowest astronomical tide and a maximum rotor diameter of 340m;
- Up to two large or up to four small offshore transformer substations and their foundations within the array area;
- Up to one offshore accommodation platform and its foundations;
- Up to two offshore HVAC reactive compensation platforms and their foundations within the offshore cable route;
- A network of subsea cables connecting the wind turbines, offshore transformer substations and offshore accommodation platform;
- Up to four offshore subsea export cable circuits to bring electricity from the offshore transformer substations to landfall, located at Wolla Bank, south of Anderby Creek;
- Works at landfall to connect the offshore export cable circuits to the onshore cable circuits, crossing underneath the beach and including transition joint bays;
- Up to four underground cable circuits approximately 80 km in length, with joint bays, link boxes and/or earth pits, commencing at the landfall and running in a south westerly direction to an onshore substation in the vicinity of Surfleet Marsh/Weston Marsh;
- A new onshore substation in the vicinity of Surfleet Marsh/Weston Marsh;
- A connection into National Grid infrastructure including underground cable circuits with joint bays, link boxes and/or earth pits;

- Associated or ancillary works including archaeological and ground investigations, construction compounds, improvements and alterations to highways, verges and private access roads, construction of a temporary haul road, landscaping and drainage works;
- If required, compensatory measures in respect of the Inner Dowsing, Race Bank, and North Ridge Special Area of Conservation;
- If required, provision of offshore artificial nesting structure(s) as a compensatory measure for potential impacts in respect of special protection area(s);
- If required, the compulsory acquisition of land and/or the compulsory acquisition of permanent and/or temporary rights;
- If required, the temporary stopping up, alteration or diversion of streets;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation including, among other things, legislation relating to compulsory purchase; and
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Project constitutes development for which an EIA is required and the proposed application for a DCO will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement. The Applicant prepared Preliminary Environmental Information for the purposes of the Statutory Consultation and an Environmental Update Report has been prepared to support this Further Statutory Consultation. The documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project can be accessed free of charge from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at the locations and times set out below.

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Newland	Wednesday	09:00-17:00
Lincoln	Thursday	09:00-17:00
LN1 1YL	Friday	09:00-17:00
	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed
East Lindsey District Council*	Monday	09:00-17:00

The Hub	Tuesday	09:00-17:00
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Mareham Road	Wednesday	09:00-17:00
Horncastle	Thursday	09:00-17:00
LN9 6PH	Friday	09:00-17:00
	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed
South Holland District Council	Monday	09:00-17:00
Council Offices	Tuesday	09:00-17:00
Priory Road	Wednesday	09:00-17:00
Spalding	Thursday	09:00-17:00
Lincolnshire	Friday	09:00-17:00
PE11 2XE	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed
Boston Borough Council	Monday	08:45-17:15
Municipal Buildings	Tuesday	08:45-17:15
West Street	Wednesday	08:45-17:15
Boston	Thursday	08:45-17:15
PE21 8QR	Friday	08:45-16:45
	Saturday	Closed
	Sunday	Closed

A hard copy of the Environmental Update Report, Onshore Substation Visualisations and associated plans will be available to inspect at all of the above venues. USBs containing the Preliminary Environmental Information, Environmental Update Report and associated plans will be available to take away from all of the above venues and computers will be available at all venues except those marked with an \* to view the material at the venue.

Public Information Days, where the consultation materials will be available for inspection, will also be held by the Applicant on the following dates in the locations specified:

Date	Address	Time
Tuesday, 24 October 2023	Wainfleet All Saints Coronation Hall High Street Wainfleet PE24 4BS	2pm – 8pm
Wednesday, 25 October 2023	Hogsthorpe Village Hall Thames Street, Hogsthorpe, PE24 5PT	2pm – 8pm
Thursday, 26 October 2023	Live online webinar with Q&A www.outerdowsing.com	1pm – 2pm
Thursday, 26 October 2023	Live online webinar with Q&A www.outerdowsing.com	7pm – 8pm
Friday, 27 October 2023	Butterwick Village Hall Church Road Butterwick PE22 0HT	2pm – 8pm
Saturday, 28 October 2023	Fosdyke Village Hall Old Main Road Fosdyke PE20 2BU	10am – 4pm
Thursday, 2 November 2023	Old Leake Community Centre Furlongs Lane Old Leake, PE22 9NX	2pm – 8pm

Where a copy of the documents is requested from the Applicant, this can be provided free of charge on a USB. The documents can also be made available in hard copy on request at a cost of:

- Environmental Update Report: free on request;
- Non-Technical Summary of Preliminary Environmental Information: free on request;
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report: £750;

# • Plans: £50.

Further details in relation to the Project and copies of the documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project can be inspected free of charge from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on the Applicant's website at www.outerdowsing.com/.

Any responses or representations to the publication of this notice must be made in writing to:

FREEPOST ODOW (no stamp or further address details needed on the envelope)

Or via email to contact@outerdowsing.com.

The consultation will end at 11:59pm on Friday 24 November 2023.

Responses must (i) be received by the Applicant no later than 11:59pm on Friday 24 November 2023 (ii) be in writing (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation and (b) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Consultation responses may be made publicly available however the Applicant will not share individuals' data although the general area of an individual's location may be indicated for context.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation documents or the Project, or would like to request copies of the consultation documents please contact the project team by using one of the following contact methods:

Email: contact@outerdowsing.com

Post: FREEPOST ODOW (no stamp or further address details needed on the envelope)

Telephone: