

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 Wednesday 6 November 2024

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook its second Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI2) on Wednesday 6 November 2024 between 12:00 and 15:30. USI2 was undertaken 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.

USI2 was carried out solely by the Lead Member of the ExA Susan Hunt.

The inspections were undertaken by car or on foot on public roads, public rights of way and public open spaces/beaches around Cumbria in North West England.

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.

The inspection enabled the ExA to become familiar with location of the offshore application site when viewed from Cumbrian coast, and the English Lake District World Heritage Site (WHS)/ Lake District National Park.

The existing offshore wind farms within the Irish Sea could be partially seen in cloudy conditions, in the foreground of the approximate location of the Morgan offshore wind project. The location of the Walney Aerodrome was also viewed. Given the low cloud cover, the higher viewpoints in the Lake District were not visited on this occasion.

The selection of viewpoints contained within Chapter 10 Figure A.4 of the Environmental Statement (ES) [APP-014] from which the ExA saw landscapes and seascapes are set out below.

Walney Island:

England Coast Path at Biggar Bank, Round House (Viewpoint 14), Sandy Gap Beach and Walney Aerodrome.

Lake District Coast:

England Coast Path at Silecroft and Gutterby (Viewpoint 16). Environs of Black Combe (Viewpoint 59).

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.