

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 Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH):

| Hearing | Date and Time | Location |
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| Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) | Tuesday 3 December 2024 Hearing Starts at 14:00 Virtual Registration Process from 13:30 | By virtual means using Microsoft Teams |

Agenda items

1. Welcome, introductions, 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.

Anyone who is not able to provide all their oral submissions by the close of the hearing should follow it up in writing.

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 14:00 those attending virtually should join promptly at 13:30 to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at CAH

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 consider the compulsory acquisition and related provisions within the draft Development Consent Order (DCO);
- To consider whether the conditions relating to the purpose for which compulsory acquisition may be authorised would be met;
- To discharge the ExA's duty to hear persons affected by Compulsory Acquisition (CA) and Temporary Possession (TP) proposals (Affected Persons) who request to be heard; and
- To address related matters.

. A more detailed summary of matters which the ExA proposes to address are set out below:

3. Matters for discussion

Table 1

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| 3.1 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 3.2 | <p>1. Section 122 and 123 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Applicant to briefly outline the case for CA and TP and whether it meets the tests of the PA2008 including whether all reasonable alternatives have been considered; whether the rights to be acquired are reasonably necessary and proportionate and there is a compelling case in the public interest for the land to be acquired; b. The Applicant to provide a brief update on the progress of negotiations and deadlines for their conclusions; and c. Affected Persons to briefly set out any outstanding concerns that have not already been discussed. <p>2. Section 135 of the PA2008 – Crown land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whether all Crown land has been identified in Part 4 of the Book of Reference (BoR) and on the Crown land plans given that all plots which the Crown has an interest in should be identified. b. Whether the draft DCO would effectively prevent CA of any interest held by or on behalf of the Crown with particular reference to Article 43. <p>3. Sections 131 and 132 of the PA2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant to set out the case for CA and TP with regards to sections 131 and 132 (Commons, Open Space or Fuel or Field Allotments). <p>4. Temporary Possession or Compulsory Acquisition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Applicant to set out the criteria that it used in determining whether to seek the use of TP rather than CA of land and rights. <p>5. Securing of HRA compensation measures that have been advanced on a without prejudice basis</p> <p>Examination of whether any of the HRA compensation measures that have been advanced on a without prejudice basis would require the CA or TP of land.</p> |

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| | <p>6. Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant to provide any further updates to the funding statement and confirm assessment of risks to whether adequate funding is likely to be available to enable the CA to proceed within the statutory period following (and in the event of) the draft DCO being made. |
| 3.3 | Action Points arising from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing |
| 3.4 | Any other matters arising. |

4. Next Steps

5. Closing

Attendees

Table 2

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| Agenda Item 3.2 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • National Grid (NG) in relation to item 3.2.1 • St John's College Cambridge in relation to item 3.2.1 • The Crown Estate • Affected Persons including, but not limited to, TH Clements [REP1-050], Julie Ann Mason [REP1-051] |