

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

**Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing (ISH):**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (ISH1)</b>	<b>Wednesday 4 December 2024</b> <b>Hearing Starts at 10:00</b> Virtual Registration Process from 09:30	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

**Agenda**

**1. Arrangements for the Hearing**

The ExA would find it helpful if the parties set out in Table 2 below could attend this Hearing.

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the Hearing. The details set out below are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to speak during the Hearing, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. Should the consideration of these issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the Hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to.

If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day. Alternatively, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to further written questions.

## Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **10:00** those attending virtually should join promptly at **09:30** to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

## Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.

## 2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing

**Please note:**

**In order to ensure timely publication of the agenda, this has been drafted before the receipt of submissions for Deadline 2. As a consequence, the ExA may need to adjust the agenda at the meeting to allow for responses received at Deadline 2.**

The purpose of the Hearing is to examine onshore environmental matters. A more detailed summary of matters which the ExA proposes to address are set out below:

## 3. Matters for discussion

**Table 1**

<b>3.1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>The draft Development Consent Order</b>  <b>1. Articles and Schedules of the draft DCO (excluding Schedules 1, 9 and 15)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Applicant will be asked to provide a very brief overview of each part of the draft DCO. The ExA will then ask</li></ul>

questions in respect of DCO powers, seeking responses where appropriate from the Applicant and other Interested Parties in attendance. Interested Parties will also be invited to highlight any points of clarification in relation to DCO Articles and Schedules.

**2. Schedules 1, 11 and 12 of the draft DCO – Requirements and Conditions**

- The Applicant will be asked to set out the details of the Proposed Development (Schedule 1, Part 1) and ancillary works (Schedule 1, Part 2); provide an overview of the Requirements (Schedule 1, Part 3) and Conditions (Schedules 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Part 2). The ExA will then ask questions, seeking responses where appropriate from the Applicant and other Interested Parties in attendance. Interested Parties will also be invited to highlight any points of clarification in relation to Requirements and Conditions in the draft DCO.

**3. Schedule 18 of the draft DCO – Protective Provisions**

- The Applicant will be asked to provide an update to the ExA on the progress with the drafting of / agreement on Protective Provisions for all parties.

**4. Schedule 21 of the draft DCO – Documents to be certified**

- To review the documents to be certified and seek views as to whether the list is complete and if not, what additional documents would need to be included.

**5. Securing of HRA compensation measures that have been advanced on a without prejudice basis**

- Review of the possible drafting approaches to securing the provision of such HRA compensation measures that have been advanced on a without prejudice basis should the ExA consider such measures would be required.

**6. Consents, licences and other agreements including any Transboundary matters**

- The Applicant will be asked to provide an update of progress and timescales for completion. The ExA will then ask questions, including discussing whether any section 106 agreements are required and, if they are, indicative timescales for finalising them.

<b>3.3</b>	<b>Actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearing</b>
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Any other matters arising.</b>

#### **4. Next Steps**

#### **5. Closing**

#### **Attendees**

#### **Table 2**

<b>Agenda Item 3.2</b> <b>The draft Development Consent Order</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applicant</li><li>• Lincolnshire County Council</li><li>• The Environment Agency</li><li>• The Marine Management Organisation</li><li>• The Maritime and Coastguard Agency</li><li>• Trinity House</li></ul>