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To the Applicant,  
Morgan Offshore Wind Limited

(By email only)

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010136

Date: 17 May 2024

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Dear Mr Grant,

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 51**

### **Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Farm Generation Assets**

#### **Advice following issue of decision to accept the application for examination**

On 17 May 2024 the Secretary of State decided that the application for the above project satisfied the acceptance tests under section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). The Planning Inspectorate's acceptance checklist and the application documents have been published and made available on the project page of our website.

In undertaking checks at the acceptance stage, the Inspectorate has made some initial observations in relation to the application. This letter comprises advice to the Applicant provided under section 51 of the PA2008 in respect of these initial observations. The Applicant should pay attention to its content and consider how appropriate action might be taken in response.

#### **Draft Development Consent Order (Doc C1)**

The Inspectorate has noticed that the **draft Development Consent Order (Doc C1)** contains a few minor errors and inconsistencies. For example, some document reference numbers and titles may need checking/cross referencing ie Schedule 5, Table 4 lists documents to be certified but it appears some document reference numbers may need checking/cross referencing as some may be inaccurate. This has been identified from F3.13 onwards. It has also been identified that on pages 17 and 37 that there may be some minor sequential issues in relation to bullet points within the Order.

It has also been identified that Schedule 1, Part 1 and Part 2 of the order includes similar works as both Associated Development and Ancillary Works: temporary landing places, moorings or other means of accommodating vessels in the construction or maintenance

of the authorised scheme and buoys, beacons, fenders and other navigational warning or ship impact protection works. This may be raised during Examination and the Applicant may wish to ensure it is clear to parties what distinction, if any exists between Associated Development and Ancillary Works.

### **Environmental Statement (ES) (Docs F1.1 to F1.5; F2.1 to F2.15; F3.3.1 to F3.5.2; and F4.1.1 to F4.14.1)**

ES Vol.1, Chapter 1 and each ES aspect chapter state which organisation prepared the document (predominantly RPS, which is accredited to the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Quality Mark scheme). To supplement this, the Applicant is requested to provide a statement outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications of the competent experts that prepared the ES.

### **Explanatory Memorandum (Doc C2)**

The Inspectorate has noticed that the Conditions listed and referred to in the **Explanatory Memorandum (Doc C2)** at Part 2 appear to be numbered incorrectly in relation to the **Draft Development Consent Order (Doc C1)**. The Applicant may wish to review this numbering.

### **Land Plan (Doc B8)**

The Application is accompanied by **Land Plan (Doc B8)** showing a single area within the Order Limits without marking that would identify any form of rights being sought, Crown Land or other Special Category Land being present within the Order Limits. It is understood from the **Application Letter (Doc A1)** that it is not considered to be required due to the lease with the Crown Estate and the purely offshore nature of this Application, which falls outside in the Inshore Zone. It is noted that **Land Plan (Doc B8)** does not appear to include a symbol showing the direction of north in accordance with Regulation 5 (3) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009, although due to the scale of the map does allow north to be assumed to be the top of the sheet due to coastlines being visible.

The Inspectorate also notices that there is no revision information, plot identification in the legend or drawing number provided on the sheet.

The Applicant may wish to review the comments provided and amend this plan so that there is a consistent approach to meeting Regulation 5 (3) of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 and other information which appears to have been omitted from the boundary of the **Land Plan (Doc B8)**.

### **Minor errors and omissions**

There are minor errors and omissions, as reflected in Box 30 of the acceptance checklist and the Applicant may wish to review this information and amend their documentation as deemed appropriate.

Please note this list is not exhaustive and other errors and omissions may be identified during pre-examination and examination. An Examining Authority, once appointed, may ask questions regarding these matters or request an update.

Please pay close attention to the advice set out in this letter and act on it accordingly. This will contribute towards a more efficient examination and give any future Examining Authority comfort that the documentation is complete and accurate.

We trust you find this advice helpful, however if you have any queries on these matters please do not hesitate to contact our office using the contact details at the head of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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