Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind

The Applicant's suggested locations for the Accompanied Site Investigation (ASI)



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Acronyms & Definitions

Abbreviations / Acronyms

Abbreviation / Acronym	Description		
ASI	Accompanied Site Investigation		
ExA	Examining Authority		
HDD	Horizontal Directional Drilling		
IP	Interested Party		
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment		
NGSS	National Grid Substation		
OnSS	Onshore Substation		
PRoW	Public Right of Way		
USI	Unaccompanied Site Investigation		

Terminology

Term	Definition				
The Applicant	GT R4 Ltd. The Applicant making the application for a DCO. The Applicant is GT R4 Limited (a joint venture between Corio Generation				
The Applicant	(and its affiliates), Total Energies and Gulf Energy Development (GULF)), trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind. The Project is being developed by Corio Generation, TotalEnergies and GULF.				
Onshore Export Cables (ECC)	The Onshore Export Cable Corridor (Onshore ECC) is the area within which the export cables running from the landfall to the onshore substation will be situated.				
Onshore Substation (OnSS)	The Project's onshore HVAC substation, containing electrical equipment, control buildings, lightning protection masts, communications masts, access, fencing and other associated equipment, structures or buildings; to enable connection to the National Grid.				
Order Limits	The area subject to the application for development consent. The limits shown on the works plans within which the Project may be carried out.				
The Project	Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind, an offshore wind generating station together with associated onshore and offshore infrastructure.				
Trenchless technique	Trenchless technology is an underground construction method of installing, repairing and renewing underground pipes, ducts and cables using techniques which minimize or eliminate the need for excavation. Trenchless technologies involve methods of new pipe installation with minimum surface and environmental disruptions. These techniques may include Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), thrust boring, auger boring, and pipe ramming, which allow ducts to be installed under an obstruction without breaking open the ground and digging a trench.				

1 Introduction

1. As part of the Planning Inspectorate's Rule 6 letter (PD-009) (Ref: EN010130, 04 September 2024), the following request was made for submission by the Applicant at Deadline 1:

"Suggested locations for the ASI including justification, and whether such locations can be seen from public land or require private access, for consideration by the ExA"

- 2. The Applicant notes that the Examining Authority (ExA) held Unaccompanied Site Inspections (USIs) on 22 May 2024 [EV1-001] and 23 May 2024 [EV1-002]. The Applicant has reviewed these documents and taken these locations into consideration.
- 3. It is also noted that requests by Interested Parties (IPs) to attend an ASI have been requested by the ExA to be submitted at Deadline 1. These IPs would not have attended the USI and therefore the locations for the ASI proposed by the Applicant in Table 1 takes consideration of this.
- 4. The Rule 6 letter (PD-009) also states the following in reference to ASIs:
- "Accompanied Site Inspections (ASIs) will only be necessary to view land to which there is no public right of access, or with no clear view from nearby locations with open public access. The purpose of ASIs is familiarisation only and no discussion of the merits of the Proposed Development will be entertained during an ASI."
- 5. The Applicant has proposed a number of site locations that while can be accessed by public land, may not be readily accessed by all parties due to the requirement to walk long distances for example. The Applicant has therefore taken accessibility into account when proposing potential ASI locations.
- 6. The Rule 6 letter (PD-009) also states the following in reference to ASI's:
- "The ExA may decide to hold further USIs to relevant nominated locations, supported by the submission of additional written, photographic, video or even drone material if this would be preferable to not visiting sites or holding ASIs in circumstances which could make them difficult and unduly time-consuming to conduct (for example if public health restrictions are in place). The ExA may also consider if it would be appropriate to make arrangements for access only to be provided to specific sites such that they could be inspected as part of a USI on an access required basis (Access Required SI)"
- 7. The Applicant notes the above and would be happy to coordinate any access requirements on behalf of the ExA and/ or provide additional materials that might be deemed helpful to support any future USIs or Access Required SIs.
- 8. A number of the sites proposed in Table 1 require access to working farmyards, walking along road verges and/ or present other safety considerations. The Applicant will provide details of recommended PPE and safety measures for any SI undertaken for which they are either accompanying or securing access. The Applicant has noted that a detailed agenda for the ASI (if required) has been requested by the ExA at Deadline 2 and will therefore provide specific details at this submission.

2 The Applicant's suggested locations for the ASI

9. Table 1 outlines the Applicant's suggested locations for the ASI. Each location, the proposed parking location and access is shown on Figure 1.

Table 1 Suggested locations for the ASI

ID	Location Name	Vantage Point	Access details	Location visited as part of ExA USI	Justification
Onsho	re Substation (OnSS)				
Α	LVIA Viewpoint 3 (off the A16 at Surfleet Bank junction)	Viewpoint representative of road users on the A16 and is the Project's operational access.	30m drive on private land and c 30m walk to VP. Parking on private track to be secured by the Applicant.	No	This location is the Project's proposed operational access to the OnSS from the A16. The view is representative of road-users on the A16 and the small number of residents in this rural area.
В	LVIA Viewpoint 5 (Macmillan Way near Welland House Farm)	Viewpoint from PRoW (for OnSS & cumulative impact with National Grid substation (NGSS)	450m drive along private land and parking in farmyard to be secured by the Applicant. Short walk (c. 530m) through the farm up a ramp to the riverbank and along PRoW.	Yes [EV1-001]	This viewpoint is located on the Macmillan Way, which follows the raised embankment on the western shore of the River Welland. The view is representative of walkers on the Macmillan Way from where an elevated view extends out across the surrounding landscape. Viewpoint is also providing for the potential cumulative impact of the Project with the NGSS. Location can be accessed by public land but poses accessibility constraints due to long walk.
С	LVIA Viewpoint 2 (off the A16 near Marsh Lane junction)	Viewpoint representative of road users, also provides a good vantage point of the planting scheme.	90m drive on private land and parking in farmyard to be secured by the Applicant. Short walk (c.270m) through farmyard and along Marsh Lane highway verge to viewpoint.	No	The viewpoint is representative of road-users on the A16 and the small number of residents in this rural area. This view looks southeast across open farmed landscape towards the site of the OnSS and the effects of the mitigation planting can be viewed. Location can be accessed by public land but poses accessibility constraints due to long walk.
D	OnSS Site	View directly over the field where the OnSS would be situated. Closest vantage point of OnSS location.	1400m drive along private land (rough farm track) and parking in wide turning area to be secured by the Applicant.	No	Provide the ExA and IPs with the opportunity to view and query the specifics of the OnSS infrastructure at its closest vantage point.
Onsho	re Export Cable Corridor (ECC)			
E	Frampton Marsh	Views toward the Onshore ECC and proximity to proposed BAEF Ornithological Compensation Site.	Parking at the RPSB Offices to be secured by the Applicant, short walk (180m) along road to verge.	Yes [EV1-001]	Opportunity to observe the location of the interactions between the Onshore ECC and proposed BAEF Ornithological Compensation Site.
F	Pilgrims Fathers' Memorial	Views of trenchless crossing under the Haven.	Public car park at Pilgrim Fathers' Memorial (c.180m walk to the memorial itself)	Yes [EV1-001]	Opportunity to observe the location of the trenchless crossing at the Haven and understand the measures being taken in relation to proximity to the SPA.
G	Wainfleet Relief Channel	under the Wainfleet Relief Channel,	300m drive off Spilsby road on private land and private parking at bottom of the bridge to be secured by the Applicant. Short walk (c. 50m) to the bridge.	No	This location provides observe the location of the trenchless crossing under the Wainfleet Relief Channel and at the railway.
Landfa	III				
Н	Anderby Marsh LNR	Vantage point on bank at field access to view HDD locations.	Drop Off point on private verge off Roman Bank, 30m walk to viewpoint. Vehicular parking at Wolla Bank car park to return for pick up.	No	This location provides a close vantage point to the HDD operations at the Landfall looking back across Roman Bank and toward the Landfall Compound. Access to the site can also be viewed. Provides an opportunity to observe the location of the landfall works in relation to Anderby Marsh LNR.

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ID	Location Name	Vantage Point	Access details	Location visited as	Justification
				part of ExA USI	
Ι	Wolla Bank		Parking at Wolla Bank car park (1.95m height barrier, to be opened by the Applicant). Short c.50m walk up the sand dune ramp to the beach.		This location provides views out toward the Project's Array Area, ORCPs and offshore HDD operations. The existing offshore wind farms provide good context for viewers to visually establish the
			c.50111 walk up the Sand dulle famp to the beach.		location of the infrastructure offshore.























