

Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets

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NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 46 ‘DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE OF PROPOSED APPLICATION’ OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

I write on behalf of Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (the “Applicant”) in connection with the Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets. The Applicant is a joint venture between bp Alternative Energy Investments Ltd and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG.

In accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”), detailed below is the required information as supplied to prescribed consultees complying with section 42 of the Act, in relation to the Applicant and the proposed Project.

The Project consists of a proposed offshore wind farm located in the east Irish Sea. The offshore wind farm is expected to comprise up to 107 wind turbine generators and cabling to connect the wind turbine generators to each other and to the offshore substation platforms. The Project is expected to have an installed capacity of approximately 1.5GW and will be located approximately 36km from the north west coast of England and approximately 22km from the Isle of Man. The offshore wind farm will form a key contribution to the UK’s target of generating 50GW of power from offshore wind by 2030.

Wind turbine generators and offshore substation platforms will be located within

the offshore wind farm site. The wind turbine generators and offshore substation platforms will be connected to each other via inter-array and interconnector cables and will be fixed to the seabed with foundation structures.

The electricity generated by the wind turbine generators will be transported to the national grid via the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project which will be consented through a separate Development Consent Order (DCO) application (together with transmission infrastructure for the Morecambe Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets, which is being promoted by Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited). A section 35 direction has been provided by the Secretary of State, which determines the Project as a development for which development consent is required.

The proposed application will seek powers for the Applicant to construct, operate and maintain and decommission the Project. The DCO application will also cover:

- The construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Project;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project; and
- Further provisions, permissions or consents as are necessary and/or convenient including a deemed marine licence.

This letter forms the Applicant's notification to the Secretary of State of the proposed Application pursuant to section 46 'Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application' of the Act.

Section 42 'Duty to consult' of the Act requires prospective applicants for DCOs to consult on their proposed application with those persons specified in the Act and in regulations made pursuant to the Act.

The Applicant will commence consultation pursuant to section 42 by issuing an email (the 'Consultation Letter') accompanied by consultation documents (the 'Consultation Documents' – see links below) to the persons specified in the PA 2008 and in regulations made pursuant to the Act on or around 19 April 2023.

A notice pursuant to section 48 'Duty to publicise' of the Act was published nationally in *The Guardian* and *London Gazette* on 12 April 2023 alongside *Fishing News* and *Lloyd's List* on 19 April 2023. Locally, a notice pursuant to section 48 was published in *Isle of Man Courier*, *Lancashire Evening Post*, *Blackpool Gazette* and *The Barrow Mail* for two consecutive weeks on 12 and 19 of April 2023.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017. We are therefore consulting on contents of the EIA, including the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project. This information is in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – a website link will be provided to consultees for the purposes of complying with section 42 of the Act.

The deadline stated in the consultation correspondence (and on the section 48 Notice) for the receipt of comments and representations on the proposed Application is 23:59 on **4 June 2023**.

The Consultation Documents that are to be provided to the persons specified in the Act, and regulations made pursuant to the Act are contained on a download link that accompanies their Consultation Letter and include:

- [Statutory Consultation Brochure](#), which outlines the Project, consultation activities and summarises the PEIR.
- [Statutory Consultation Feedback Form](#), which provides a structured method for consultees to provide their feedback.
- [Statement of Community Consultation](#) (“SoCC”), which sets out how the Applicant will consult local communities during the Applicant’s statutory consultation.
- [Statutory Consultation Poster](#), which explains how people can take part in the consultation, attend an event and provide feedback.
- A copy of the notice published in accordance with [section 48](#) of the PA 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.
- [PEIR](#), which summarises the potential environmental effects of the project.

- [PEIR Non-Technical Summary](#), which summarises the PEIR’s key points in a more succinct manner.
- [Draft Development Consent Order](#)

The above items, along with a copy of the Applicant’s section 42 letter and [section 47 notice](#), can also be found on the Project website given below for at least the duration of the consultation.

Links to all of the above documents are provided to the Secretary of State in this notice, in accordance with the requirements of section 46 of the PA 2008. They are all available for the Secretary of State to view, care of the Planning Inspectorate, via this link: [\[REDACTED\]](#).

Printed copies of the Statutory Consultation Brochure, Statutory Consultation Feedback Form, PEIR Non-Technical Summary (“NTS”) and SoCC, will be available to view for the duration of consultation at the reference locations listed below:

Reference location	Opening times*
Henry Bloom Noble Library 8 Duke Street Douglas Isle of Man IM1 2AY	Monday – Wednesday: 8:30am-5pm Thursday: 10am-7pm Friday: 8:30am-5pm Saturday: 9am-4pm Sunday: CLOSED
Ramsey Town Library Parliament Square Ramsey Isle of Man IM8 1RT	Monday – Thursday: 9am-4:30pm Friday: 9am-4pm Saturday: 9am-4:30pm Sunday: CLOSED
Abbots Vale Community Centre Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria LA13 9PA	Monday-Friday: 9am-8pm Weekends: CLOSED
Barrow-in-Furness Library Ramsden Square Barrow in Furness LA14 1LL	Monday-Thursday: 9:30am-6pm Friday: 9:30am-5pm Saturday: 10am-4pm Sunday: CLOSED
Southport Library Lord Street Southport PR8 1DJ	Monday-Friday: 10am-5pm Saturday: 10am-2pm Sunday: CLOSED

Penwortham Town Council and Community Centre Kingsfold Drive Penwortham Preston PR1 9EQ	Monday-Thursday: 10am-3pm Friday: 10am-Midday Weekends: CLOSED
Egremont Community Centre Egremont Mission Guildford St Wallasey CH44 0BP	Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm Weekends: CLOSED
Preston City Council Town Hall Lancaster Road Preston PR1 2RL	Monday - Wednesday: 9am-5pm Thursday: 10am-5pm Friday: 9am-5pm Weekends: CLOSED

* Opening times for these venues are correct at the time of publication. Please confirm that times listed are still correct directly with the venues if you are planning a visit.

Also attached for information is an [example copy](#) of the email to be sent to consultees under section 42 of the Act.

I look forward to receiving the Secretary of State's acknowledgement of the Applicant's proposed application pursuant to section 46 'Duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed application' of the Act. In the meantime, should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: info@morganoftshorewind.com.

Yours sincerely

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