

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing (ISH 2): Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 2: Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users (Day 1)	Tuesday 26 November 2024 Hearing Starts at 10.00am Registration and seating available at venue from 09.30am and virtual Registration Process from 09.30am	Merchant Suite, Delta Hotel Liverpool City Centre, One Queen Square, Liverpool, L1 1RH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
Issue Specific Hearing 2: Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users (Day 2 to carry over any outstanding items from Day 1 if required)	Wednesday 27 November 2024 Hearing Starts at 09:30am Registration and seating available at venue from 09.00am and virtual Registration Process from 09.00am	Merchant Suite, Delta Hotel Liverpool City Centre, One Queen Square, Liverpool, L1 1RH and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing**
- 3. Shipping and navigation**

a. Effects on navigational safety

The Examining Authority (ExA) will focus on the transition from English waters to Isle of Man (IoM) waters, with questions for Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm and the IoM Government about their submissions made at Deadline 3 in relation to the process for Navigational Risk Assessment of the proposed Moir Vannin development.

b. Effects related to adverse weather maritime route deviations for scheduled ferry operations

The ExA will seek further information on Strategic Sea Services Agreement commitments and how frequently the IoM Steam Packet Company considers that the effects identified in its Deadline 3 submission page 4 [REP3-034] might occur, and whether each of these effects would be relevant to the Douglas-Heysham or Douglas-Liverpool service, or both.

c. Any other shipping and navigation or emergency response effects

To include any comments on array layout principles of lines of orientation, spacing and micro-siting.

4. Other Offshore Infrastructure and marine operations

a. Potential wake/ energy yield effects for other offshore wind farms in the Irish Sea

The Applicant is to provide summarised comments on the Ørsted Interested Parties (IPs) Deadline 3 submissions (a full written response is expected at Deadline 4).

b. Co-existence and co-operation

The ExA will seek comments from the Applicant and any IPs present on any ongoing and requested agreements with other sea users and existing and proposed infrastructure in the Irish Sea.

c. Other Inter-relationship and cumulative effects matters

To include:

- Consideration of the progress of other Development Consent Order and Marine Infrastructure Consent applications within and around the Irish Sea.
- The ExA will ask questions of Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm and the IoM Government regarding their responses to the Examining Authority's first written questions (ExQ1).
- The Applicant is to brief the ExA on any forthcoming updates to the Interrelationship Report, Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-Combination Assessment.

5. Civil and military aviation and radar

a. Mitigation

The Applicant and any aviation and radar IPs present are to provide an update regarding discussions on mitigation proposals with the stakeholders listed in ExQ1 AR 1.3 [PD-004], including next steps and timescales.

6. Commercial Fisheries

a. Mitigation

The Applicant and any IPs present are to provide comments on mitigation of effects to Queen Scallop and other commercial fisheries.

b. Monitoring and co-existence commitments

The ExA will seek further details of monitoring and co-existence commitments.

7. Offshore ecology and ornithology (including Habitats Regulations Assessment)

a. Outstanding matters of contention with the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies

The Applicant is to provide updates on discussions with the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies and the content of (and timescales) for any additional submissions which seek to address the points raised in submissions both from the SNCBs (Natural England, Natural Resources Wales and the JNCC) as well as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds at Deadline 3. The ExA may ask follow up questions of the Applicant.

b. Mitigation and Monitoring Plans

The ExA will ask for the Applicants response to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) comments at Deadline 3 on Mitigation and Monitoring plans to include:

- Development of the Underwater Sound Management Strategy (UWSMS).
- The request for additional consideration of potential UWS effects to scallop larvae.
- The request for all monitoring to be collected in the Outline In-Principle Monitoring Plan.

8. Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Deemed Marine Licences (DML)

- a. The Applicant is to summarise the updates to the draft DCO as submitted at Deadline 3 [[REP3-013](#)] and answer any subsequent questions from the ExA on such updates.
- b. The Applicant is to update the ExA on any changes to the draft DMLs including security for proposed mitigation and monitoring and answer any subsequent questions from the ExA.
- c. The Applicant is asked to provide comment on the MMO's response to ExQ1 GEN 1.21 [[PD-004](#)] regarding a potential new standard DML condition for decommissioning.
- d. The ExA will ask for a summary of any further updates expected to be made to the draft DCO and DMLs.

9. Any other matters/ Next steps/ Actions arising

10. Closure of the Hearing

Purpose of Issue Specific Hearing 2

The main purpose of ISH2 is to undertake an examination of various outstanding environmental matters and issues affecting other sea users. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations.

The hearing will include examination of responses to the ExA's first written questions (ExQ1) [[PD-004](#)] and submissions up to and including Deadline 3 (12 November 2024). Whilst comments on those responses to ExQ1 are expected in writing at D4 (10 December 2024), the ExA will ask parties present to provide an initial summarised response to a selection of the D3 submissions at the hearing on those topics listed in the agenda.

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing.

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

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the Agenda subject to the ExA's ability to control the hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the hearing. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional Agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Details of how to participate in this hearing were contained in the notification letter published on 29 October 2024 [[PD-003](#)].

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a [link for watching the livestream](#) will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the Hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **10:00** on Day 1 and **09:30** on Day 2 those attending virtually should join promptly at **09:30 and 09:00** respectively to ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the Registration Process in good time.

Procedure at ISH

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. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure that representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.