

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) 5:

| Hearing | Date and Time | Location |
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| Issue Specific Hearing on Onshore Environmental Matters and the draft Development Consent Order (ISH5) | Wednesday 12 February 2025 Hearing Starts at 10:00 Virtual Registration Process from 09:30 | In person at Boston United Football Club and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams |

Agenda

1. Arrangements for the Hearing

The Examining Authority (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 (IPs) 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 immediately following the receipt of submissions for Deadline 4. As a consequence, the ExA may need to adjust the agenda at the meeting to allow for fuller consideration of responses received at Deadline 4.

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

3. Matters for discussion

Table 1

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| 3.1 | Welcome and Introductions |
| 3.2 | Seascape and Visual Effects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offshore Reactive Compensation Platform (ORCP) Lighting Management Plan and ORCP Design Principles Statement• Duty to further the purposes of National Landscapes• East Coast Flyway - World Heritage Site bid |
| 3.3 | Water Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flood Risk Assessment |

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| 3.4 | <p>Onshore Ecology and Ornithology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding matters of disagreement between the applicant and Natural England • Mitigation to avoid Adverse Effect on Integrity on The Wash SPA • Compensatory habitat for skylark and yellow wagtail • Biodiversity Net Gain • Lincolnshire County Council’s request for an Ecological Steering Group, Environment Compliance Officer and Ecology Enhancement Fund |
| 3.5 | <p>Land Use, Geology and Ground Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) and soil surveys • Working width of the cable corridor • Cumulative effects • Suitability of the outline Soil Management Plan (SMP) submitted at deadline 4 • Suitability of the outline Organic Land Protocol (OLP) submitted at deadline 3 [REP3-024] • Relationship between the oCoCP, oSMP, oOLP and dDCO • Soil restoration • Cable burial depth • Severance • Dust contamination • Agricultural drainage and irrigation • Climate change, increased rainfall and soil impacts • Peat identification and management |
| 3.6 | <p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant’s approach to design and its strategy for future design development relating to the onshore substation structures. |
| 3.7 | <p>The draft Development Consent Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments and observations in advance of the ExA’s recommended draft Development Consent Order (DCO) • Schedule 18 of the draft DCO – Protective Provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. |
| 3.8 | <p>Actions arising from the Issue Specific Hearing</p> |
| 3.9 | <p>Any other matters arising.</p> |

4. Next Steps

5. Closing

Attendees

Table 2

| Agenda Item 3.2 Seascape and Visual Effects | Agenda Item 3.3 Water Environment | Agenda Item 3.4 Onshore Ecology and Ornithology |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant, including a representative with an expertise in landscape architecture • Lincolnshire County Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Lincolnshire County Council • The Environment Agency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Lincolnshire County Council • Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust |
| Agenda Item 3.5 Land Use, Geology and Ground Conditions | Agenda Item 3.6 Design | Agenda Item 3.7 The draft Development Consent Order |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) • T.H. Clements & Son Limited • Woodlands Farm (Kirton) Limited and Andrew Peter Dennis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant, including a representative with an expertise in architecture and design • Lincolnshire County Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant • Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) • Relevant Interested Parties |