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Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13

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

Notification of Hearings

The Examination Timetable at [Annex A](#) of the Examining Authority's (ExA) [Rule 8 letter](#), dated 12 September 2024, included reserved dates for Hearings.

We are now writing to advise you that the following Hearings will be held under Sections 91, 92 and 93 of the Planning Act 2008. The Hearing(s) will be Blended Events, with participants attending either in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 2 on Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users (Day 1)	Tuesday 26 November 2024	Registration and seating available from: 09:30am Virtual Registration Process from: 09:30am Event start: 10:00am	All hearings will be blended events at: Merchant Suite, Delta Hotels Liverpool City Centre, One Queen Square, Liverpool, L1 1RH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or

			by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Issue Specific Hearing 2 on Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users (Day 2) (if required)	Wednesday 27 November 2024	Registration and seating available from: 09:00am Virtual Registration Process from: 09:00am Event start: 09:30am	All hearings will be blended events at: Merchant Suite, Delta Hotels Liverpool City Centre, One Queen Square, Liverpool, L1 1RH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
<p>NOTE: If any of the above Hearings are no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel.</p>			

Applicant's notification duties

The Applicant is reminded of its duty to notify and publicise hearings under Rule 13(6) and 13(7) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Blended Hearings

Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) will be held as a blended event over the two days. This means it will take place as a virtual event using Microsoft Teams as well as in person at the venue above.

Registration and requests to participate in Hearings

Please register using the [Event Participation Form](#) by 23:59 on Tuesday 12 November 2024 if you intend to participate in the Hearings and provide all the information requested.

If you have any difficulty completing the form please contact the Case Team.

Please note that by attending the event either in person or online you are agreeing to be filmed for the purposes of the online live stream of the event and the recording of the event which will get published on the [project webpage](#). A limited number of seats will be available for observers who wish not to be filmed at the event. Please contact the case team to notify them if you prefer not to be filmed at the event. A transcript of the event will also be published on the [project webpage](#) after the event.

Any request to participate in a Hearing should include the following information:

- Name and unique reference number (found at the top of any letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person;
- confirmation of the agenda item(s) on which you wish to speak and/or brief details of the topic(s) that you would like to raise;
- the Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to; and
- any special requirements you may have (e.g. disabled access or hearing loop).

Joining instructions for Hearings will be issued by the Case Team via email shortly before the Hearing dates.

Please contact the Case Team if you require any support or assistance to attend any Hearing, either virtually or in person.

If you simply wish to observe any of the Hearings then you can either:

1. Watch a [livestream of the event](#) - a link to the livestream will be made available on the project webpage shortly before the event is scheduled to begin; and/or
2. Watch the recording of the event which will be published on the project webpage shortly after the event has finished.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical event at the venue to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by **Tuesday 12 November 2024** using the [Event Participation Form](#). Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by **Tuesday 12 November 2024**.

Attendees

Subject to responses at Deadline 3 to the ExA's First Written Questions, the ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend in addition to the Applicant's representatives:

- BAe Systems
- Chrysaor Resources (Irish Sea) Limited/ Harbour Energy
- Isle of Man Steam Packet Company
- Isle of Man Territorial Sea Committee
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Marine Management Organisation
- Ørsted IPs
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and all Interested Parties are welcome to attend and make representations.

Hearing Agenda ISH2: Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users

The ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website no later than Tuesday 19 November 2024. To assist parties attending, the ExA can give advance notice of a broad outline of the matters it considers will be examined at ISH2. The matters set out below will continue into the second day, in no particular order.

The main purpose of ISH2 is to undertake an examination of various environmental matters and issues affecting other sea users. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations primarily relating to (but not limited to) the following:

- **Shipping and navigation:** To include safety and emergency management, adverse weather route deviation for lifeline ferry services and consequential effects.
- **Commercial fisheries:** To include mitigation and monitoring, including related fish and shellfish ecology.
- **Aviation and Radar:** To include civil and military aviation, radar and defence interests.
- **Other offshore infrastructure and activities:** To include the potential for 'wake effects' on existing offshore wind farms, and co-existence with other operational and planned offshore infrastructure and activities.
- **Offshore ecology and ornithology (including Habitats Regulations Assessment):** There will not be detailed discussions on these matters given that relevant Interested Parties are unlikely to be in attendance. The ExA are likely to ask the Applicant to provide updates on any ongoing discussions and the progress of any outstanding documents to be submitted with expected timescales.
- **Draft Development Consent Order:** ISH2 will also address any matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order on which the ExA will seek comments or clarification orally, primarily relating to the draft Deemed Marine Licences.

ISH2 will include examination of submissions up to and including Deadline 3. Whilst comments on responses to the ExA's first written questions are expected in writing at Deadline 4 (**10 December 2024**), the ExA may ask parties to respond to Deadline 3 submissions at the hearing. The detailed timetable for ISH2, which will extend over two days, will depend substantially on the responses to written questions that precede the ISH at Deadline 3 (**12 November 2024**).

General Information

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.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the ExA will conduct the hearings in such a way that legal representation will not be required. There is usually no cross-examination of witnesses by other parties, though the ExA does have the power to allow this under certain circumstances. The hearings will finish when the ExA considers that all matters have been covered and all participants have had an opportunity to make their representations. As a guide, the ExA aims to close hearings by approximately 5pm. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, it may be necessary to defer some matters to written questions. The ExA would recommend any parties who are new to the process and wish to learn more about the background and procedures in hearings to read the [Planning Inspectorate Advice Page on What to expect at a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project event](#).

Participation in a Hearing will be subject to the ExA's powers of control. It is for the ExA to determine how the Hearing will be conducted, including the time allowed at the Hearing for the making of a person's representations. The Hearing will be managed in the interests of ensuring fair access to the Hearing for all parties, and to ensure that the submissions of all invited persons are fully heard within the allotted time. Interested Parties may be invited to make oral representations at the Hearing on the specific issues being examined at the Hearing as set out in the Agenda.

All Hearings are recorded. The recordings and transcripts will be made available on the [project webpage](#) as soon as practicable following the Hearing. The recordings allow any member of the public who is interested in the application and the Examination to find out what has been discussed at a Hearing. It is therefore important to note that anyone speaking at the Hearing will need to introduce themselves, including any organisation or groups that they represent, **each time they speak** to ensure that someone listening to the recording after the Hearing is clear who was speaking.

As the recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information to which the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) applies. Please refer to our [Privacy Notice](#) for further information. Participants must do their best to avoid making public any information which they would otherwise wish to be kept private and confidential. If there is a need to refer to such information, it should be in written form. Although this will also be published, personal and private content can be redacted or removed before it is made publicly available. Any person who is unclear on this point should ask the Case Team for guidance before they place personal and private information into the public domain. The Planning Inspectorate's practice is to publish the recordings and transcripts and retain them for a period of five years from the Secretary of

State's decision on the Development Consent Order. If you actively participate in the Hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that the recording and transcript will be made available in the public domain.

The evidence presented orally at Hearings should be included in post Hearing submissions and submitted at the relevant deadline in the [Examination timetable](#).

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Case Team morganoffshorewindproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Susan Hunt

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