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All Interested Parties, Statutory Parties  
and Other Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010130

Date: 25 November 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9 and Rule 8(3)**

**Application by GT R4 Limited (trading as Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind project**

**Notice of variation to the Examination Timetable**

We write to provide notification that the Examining Authority (ExA) has made a Procedural Decision to vary the Examination Timetable relating to the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) which was scheduled in the Examination Timetable to take place over two days (Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 January 2025).

The ExA has made the decision to move the date of the ASI so that it will now take place during the week of 11 – 14 February 2025 currently reserved in the Examination Timetable for Hearings. The variation is set out in red in the timetable in **Annex A**.

The variation has been made following receipt of suggested locations for the ASI at Deadline 1 (24 October 2024). The ExA has reviewed these and considers that although an ASI is still required, it would be more practical to hold a shorter ASI during a week which is reserved in the timetable for events.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team on the details above.

Yours faithfully,

*Rod Macarthur*

**Rod Macarthur**  
**Lead Member of the Examining Authority**

## Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The Examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at hearings.

Item		Date
1.	<p><b>Procedural Deadline</b> Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responses to the Rule 6 letter relating to Examination procedure, including any submissions about the draft Examination Timetable and the use of virtual methods</li> <li>▪ Responses to Relevant Representations (RRs), as requested by ExA in its Procedural Decision (PD) letter on 31 July 2024 [<a href="#">PD-006</a>]</li> <li>▪ Other responses (if applicable) to the ExA's PD letter of 31 July 2024 [<a href="#">PD-006</a>]</li> <li>▪ Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words</li> <li>▪ Submission of Pre-examination Progress Tracker</li> <li>▪ Applicant's submission of the CA and Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Applicant's submission of draft Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting and under which part of the agenda set out in Annex A of the Rule 6 letter.</li> <li>▪ Requests by Parties to be heard orally at the Open Floor Hearing (OFH) to be held on Thursday 10 October 2024.</li> <li>▪ An indicative schedule showing when updated or new benthic and intertidal ecology, offshore and intertidal ornithology and HRA documents are likely to be submitted into the Examination by the Applicant, including their likely content and approximate</li> </ul>	Thursday 19 September 2024

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2.	<b>Preliminary Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday 10 October 2024 10:00</b>
3.	<b>Open Floor Hearing (OFH1)</b>	<b>Thursday 10 October 2024</b>
4.	<b>Issue by the ExA of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Examination Timetable</li> </ul>	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
5.	<b>Deadline 1</b> Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comments on any updates to application documents submitted by the Applicant before or at the PM</li> <li>▪ Submission of comments on oral submissions made and written summaries of oral case put at the OFH held on 10 October 2024</li> <li>▪ Requests from Affected Persons to be heard at any subsequent Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). Requests by Affected Persons (defined in section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008)</li> <li>▪ Requests by Interested Parties to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)</li> <li>▪ 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</li> <li>▪ Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) by the ExA</li> <li>▪ Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically</li> <li>▪ Applicant's updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (If required) in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ Applicant's planning obligations, proximity and commercial side agreements tracking list and any draft s106 agreement (see Annex F of the ExA's Rule 6 letter [<a href="#">PD-009</a>])</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 24 October 2024</b>

Item		Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicant's updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Initial draft Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's draft Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Written Representations (WRs), as requested by ExA in its PD letter on 31 July 2024 [<a href="#">PD-006</a>]</li> <li>▪ Summaries of any WRs that exceed 1500 words</li> <li>▪ Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words (if not provided at the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline)</li> <li>▪ Responses to RRs (if not provided at the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline)</li> <li>▪ Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from local authorities (see Annex B)</li> <li>▪ Requests from Interested Parties to be heard at any subsequent Open Floor Hearing (OFH)</li> <li>▪ A revised version of the draft Development Consent Order (draft DCO) in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ An updated Explanatory Memorandum in clean and tracked versions (if required)</li> <li>▪ Comments on any further information / submissions accepted by the ExA</li> <li>▪ Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Publication of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1)</li> </ul>	<b>Wednesday 6 November 2024</b>
7.	<b>Deadline 2</b>	<b>Wednesday 27</b>

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	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responses to ExQ1</li> <li>▪ Written Representations (WRs), if not provided at Deadline 1</li> <li>▪ Summaries of any WRs that exceed 1500 words, if not provided at Deadline 1</li> <li>▪ Comments on the LIR(s)</li> <li>▪ Applicant to provide a draft itinerary for the ASI if required</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the Guide to the Application</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the Statements of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ An updated version of the draft DCO in clean and tracked versions (if required as a result of ExQ1)</li> <li>▪ Schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required)</li> <li>▪ An updated Explanatory Memorandum in clean and tracked versions (if required)</li> <li>▪ Applicant's updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (If required) in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ Responses to comments on RRs</li> <li>▪ Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 1</li> <li>▪ Initial report on the inter-relationship with other infrastructure projects (as described in Annex B)</li> <li>▪ Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 2024</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Dates reserved (if required) for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</li> <li>▪ Any Issue Specific Hearing</li> <li>▪ Further Open Floor Hearing (if required)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday 3 December 2024 – Friday 6 December 2024</b></p>

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9.	<p><b>Deadline 3</b> Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Post-hearing submissions including written summaries of oral case put at any of the hearings during the w/c 2 December 2024</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's update to the draft DCO</li> <li>▪ Comments on other submissions received at Deadline 2</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's update to the Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Comments on the update to the Statements of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Comments on draft ASI itinerary produced by the Applicant (if required)</li> <li>▪ Comments on WRs</li> <li>▪ Applicant to provide an updated Guide to the Application</li> <li>▪ An updated version of the draft DCO in clean and tracked versions (if required)</li> <li>▪ Schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required)</li> <li>▪ An updated Explanatory Memorandum in clean and tracked versions (if required)</li> <li>▪ Applicant's updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (If required) in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ Updated Statements of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Applicant's updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ Applicant's 'Mid-Examination' Progress Tracker</li> <li>▪ Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	Friday 13 December 2024

Item		Date
10.	<b>Publication of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ExA's further written questions (ExQ2) (if required).</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 13 January 2025</b>
11.	<b>Deadline 4</b> Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responses to ExQ2 (if published)</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's update to the draft DCO</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's update to the Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the draft DCO</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the Guide to the Application</li> <li>▪ Applicant's update to the Statements of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 3</li> <li>▪ Updated report on the inter-relationship with other infrastructure projects (as described in Annex B)</li> <li>▪ Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 3 February 2025</b>
12.	<b>Dates reserved (if required) for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</li> <li>▪ A further Open Floor Hearing (if requested)</li> <li>▪ Any Issue Specific Hearing</li> <li>▪ <b>Accompanied Site Inspection</b></li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 11 February 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025</b>
13.	<b>Issue by the ExA of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Report into the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)</li> <li>▪ The ExA's preferred draft DCO, proposed schedule of changes, or</li> </ul>	<b>Monday 17 February 2025</b>



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	commentary on the draft DCO (if required)	
14.	<p><b>Deadline 5</b> Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Post-hearing submissions including written summaries of oral case put at hearings during w/c 10 February 2025 (if held)</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's third update to the draft DCO</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Applicant's third update to the Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Comments on the Report into the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)</li> <li>▪ Comments on ExA's commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO (if required)</li> <li>▪ Completed, signed and dated Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Final Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground</li> <li>▪ Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 4</li> <li>▪ Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	<b>Thursday 13 March 2025</b>
15.	<p><b>Dates reserved (if required) for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any Compulsory Acquisition Hearing</li> <li>▪ Any Issue Specific Hearing</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 18 March 2025 to Friday 21 March 2025</b>
16.	<p><b>Deadline 6</b> Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Post-hearing submissions including written summaries of oral case put at hearings during w/c 18 March 2025 (if held)</li> <li>▪ Final Principal Areas of Disagreement Statements</li> <li>▪ IP's Closing Statement(s)</li> <li>▪ Post-hearing submissions including</li> </ul>	<b>Friday 4 April 2025</b>

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	<p>written submissions of oral cases (if applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicant's Closing Statement(s)</li> <li>▪ Applicant's Close of Examination Progress Tracker</li> <li>▪ Final draft DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report</li> <li>▪ Final Explanatory Memorandum in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ Final Book of Reference (BoR) and schedule of changes to BoR</li> <li>▪ Applicant's final Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions</li> <li>▪ Completed s106 Agreements (if required)</li> <li>▪ Final Land Rights Tracker</li> <li>▪ Final planning obligations and commercial side agreements tracker</li> <li>▪ Final Guide to the Application</li> <li>▪ Final schedule of changes to the draft DCO (if required)</li> <li>▪ Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 5</li> <li>▪ Final report on the inter-relationship with other infrastructure projects (as described in Annex B)</li> <li>▪ Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules</li> </ul>	
17.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months. Please note that the ExA may close the Examination before the end of the six-month period if it is satisfied that all relevant matters have been addressed and discussed.</p>	Thursday 10 April 2025

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