



## Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets

Case Reference: EN010136

### The Examining Authority's note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection undertaken on 11 and 12 September 2024

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The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook its first Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1) on 11 and 12 September 2024 to support the Examination of the Application by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets.

The inspections were undertaken by car or on foot on public roads and public rights of way both in England and the Isle of Man, and by the ferry routes between Heysham and Douglas, and Douglas and Liverpool.

USI1 was carried out by all members of the ExA: Susan Hunt, Janine Laver and Stephen Bradley.

As no inspections were undertaken on private land, advance permission to enter land was not required and the inspection could consequently be undertaken without any other parties being present.

A route was planned having regard to issues raised in relevant representations and matters arising from the application documents, enabling the ExA to become familiar with the offshore application site and a range of viewpoints from both northwestern England and the Isle of Man.

The ExA obtained clear views of the approximate location of the offshore wind project. The existing offshore wind farms within the Irish Sea and other offshore installations and surrounding land were viewed in clear and largely sunny weather conditions. Whilst not part of the Application, the area around the proposed onshore grid connection at Penwortham and around the Ribble Valley was seen. The locations of aerodromes at Warton and Ronaldsway were viewed.

Weather and light conditions were at all times suitable to appreciate long range views.

The selection of viewpoints contained within Chapter 10 of the Environmental Statement (ES) [[APP-014](#)] from which the ExA saw landscapes and seascapes are set out in **Appendix 1**. Relevant viewpoint references are identified in Figure A.4 of ES Chapter 10 [[APP-014](#)]. Maps of the routes that were taken are at **Appendix 2**.

Further USIs may be undertaken by members of the ExA during its examination of the Application. A summary note will be published following any inspection.



**Appendix 1: Locations visited by the ExA on USI 1**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>ES Viewpoint Reference (if applicable)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Weather</b>
Wednesday 11 September 2024			
08:20		Start USI from Liverpool by car	Cloudy, light rain and blustery
09:00		Crosby Beach	Partly cloudy, light rain and blustery
09:45		Southport, Ribble Estuary	Partly cloudy, light rain and blustery
10:15		National Grid substation, Penwortham	Partly cloudy, light rain and blustery
10:35		Warton Aerodrome	Partly cloudy and blustery
11:30	Viewpoint 51	Blackpool North Pier	Sunny, partly cloudy and blustery
Afternoon	Viewpoint 23	Heysham to Douglas Ferry	Wind force 5 to 6 W-NW; sea state moderate; scattered rain clouds; clear visibility
19:30		Arrive Douglas, Isle of Man	
19:45	Viewpoint 19	Marine Drive Arch, Douglas	Partly cloudy, low light but clear visibility
20:15	Viewpoint 49	Douglas Seafront	Dusk, partly cloudy but clear visibility
Thursday 12 September 2024			
08:30		Leave Douglas by car	
09:25	Viewpoint 42	Maughold Head	Sunny and partly cloudy
10:10	Viewpoint 43	Laxey Harbour and seafront	Sunny and scattered clouds
10:45	Viewpoint 20	Snaefell and The Bungalow	Sunny and scattered clouds
12:30	Viewpoint 18	Herring Tower, Langness Peninsula	Sunny and scattered clouds
13:30		Castletown and Ronaldsway Airport	Sunny and scattered clouds
Afternoon	Viewpoint 22	Douglas to Liverpool Ferry	Wind force 4 to 5 W; sea state moderate; few clouds; scattered rain squalls; clear visibility
18:00		Arrive Liverpool, finish USI	



## Appendix 2: Route taken by the ExA on USI 1

### Day 1

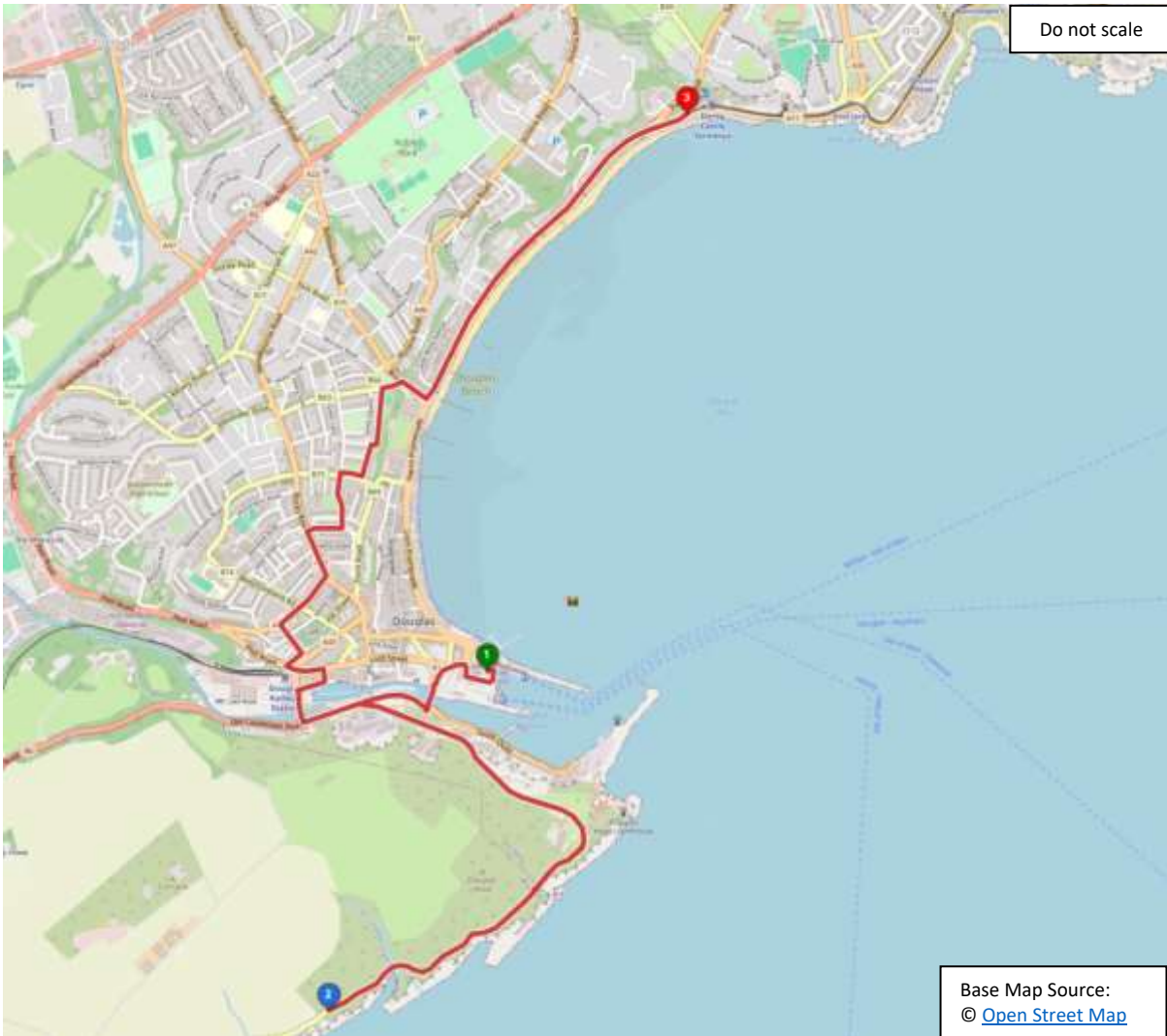
**Route 1.1 - Liverpool to Heysham by car (including Crosby Beach, National Grid Substation Penwortham, Warton Aerodrome, Blackpool North Pier, Heysham Ferry Terminal – sail to Douglas, Isle of Man)**





Day 1

Route 1.2 – Douglas, Isle of Man (including Marine Drive Arch and Douglas Seafront)





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**Day 2 – Isle of Man (including Maughold Head, Laxey Seafront, Snaefell & The Bungalow, Herring Tower Langness Peninsula, Castletown & Ronaldsway Airport, Douglas Ferry Port – sail to Liverpool)**





Day 2 – Isle of Man USI Route (Zoomed In)

