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Response to Section 51 advice

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1 Response to Section 51 advice

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1.1 On 17 May 2024, the application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited for an order granting Development Consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets (hereafter referred to as the ‘Morgan Generation Assets’) was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate provided its advice on the application under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008.

1.1.1.2 Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (‘the Applicant’) has provided its responses to the section 51 advice in Table 1.1.

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Table 1.1: The Applicant's response to Section 51 advice.

Topic	Section 51 advice	Applicant's response
Draft Development Consent Order	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.	The amendments have been made as noted and the revised draft Development Consent Order (document reference C1/F02) has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.
Draft Development Consent 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.	This comment has been considered by the applicant and the items noted are now only included in the Ancillary Works section of the dDCO.
Environmental Statement (ES)	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.	A statement of expertise has been created and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (F1.6)
Explanatory Memorandum	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.	The amendments have been made as noted and the revised draft Explanatory Memorandum (document reference C3/F02) has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

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Land Plan	<p>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.</p> <p>The Inspectorate also notices that there is no revision information, plot identification in the legend or drawing number provided on the sheet.</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>The applicant updated the land plan with requested specifications and submitted it to the Planning Inspectorate (B8, F02).</p>
Minor errors and omissions	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Applicant has responded to the Planning Inspectorate to correct the minor errors identified in the Application Form.</p>
Minor errors and omissions	<p>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.</p>	<p>The applicant took note of this statement.</p>