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# **1 REPORT ON INTERRELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

## **1.1 Introduction**

### **1.1.1 Background**

1.1.1.1 On 5 August 2024 the Examining Authority (ExA) published the Rule 6 letter (PD-001) regarding the Examination of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets (hereafter referred to as the ‘Morgan Generation Assets’).

1.1.1.2 The Rule 6 letter sets out a requirement for Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (‘the Applicant’) to prepare a report on the interrelationships with other infrastructure projects. This requirement is in recognition of the number of other infrastructure projects within and around the Irish Sea which are either consented, in Examination or pre-Examination, or pre-Application, which are listed in the Rule 6 letter as including:

- Mona Offshore Wind Project
- Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets
- Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets
- Mooir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm
- Awel y Mor Offshore Wind Farm.

1.1.1.3 The order limits of the Morgan Generation Assets together with those for the other infrastructure projects, including the array areas, cable routes and onshore grid connections are shown in Figure 1.1.

1.1.1.4 The ExA has noted that there are a number of overlapping issues associated with these projects, and the importance of considering cumulative and in-combination effects with other offshore wind farms and associated grid connection projects. The ExA has also recognised the potential for the information available on these other projects to change during the Examination.

1.1.1.5 In preparing this report, the Applicant defines ‘interrelationship’ as ‘the way in which two or more things or people are connected and affect each other’.

1.1.1.6 The approach to coordination between the Morgan Generation Assets and the other projects listed above is set out and evidenced in this report where appropriate. The Applicant is delivering a coordinated grid connection with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets, in line with National Policy Statements (NPS) EN-1, EN-3 and EN-5, with coordination carried out with other relevant projects as far as reasonably practicable and appropriate given the varying project timelines. A coordinated approach to stakeholder consultation was undertaken with key projects at the outset and continued throughout the pre-application phase. Where appropriate, key survey data has been shared between the relevant projects to strengthen the individual environmental baselines, and where site-specific surveys have been carried out, these have followed standard practice and ensure that the evidence base upon which to carry out the assessments is similar.

1.1.1.7 Where relevant and as detailed in this report, the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) assessment approaches have been coordinated, and delivered by the same team of competent experts to ensure consistency. This has ensured a coordinated approach to each topic of the EIA across

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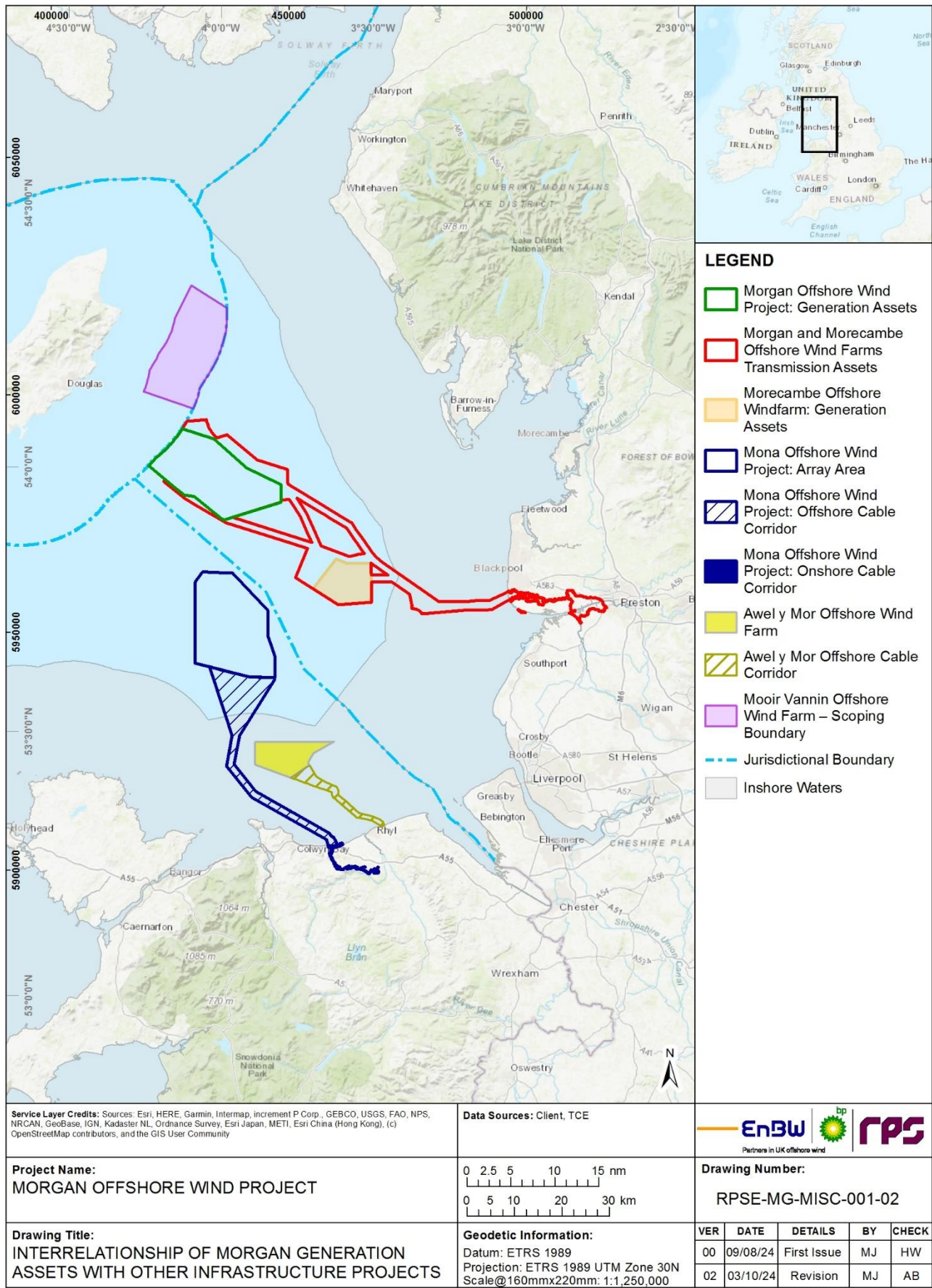
the relevant projects, including alignment on approach to baseline data, assessment methodologies, impact assessment, cumulative impact assessment, and mitigation.

1.1.1.8 To address the change in status of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets since the submission of the Morgan Generation Assets application, the Applicant has committed to undertaking a sensitivity review of its cumulative effects assessment (CEA) and in-combination assessment to establish whether the conclusions of the CEA and in-combination assessments remain current and robust. The outputs of the sensitivity review will be fed into this consideration of interrelationships with other infrastructure projects report where relevant.

1.1.1.9 Consequently, the Applicant is satisfied that the coordination carried out as detailed in this report is sufficient to ensure a robust evidence base upon which to establish and determine each application, and goes beyond that typically undertaken for proximate offshore wind projects. Publicly available information on all projects identified by the ExA (and any others relevant to the Morgan Generation Assets CEA) will be kept under review during the Morgan Generation Assets Examination and updates provided at appropriate deadlines.



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**Figure 1.1: Order limits of the Morgan Generation Assets with other infrastructure projects.**

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### 1.1.2 Structure of this report

1.1.2.1 The content of this report includes the matters set out within Appendix G of the Rule 6 letter, and is therefore structured as follows:

- Introduction (including a plan showing the order limits for the Morgan Generation Assets and the other projects and the locations of the main features of each)
- An overview of the Morgan Generation Assets and the other projects, including the timings for:
  - Submission (or current Examination)
  - Construction phasing
  - Grid connection
  - Expected start of operation.
- The approach taken by the Applicant to coordinate the Morgan Generation Assets with the other projects, including during the Examination
- Any provisions in the Development Consent Order required for the Morgan Generation Assets to be implemented satisfactorily in relation to other projects
- Key survey data shared with other projects
- Mitigation measures shared with other projects, and how they are to be secured
- Summary of direct, indirect, secondary and cumulative impacts with the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (Scenario 1) and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets (Scenario 2), approach to avoidance of stranded assets, and any potential conditions or requirements (with reference to Annex 1 of Natural England’s Relevant Representation)
- A summary of any other information on the other projects relied on for the CEA, the level of detail, and any changes since the application was prepared for submission, including a summary of any changes
- A summary of progress of coordination with the other projects, setting out the matters that have been agreed, any inconsistencies or outstanding matters, and the next steps.

### 1.1.3 Report revisions

1.1.3.1 The initial version of this report was submitted at Deadline 1 (REP1-017), with further updates of the report submitted at Deadline 4 on Tuesday 10 December 2024 (S\_D4\_10 Report on Interrelationships with Other Infrastructure Projects F02) (mid-Examination) and the final report due for submission at Deadline 6 on Tuesday 25 February 2025 (end of Examination).

## 1.2 Overview of the Morgan Generation Assets development timeframes in relation to other projects

1.2.1.1 This section provides an overview of the development timeframes for the Morgan Generation Assets and the other infrastructure projects as follows:

Table 1.1 provides the consenting timeframes, including dates for submission and Examination (where relevant)



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- Table 1.2 provides the timeframes for construction, grid connection and expected start of operation.
- 1.2.1.2 The projects are listed in ascending date order.
- 1.2.1.3 The Awel y Mor Offshore Wind Farm project was leased under The Crown Estate extension projects and is an extension to Gwynt y Mor. The Awel y Mor Offshore Wind Farm project was consented in September 2023.
- 1.2.1.4 The Mona Offshore Wind Project, Morgan Generation Assets, Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets, and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets are all leased under The Crown Estate Round 4 OWF leasing. The Mona Offshore Wind Project, Morgan Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets applications have all been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and accepted for Examination, with Examinations in progress. The Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 21 October 2024 and accepted for Examination on 18 November 2024, with the project in the pre-Examination phase.
- 1.2.1.5 The Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm is located in Isle of Man (IoM) Territorial Waters and is being taken forward as the first application in IoM Territorial Waters. Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm is currently at the pre-application stage, with only the Scoping Report and early stage environmental information (pre-EIA) publicly available. The developer of the Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm will require to apply to the Isle of Man Government in due course for a Marine Infrastructure Consent (MIC). The Isle of Man Government (Territorial Sea Committee) has stated (see REP3-033) that it is continuing to prepare the necessary legislation and requirements to support the consideration of an application in respect of offshore renewable energy generation. Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited has stated its aspiration to submit the application in March 2025 with a target of receiving consent approximately 18 months after submission (see REP3-041). The Applicant understands that a separate consent for the Moir Vannin transmission infrastructure (the 'East Irish Sea Transmission Project'), located within English waters, is in early-stage development. It is noted that there is no information in the public domain for this project except for a Section 35 Direction application that was granted on 24 October 2024.
- 1.2.1.6 Publicly available information on all projects identified by the ExA (and any others relevant to the Morgan Generation Assets CEA) will be kept under review during the Morgan Generation Assets Examination and updates provided at appropriate deadlines.

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**Table 1.1: Project consenting timeframes.**

| Project  | Status                                   | Date Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) issued | Application submitted | Application Accepted for Examination | Date of commencement of Examination | Date of Examination Close | Consent Decision                           |
|--|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Awel y Mor <sup>a</sup>  | Consented                                | August 2021   | 20 April 2022         | 18 May 2022                          | 20 September 2022                   | 20 March 2023             | Consent granted: 20 September 2023         |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project <sup>a</sup>                                    | Examination                              | 19 April 2023   | 22 February 2024      | 27 March 2024                        | 16 July 2024                        | 16 January 2025           | Anticipated 16 July 2025 <sup>b</sup>      |
| Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets <sup>a</sup>               | Examination                              | 19 April 2023   | 24 April 2024         | 17 May 2024                          | 10 September 2024                   | 10 March 2025             | Anticipated 10 September 2025 <sup>b</sup> |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets <sup>a</sup>                | Examination                              | 19 April 2023   | 31 May 2024           | 27 June 2024                         | 23 October 2024                     | 23 April 2025             | Anticipated 10 October 2025 <sup>b</sup>   |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets <sup>a</sup> | Pre-Examination                          | 12 October 2023   | 21 October 2024       | 18 November 2024                     | TBC                                 | TBC                       | TBC  |
| Moor Vannin Generation Project <sup>c</sup>                                | Pre-Submission                           | N/A   | TBC                   | N/A                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                       | TBC  |
| Moor Vannin East Irish Sea Transmission Project <sup>d</sup>               | Pre-Submission (early stage development) | TBC   | TBC                   | N/A                                  | N/A                                 | N/A                       | TBC  |

<sup>a</sup> Data source: The Planning Inspectorate website.

<sup>b</sup> Dates estimated from statutory timescales for recommendation and decision (six months collectively from the close of Examination (section 98(3) and section 107(1) of the Planning Act 2008)), subject to Secretary of State power to extend the deadline under section 107(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

<sup>c</sup> Data source: Developer website [REDACTED]

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<sup>d</sup> Data source: Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited Responses to ExQ1 (REP3-041) and

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67112612386bf0964853d767/east-irish-sea-transmission-project-qualifying-request-s35-supporting-statement.pdf>

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**Table 1.2: Indicative project construction and operation programmes.**

| Project   | Status                                   | Indicative construction phase  | Grid connection date* | Expected start of operation | Data source   |
|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Awel y Mor  | Consented                                | 2026 to 2029                   | 2027                  | 2030                        | Volume 3, Annex 5.1: Cumulative effects screening matrix (APP-031)<br>National Grid (2024)  |
|   |  |                                | 2028**                |                             |   |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | Examination                              | 2026 to 2030                   | 2029                  | 2030                        | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd (2024) Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project description<br>National Grid (2024)  |
| Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets               | Examination                              | 2026 to 2030                   | 2029                  | 2030                        | Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project description (APP-010)<br>National Grid (2024)  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | Examination                              | 2026 to 2029                   | 2029                  | 2030                        | Volume 3, Annex 5.1: Cumulative effects screening matrix (APP-031)<br>National Grid (2024)  |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | Pre-Examination                          | Construction commencement 2026 | 2029                  | 2030                        | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project description.<br>National Grid (2024) |
| Moor Vannin Generation Project                                | Pre-Submission                           | 2030 to 2033                   | Unknown               | 2033                        | Volume 3, Annex 5.1: Cumulative effects screening matrix (APP-031)<br>Ørsted (2024)<br>Moor Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited (REP3-040)            |
| Moor Vannin East Irish Sea Transmission Project               | Pre-Submission (early stage development) | TBC                            | Unknown               | TBC                         | Moor Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited Responses to ExQ1 (REP3-041)   |

\*Grid connection information taken from National Grid TEC register (National Grid, 2024).

\*\*Grid connection is in two phases.

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**1.3 Approach taken by the Applicant to coordinate the Morgan Generation Assets with the other projects**

**1.3.1 Overview**

1.3.1.1 This section details the coordination approach taken by the Applicant to coordinate the Morgan Generation Assets with the Mona Offshore Wind Project, Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, including:

- Alignment meetings
- Coordinated consultation
- Coordinated assessments.

1.3.1.2 The coordination approach is summarised in Table 1.3.

**Table 1.3: Summary of approach taken to coordinate with other projects.**

| Coordination activity    |  | Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets | Mona Offshore Wind Project | Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets |
|--------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| Alignment meetings       |  | ✓   | ✓                          | ✓   | ✓  |
| Coordinated consultation |  | ✓   | ✓                          | ✓   | ✓  |
| Coordinated assessments  | EIA  | ✓   | ✓                          | ✓   | -  |
|                          | HRA  | ✓   | ✓                          | ✓   | -  |
|                          | Cumulative Regional Navigational Risk Assessment (CRNRA)                       | ✓   | ✓                          | ✓   | ✓  |
|                          | Offshore Ornithology CEA and In-combination Gap-filling of Historical Projects | ✓   | ✓                          | N/A   | ✓  |

1.3.1.3 Specific coordination with the Awel y Mor Offshore Wind Farm and the Mooir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm was not carried out due to the different project timelines associated with these projects. Awel y Mor Offshore Wind Farm was consented in September 2023 and Mooir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm is currently in the pre-application process. RWE Renewables UK and Ørsted have been engaged in the pre-application process for the Morgan Generation Assets, including through the Section 42 consultation process and through the Marine Navigation Engagement Forum (MNEF) (see section 1.3.3 below and the Technical Engagement Plan, APP-094). The Applicant continues to engage with Ørsted through the Examination process including through responding to Relevant Representations and Interested Party submissions. As noted in Volume 2, Chapter 9: Other sea users (APP-027) the Applicant is committed to continued communication with other offshore energy operators to promote and maximise cooperation between parties and minimise both spatial and temporal



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interactions between conflicting activities. This will include continued engagement through the MNEF post-consent.

### **1.3.2 Alignment meetings**

1.3.2.1 As noted in Volume 1, Chapter 1: Introduction and overarching glossary (APP-008), the Morgan Generation Assets has been scoped into the Pathways to 2030 workstream under the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR). In July 2022, the UK Government published the 'Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design' documents, which set out the approach to connecting 50 GW of offshore wind to the National Grid. A key output of the HNDR process was the conclusion that the Morgan Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets should work collaboratively in connecting their two wind farms to the National Grid electricity transmission network at Penwortham in Lancashire. The Applicant is therefore delivering a coordinated grid connection with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets, including the sharing of offshore and onshore export cable corridors and grid connection location at Penwortham.

1.3.2.2 Due to the coordinated grid connection, the Applicant has held regular alignment meetings with Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd and Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited throughout the pre-application phase, and this has continued into the Examination phase. The alignment meetings ensure exchange of key information including project timelines and alignment of approach, for example in relation to CEA across the projects.

1.3.2.3 In addition, the Applicant has held regular alignment meetings with Mona Offshore Wind Limited throughout the pre-application phase, and this has continued into the Examination phase. The alignment meetings have ensured alignment of approach in terms of assessment methodologies and mitigation, and ensure alignment on key issues raised during the Examination phase for each project.

### **1.3.3 Coordinated consultation**

#### **Non-statutory consultations**

1.3.3.1 Non-statutory consultation was carried out simultaneously for the Morgan Generation Assets and Mona Offshore Wind Project to introduce the projects to stakeholders along the coast of northwest England and north Wales. Non-statutory consultation commenced in spring/summer 2021, with a written communication to stakeholders in July 2021. This early communication was positioned as a broad introduction, establishing the Applicants for the first time and opening a line of communication (Consultation Report (APP-088)). This was followed up with project updates to planning officers and lead members of local authorities across northwest England.

1.3.3.2 To ensure early engagement with communities, the Applicant carried out non-statutory consultation between 02 November and 13 December 2022 alongside the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, where search areas for the offshore transmission infrastructure, the onshore cable routes and substations were presented for the projects (Consultation Report (APP-088)).

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### Evidence Plan Process

1.3.3.3 Both the Morgan Generation Assets and Mona Offshore Wind Project have been discussed under one Evidence Plan; as such the Steering Group includes both English and Welsh stakeholders, which was beneficial in terms of assessing cumulative and in combination effects alongside alignment of assessment approaches and mitigation measures. The Steering Group has overseen the development and monitoring of the Evidence Plan and its subsequent progress. They first met at the start of the Evidence Plan Process (EPP) in November 2021 and have continued to meet on a regular basis throughout the project programme. Full details of the Steering Group remit and meeting details are set out in the Technical Engagement Plan (APP-094).

1.3.3.4 As part of the EPP, Expert Working Groups were established to discuss topic-specific issues with relevant stakeholders. EWG meetings have been held regularly throughout the process since February 2022 to provide the opportunity for stakeholders to give feedback and advice to inform the EIAs and HRA processes as well as site selection and project development and refinement. The process has been iterative, and each group has worked through the discussion points and to reach agreement, as far as possible, during the pre-application phases. Each project has separate agreement logs ensuring that any overlap or common issues (including cumulative/in-combination effects) between the two projects have been considered throughout the pre-application phase, while ensuring that any differences are properly and accurately recorded. Full details are set out in the Technical Engagement Plan (APP-094).

### Technical consultation

1.3.3.5 Additional joint technical consultation was held alongside the Mona Offshore Wind Project due to overlapping stakeholders in the region (Technical Engagement Plan (APP-094)). This included the following topics:

- Commercial fisheries
- Aviation and radar
- Other sea users
- Socio-economics.

### Marine Navigation Engagement Forum (MNEF)

1.3.3.6 The Applicant facilitated a Marine Navigation Engagement Forum (MNEF) to enable the Applicant to regularly update stakeholders on plans and progress of the Morgan Generation Assets, Mona Offshore Wind Project, Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, and for stakeholders to express views or concerns on the potential impacts of the projects for discussion and, where possible, resolution (Technical engagement plan (APP-094)).

### Statutory consultations

1.3.3.7 The Morgan Generation Assets, the Mona Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets projects chose to hold their statutory consultations concurrently and collaboratively from 19 April to 04 June 2023.

1.3.3.8 Despite this joint consultation, the three offshore wind farms remain separate projects, which are each the subject of their own Development Consent Order

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(DCO) applications. Consideration was therefore given on how to minimise potential confusion among stakeholders and communities. As a result, the decision was made to carry out specific combined activities and create specific combined materials, where appropriate.

- 1.3.3.9 For example, Morgan Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets combined certain promotional materials and activities for publicising their consultations on the Isle of Man. Specifically, the projects decided to create postcards promoting the consultation and joint consultation events, a single poster that was distributed to display locations and also to share online, print and Google advertising space.
- 1.3.3.10 In addition, joint exhibitions were also held to help increase participation in the two consultations. This approach enabled visitors to the joint events to find out about, and provide feedback in relation to, either project, or both projects, during a single visit.
- 1.3.3.11 Each project published its own Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), consultation brochure, feedback forms and exhibition displays. A summary of consultation methods, locations, joint exhibitions and projects represented is provided within the Consultation Report Appendices (Part 1 (A1 to B1) APP-102)).

### **1.3.4 Coordinated assessments**

#### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

- 1.3.4.1 The Environmental Statements for the Morgan Generation Assets, Mona Offshore Wind Project and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets were carried out by the same team of competent experts. The team responsible for the production of the Environmental Statement has been led by the respective applicants, supported by lead EIA consultants RPS. The Environmental Statement has been prepared by a number of RPS in-house and subcontracted topic specialists, as set out in Volume 1, Chapter 1: Introduction and overarching glossary (APP-008) and the Statement Of Expertise (AS-009). This has ensured a coordinated approach to each topic of the EIA across the projects, including alignment on approach to baseline data, assessment methodologies, impact assessment, cumulative impact assessment, and mitigation.

#### **Habitats Regulations Assessment**

- 1.3.4.2 The Information to support an appropriate assessment (ISAA) for the Morgan Generation Assets, Mona Offshore Wind Project and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets were carried out by the same team of competent experts. The team responsible for the production of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) has been led by the respective Applicants and lead HRA consultants RPS. Each of the three projects had an individual HRA lead, with the approach overseen by a separate strategic HRA lead who had oversight of the three projects. This has ensured a coordinated approach for the HRA across the projects.
- 1.3.4.3 Furthermore, the Evidence Plan Process that was held jointly for the Morgan Generation Assets and Mona Offshore Wind Project has fed into the HRA

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process for these two projects, ensuring that common issues and in-combination matters are appropriately addressed within the respective HRAs.

### **Cumulative Regional Navigational Risk Assessment**

- 1.3.4.4 A Cumulative Regional Navigational Risk Assessment (CRNRA) was produced in collaboration between the developers of the Morgan Generation Assets, the Mona Offshore Wind Project, the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets. The objective of the CRNRA was to enable stakeholders to engage with and understand the potential cumulative effects of the four proposed projects. A regional (collaborative) approach to assessment was adopted to enable individual projects to quantify and manage the cumulative impacts in a coordinated, consistent and efficient manner. This assessment dovetails with the individual NRAs undertaken for each of the four offshore wind farm projects. The Navigational Risk Assessment for Morgan Generation Assets is available in APP-060 which includes a copy of the CRNRA within Appendix E.

### **Offshore Ornithology CEA and In-combination Gap-filling of Historical Projects**

- 1.3.4.5 Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, Mona Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd were provided with advice from Natural England as endorsed by NRW and JNCC regarding suggested methodologies for ‘gap filling’ historical offshore wind projects. It was requested that indicative estimates for currently ‘unknown’ displacement and collision impacts be generated for inclusion in the CEAs and in-combination assessments in order to further facilitate the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies’ (SNCBs) understanding of the total quantitative cumulative and in-combination impact for offshore ornithology.
- 1.3.4.6 Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, Mona Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd collaborated on the development of the methodology for this exercise. The methodology set out in the ‘Offshore Ornithology Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-combination Gap-filling of Historical Projects Results’ note submitted to the EWG on 15 August 2024 was developed collectively by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Mona Offshore Wind Limited to ensure alignment in approach (note that this was not a joint submission with Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd, primarily due to different project timescales). The methodology used to generate indicative numbers for currently unquantified impacts from historical projects accord with that recommended by the SNCBs.
- 1.3.4.7 The technical note quantifying the impacts from historical offshore wind projects for the Mona Offshore Wind Project was submitted into the Mona Offshore Wind Project Examination at Deadline 3 on 30 September 2024, with the technical note for the Morgan Generation Assets following on 03 October 2024 at Deadline 1 (REP1-010).

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### **1.4 Any provisions in the Development Consent Order required for the Morgan Generation Assets to be implemented satisfactorily in relation to other projects**

#### **1.4.1 General**

1.4.1.1 The draft DCO for the Morgan Generation Assets does not include any specific provisions that link it to other projects within the Irish Sea. The Applicant considers that to do so could cause an impediment to delivery of each project. There might be opportunities for co-operation between various projects in their construction and their mitigation measures, and it is in the interest of the Applicant to explore such co-ordination for efficiency reasons, but ultimately the timescales for delivery of the different projects could vary. For example, one project may be successful in a Contract for Difference auction and another not. Having legal obligations within the DCO for co-ordination of the projects would then impede delivery of the project that had been successful in the auction.

1.4.1.2 Whilst there are no specific provisions within the draft DCO that links the projects within the Irish Sea to one another, there are mitigation measures proposed by the Applicant as part of the Morgan Generation Assets that will ensure that it is implemented satisfactorily in relation to other projects.

1.4.1.3 For example, the purpose of the Outline Underwater Sound Management Strategy (APP-068) is to reduce the magnitude of impacts from elevated underwater sound from the Morgan Generation Assets. The Environmental Statement concluded that for the impact of piling there was no significant impact identified for the project alone, but the final UWSMS will also act as a means to reduce the Morgan Generation Assets' contribution to the cumulative increase in underwater sound within the region.

#### **1.4.2 Morgan Generation Assets and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets**

1.4.2.1 The scope of the applications and draft DCOs for the Morgan Generation Assets and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets do not contain any shared infrastructure. There is therefore no 'overlap' in the infrastructure that would be authorised by each consent that needs to be regulated as between the two DCOs. The Applicant notes that this is a change from the position within the PEIR and statutory consultation for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, where the offshore substation platforms (OSPs) and interconnector cables were presented in the PEIR materials for both projects. The OSPs and interconnector cables are now solely provided for in the Morgan Generation Assets application, as set out in draft DCO Schedules 3 and 4, Works No. 2 and 3 (REP3-013).



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### 1.5 Key survey data shared with other projects

- 1.5.1.1 This section summarises the key survey data shared between the Morgan Generation Assets and other projects, where applicable, as follows:
- Table 1.4: Morgan Generation Assets and Mona Offshore Wind Project
  - Table 1.5: Morgan Generation Assets and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets
  - Table 1.6: Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarms: Generation Assets.
- 1.5.1.2 The Applicant notes that the Morgan Generation Assets and each of the projects relevant to this report are separate projects subject to their own independent EIA, HRA and application process. Each application is expected to adhere to the guidance issued by the relevant statutory authorities in terms of site-specific surveys required to inform the assessment. As such, survey data will necessarily be site-specific, due to the need to carry out surveys within a defined area and over a defined time period in order to meet guidance.
- 1.5.1.3 The survey data collected for each of the Round 4 projects is summarised in Appendix A, based on detail presented within in the respective applications or pre-application material. This demonstrates that each project has been informed by a similar level of site-specific survey data.

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**Table 1.4: Survey data shared between the Morgan Generation Assets and Mona Offshore Wind Project.**

| Title  | Extent of survey  | Overview of survey   | Survey contractor | Date | Reference  |
|--|---|--|-------------------|------|--|
| Metocean survey  | Morgan and Mona Array Area  | Metocean and floating lidar deployments to ascertain wind, wave and tidal currents   | Fugro             | 2022 | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 1 Physical processes (APP-013).<br>Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes. |
| Environmental Baseline Surveys and Habitat Assessments | Morgan and Mona Array Areas and Mona Offshore Cable Corridor and Access Areas | Deployment included multi-beam echo sounder (MBES), digital sound velocity (DSV) sensor, side scan sonar system (SSS), Sub-Bottom Profiler (SBP) & 2D Ultra High Resolution Seismic (2D UHRS) sensor. Additionally, seabed imagery was collected along with grab samples and Particle Size Analysis (PSA) undertaken | Gardline Ltd      | 2022 | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 1 Physical processes (APP-013).<br>Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes. |

**Table 1.5: Survey data shared between the Morgan Generation Assets and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets.**

| Title  | Extent of survey                                | Overview of survey  | Survey contractor | Date | Reference  |
|--|---|---|-------------------|------|--|
| Environmental Baseline Surveys and Habitat Assessments | Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets | Geophysical, geotechnical and environmental survey to determine characteristics of seabed sediment, characterise benthic communities (infauna and epifauna) and identification of any environmentally significant habitats (e.g. potential Habitats Directive Annex I and priority marine features).<br><br>The geophysical survey elements consisted of multibeam echo sounder (MBES), digital sound velocity (DSV) sensor, side scan sonar system | Gardline Ltd      | 2021 | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes. |

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| Title                           | Extent of survey   | Overview of survey   | Survey contractor | Date                    | Reference  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                                 |  | (SSS), Sub-Bottom Profiler (SBP) & 2D Ultra High Resolution Seismic (2D UHRS) sensor.<br>The environmental survey elements included the collection of seabed imagery along with grab samples.<br>The geotechnical survey elements included cone penetration testing (CPT) and boreholes. |                   |                         |  |
| Geophysical survey              | Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets  | Geophysical survey to establish bathymetry, seabed sediment and identify seabed features.  | XOCEAN Ltd        | 2022                    | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes.   |
| Metocean survey                 | Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets  | Metocean and floating lidar deployments to ascertain wind, wave and tidal currents.  | Fugro             | 2022                    | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes.   |
| Benthic Subtidal Survey         | Transmission Assets Red Line Boundary and Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets and associated ZOI | Grab samples, Visual survey outputs (Drop Down Video (DDV) sampling) and laboratory testing  | Gardline Ltd      | April to July 2022      | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and Shellfish Ecology  |
| Aerial Digital Surveys - Morgan | Morgan Array Area plus 10 to 13.3 km buffer  | Digital aerial surveys to characterise the distribution and abundance of seabirds within the Morgan Generation Assets offshore ornithology study area and identification of marine mammals.  | APEM Ltd          | April 2021 – March 2023 | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine Mammals.<br>Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm |

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| Title                                    | Extent of survey   | Overview of survey  | Survey contractor | Date  | Reference  |
|--|--|---|-------------------|---|--|
|  |  |   |                   |   | Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore Ornithology.  |
| Winter and summer Vessel Traffic Surveys | Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets study area, plus a 10 nm buffer. | A summary of Fishing vessels identified during two project specific vessel traffic surveys (winter and summer).   | NASH Maritime     | 21 November to 04 December 2021<br><br>15 July to 29 July 2022. | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial Fisheries<br><br>Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 7 Shipping and Navigation |
| OFLO observations 2022                   | Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets study area plus 10 nm buffer.    | OFLO onboard the survey vessel recorded observations (from AIS, radar, visual observations and radio communications) of fishing vessels and fishing gear present. | NFFO              | 01 April 2022 to 10 July 2022                                   | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial Fisheries  |
| Vessel Traffic Survey                    | Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets study area, plus a 10 nm buffer. | A summary of fishing vessels identified during a summer vessel traffic survey   | NASH Maritime     | 04 to 18 May 2023   | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial Fisheries  |

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**Table 1.6: Survey data shared between the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarms: Generation Assets.**

| Title              | Extent of survey                               | Overview of survey  | Survey contractor | Date | Reference  |
|--------------------|--|---|-------------------|------|--|
| Geophysical survey | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets | Geophysical survey to establish bathymetry, seabed sediment and identify seabed features. | MMT               | 2021 | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes.<br><br>Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 7 - Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes. |
| Grab sample survey | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets | Grab sampling to determine sediment type and particle size.                               | Ocean Ecology Ltd | 2022 | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes.<br><br>Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 7 - Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes. |



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| Title                           | Extent of survey   | Overview of survey  | Survey contractor              | Date  | Reference   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Benthic characterisation survey | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                     | Particle Size Analysis (PSA), macrofaunal sampling, Drop Down Video (DDV), contaminant sampling | Ocean Ecology Ltd              | 2022  | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology.<br>Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 9 - Benthic Ecology. |
| Aerial surveys                  | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets plus 4-10 km buffer | High resolution aerial digital still imagery for marine megafauna                               | HiDef Aerial Surveying Limited | Surveys were conducted over 24 months between March 2021 and February 2023. | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES - Volume 5 - Chapter 11 - Marine Mammals.<br>Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine Mammals.                        |
| Aerial surveys                  | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets plus 4-10 km buffer | High resolution aerial video imagery.   | HiDef Aerial Surveying Limited | Surveys were conducted over 24 months between March 2021 and February 2023  | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES - Volume 5 - Chapter 12 - Offshore Ornithology.<br>Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore Ornithology.            |

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| Title                  | Extent of survey   | Overview of survey   | Survey contractor | Date   | Reference  |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------|--|--|
| Vessel Traffic Surveys | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets, plus a 10 nm buffer. | A summary of fishing vessels identified during vessel traffic surveys (winter and summer). | NASH Maritime     | 09 to 26 February 2022 and 30 July to 13 August 2022 (a 14-day period each). | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES - Volume 5 - Chapter 13 - Commercial Fisheries.<br>Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial Fisheries.       |
| Vessel Traffic Surveys | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets, plus a 10 nm buffer. | Vessel traffic surveys undertaken in line with MGN 654 requirements.                       | NASH Maritime     | 09 to 26 February 2022 and 30 July to 13 August 2022 (a 14-day period each). | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES - Volume 5 - Chapter 14 - Shipping and Navigation.<br>Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and Navigation. |

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### **1.6 Mitigation measures shared with other projects, and how they are to be secured**

- 1.6.1.1 Whilst it is expected that broadly similar mitigation measures will be in place for the Morgan Generation Assets and the other projects relevant to this report, as is standard for offshore wind developments, there is no specific mitigation that is shared with the other projects and secured across the consents. Mitigation measures will be secured and delivered for each separate project under their respective consents.
- 1.6.1.2 For example, each of the consents management plans committed to by the respective applicants will be secured in the respective project consents. For the Morgan Generation Assets and the Mona Offshore Wind Project, it is likely that the consents management plans would be prepared at a similar time and that the content would be coordinated between the projects, however the mitigation will be secured and delivered independently.
- 1.6.1.3 Similarly, the CRNRA describes industry standard risk controls that would be present for all four projects to individually manage their impacts on navigation. Where applicable, these risk controls will be secured within the respective individual projects' DCOs (see section 3.2 of Appendix E within APP-060).

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### 1.7 Summary of cumulative impacts of the Morgan Generation Assets with the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets and approach to avoidance of stranded assets

#### 1.7.1 Summary of cumulative impacts

- 1.7.1.1 This section provides a summary of the approach to CEA presented in the Morgan Generation Assets Environmental Statement specifically for the Morgan Generation Assets and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets.
- 1.7.1.2 The Morgan Generation Assets CEA takes into account the impact associated with the Morgan Generation Assets together with the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets, as well as other projects and plans. The projects and plans selected as relevant to the CEA are based upon the results of a screening exercise (see Volume 3, Annex 5.1: Cumulative effects screening matrix (APP-031)).
- 1.7.1.3 The cumulative assessment considered three scenarios:
- Scenario 1: Morgan Generation Assets plus Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets
  - Scenario 2: Morgan Generation Assets plus Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets
  - Scenario 3: Morgan Generation Assets plus Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets alongside all other projects, plans and activities. This assessment was allocated into ‘tiers’ reflecting the current stage of the other projects, plans and activities within the planning and development process. This tiered approach was adopted to provide a clear assessment of the Morgan Generation Assets and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets alongside other projects, plans and activities.
- 1.7.1.4 Table 1.7 provides a summary of the conclusions of the cumulative assessments for Scenario 1 (Morgan Generation Assets plus Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets) as presented within the Morgan Generation Assets Environmental Statement. No significant residual adverse effects are predicted to arise, with the exception of impact to adverse weather routing for Isle of Man Steam Packet Company (IoMSPC) and Stena Line (see Table 7.42 of Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation (APP-025)).
- 1.7.1.5 Table 1.8 provides a summary of the conclusions of the cumulative assessments for Scenario 2 (Morgan Generation Assets plus Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets) as presented within the Morgan Generation Assets Environmental Statement.

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**Table 1.7: Summary of cumulative assessments for Scenario 1 as presented within the Morgan Generation Assets application.**

| Description of effect   | Phase  | Residual significance   | Reference  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Physical processes</b>   |  |   |  |
| Increase in suspended sediments due to construction, operations and maintenance and/or decommissioning related activities, and the potential impact to physical features. | Construction, operation and decommissioning. | Negligible  | Table 1.23 of Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical processes (APP-013).       |
| Impacts to the tidal regime due to presence of infrastructure.  |  | Negligible  |  |
| Impacts to the wave regime due to presence of infrastructure.   |  | Negligible  |  |
| Impacts to sediment transport and sediment transport pathways due to presence of infrastructure and associated potential impacts to physical features and bathymetry.     |  | Negligible  |  |
| <b>Benthic subtidal ecology</b>   |  |   |  |
| Temporary habitat loss/disturbance  | Construction, operation and decommissioning  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.28 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Increased SSC and associated deposition   |  | Negligible or minor adverse (Important Ecological Feature (IEF) specific) | Table 2.29 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Long term habitat loss / habitat alteration   |  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.30 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Introduction of artificial structures   |  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.31 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Increased risk of introduction and spread of INNS.  |  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.32 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Removal of hard substrates.   | Decommissioning                              | Minor adverse   | Table 2.33 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |

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| Description of effect   | Phase                                       | Residual significance                   | Reference  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Changes in physical processes.  | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Negligible                              | Table 2.34 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020).   |
| <b>Fish and shellfish ecology</b>   |   |   |  |
| Temporary habitat loss/disturbance  | Construction and decommissioning            | Marine: Minor adverse                   | Table 3.42 of Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology (APP-021). |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible                  |  |
| Underwater sound impacting fish and shellfish receptors                               | Construction                                | Minor adverse                           |  |
| Increased suspended sediment concentrations (SSCs) and associated sediment deposition | Construction and decommissioning            | Marine: Minor adverse                   |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible                  |  |
|   | Operation                                   | Marine: Negligible or minor adverse     |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible                  |  |
| Long term habitat loss  | Construction and decommissioning            | Marine: Negligible to minor adverse     |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Minor adverse               |  |
|   | Operation                                   | Marine: Negligible to minor adverse     |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible to minor adverse |  |
| Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) from subsea electrical cabling                           | Operation                                   | Minor adverse                           |  |
| Introduction and colonisation of hard structures                                      | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse                           |  |
| Injury due to increased risk of collision with vessels                                | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse                           |  |
| <b>Marine mammals</b>   |   |   |  |
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound during piling                   | Construction                                | Minor adverse                           | Table 4.53 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).              |



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| Description of effect  | Phase                                       | Residual significance  | Reference   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound during UXO clearance   | Construction                                | The CEA concludes a significant effect in EIA terms, for harbour porpoise only. The Applicant has committed to the development of an Underwater sound management strategy, to reduce the magnitude of impacts, such that there will be no residual significant effect for the project alone and therefore no contribution to cumulative effects. | Table 4.54 and paragraph A1.1.2.16 of Volume 2, Chapter 4 Marine mammals (AS-010).                              |
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound generated from site investigation survey sources                                     | Pre-construction                            | Minor adverse  | Table 4.55 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).   |
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound due to vessel use and other (non-piling) sound producing activities                  | Construction and operation                  | Minor adverse  | Table 4.56 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).   |
| Increased likelihood of injury due to collision with vessels   | Construction and operation                  | Minor adverse  | Table 4.57 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).   |
| Changes in fish and shellfish communities affecting prey availability  | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse  | Table 4.58 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).   |
| <b>Offshore ornithology</b>  |   |  |   |
| Disturbance and displacement from airborne noise, underwater sound, and presence of vessels and infrastructure                             | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Negligible adverse   | Table 5.173 of Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore ornithology (APP-023) and the Applicant's Errata Sheet (REP3-011). |
| Collision Risk   | Operation                                   | Impact pathway is not applicable to the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets  |   |
| Combined collision risk and disturbance and displacement from airborne noise, underwater sound, and presence of vessels and infrastructure | Operation                                   | Impact pathway is not applicable to the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets  |   |
| <b>Commercial fisheries</b>  |   |  |   |
| Loss or restricted access to fishing grounds   |   | Minor  |   |

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| Description of effect  | Phase                                       | Residual significance  | Reference  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Interference with fishing activity   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor  | Table 6.39 of Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries (APP-024).   |
| Loss or damage to fishing gear due to Loss or damage to fishing gear due to snagging                           |   | Minor  |  |
| Potential impacts on commercially important fish and shellfish resources                                       |   | Minor  |  |
| <b>Shipping and navigation</b>   |   |  |  |
| Impact on recognised sea lanes essential to international navigation.  | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Negligible   | Table 7.42 of Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation (APP-025) |
| Impact to commercial operators including strategic routes and lifeline ferries.                                |   | Minor  |  |
| Impact to adverse weather routeing.  |   | IoMSPC and Stena Line: Moderate<br>Seatruck (CLDN) and Cargo/Tanker: Minor |  |
| Impact on access to ports and harbours.  |   | Negligible   |  |
| Impact on emergency response capability due to increased incident rates and reduced access for SAR responders. |   | Minor  |  |
| Impact on vessel to vessel collision risk.   |   | Minor  |  |
| Impact on allision (contact) risk to vessels.  |   | Minor  |  |
| Impact on marine navigation, communications and position fixing equipment.                                     |   | Minor  |  |
| Impact on recreational craft passages and safety.  |   | Minor  |  |
| Impact on snagging risk to vessel anchors and fishing gear.  | Minor                                       |  |  |
| <b>Marine archaeology and cultural heritage</b>  |   |  |  |

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| Description of effect   | Phase                                       | Residual significance  | Reference   |
|---|---|--|---|
| Sediment disturbance and deposition leading to indirect impacts on marine archaeology receptors   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse  | Table 8.27 of Volume 2, Chapter 8: Marine archaeology and cultural heritage (APP-026) |
| Direct damage to marine archaeology receptors (e.g. wrecks, debris, submerged prehistoric receptors (palaeolandscapes and associated archaeological receptors))   |   | Minor adverse  |   |
| Alteration of sediment transport regimes  | Operation                                   | Minor adverse  |   |
| <b>Other sea users</b>  |   |  |   |
| Displacement of recreational activities   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse  | Table 9.22 of Volume 2, Chapter 9: Other sea users (APP-027)                          |
| Reduction or restriction of other offshore energy activities  |   | Minor adverse  | Table 9.22 of Volume 2, Chapter 9: Other sea users (APP-027)                          |
| Interference with the performance of REWS located on oil and gas platforms  | Operation                                   | There is no potential for a cumulative effect on REWS arising from Scenario 1.                 | Table 9.19 of Volume 2, Chapter 9: Other sea users (APP-027)                          |
| Effect of rerouted traffic on REWS alarm rates  |   | There is no potential for a cumulative effect on REWS alarm rates arising from Scenario 1.     | Table 9.20 of Volume 2, Chapter 9: Other sea users (APP-027)                          |
| <b>Seascape, landscape and visual resources</b>   |   |  |   |
| The effects of the Morgan Generation Assets and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets as a whole on seascape, landscape and visual amenity are the same as that reported in section 10.8 of APP-014 along with the assessment updates documented in Annex 4.4 of the Applicant's response to EXQ1: SLVIA Clarification Note (REP3_010). |   |  |   |
| <b>Aviation and radar</b>   |   |  |   |
| Creation of a physical obstacle to aircraft operations – Military and low flying operations   | Construction, Operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse  | Table 11.21 and Table 11.19 of Volume 2, Chapter 11: Aviation and radar (APP-015).    |
| Wind turbines causing interference on aviation PSR systems  |   | There is no potential for a cumulative effect on aviation PSR systems arising from Scenario 1. |   |

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| Description of effect  | Phase                                       | Residual significance   | Reference   |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Climate change</b>  |   |   |   |
| Whole life GHG emissions   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Beneficial (significant)  | Table 12.20 of Volume 2, Chapter 12: Climate change (APP-016).  |
| <b>Socio-economics</b>   |   |   |   |
| The potential impact on economic receptors including employment and GVA.   | Construction and decommissioning            | North West England: Minor (beneficial)<br>North Wales: Minor (beneficial)<br>UK: Minor (beneficial) | Table 13.95, Table 13.96, Table 13.97 and Table 13.98 of Volume 2, Chapter 13: Socio-economics (APP-017). |
|  | Operation                                   | North West England: Minor (beneficial)<br>North Wales: Moderate (beneficial)                        |   |
| The potential impact of increased employment opportunities.  | Construction and decommissioning            | North West England: Negligible<br>North Wales: Negligible   |   |
|  | Operation                                   | North West England: Minor (beneficial)<br>North Wales: Minor (beneficial)                           |   |
| The potential impact on population, housing and accommodation.   | Construction and decommissioning            | North West England: Negligible<br>North Wales: Negligible   |   |
|  | Operation                                   | North West England: Minor (neutral)<br>North Wales: Minor (neutral)                                 |   |
| The potential impact on tourism  | Construction, operation and decommissioning | North West England: Negligible<br>North Wales: Negligible<br>Isle of Man: Negligible                |   |
| Potential socio-economic impacts on the Isle of Man associated with potential adverse effects on lifeline ferry services | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Isle of Man: Minor adverse  |   |
| <b>Human health</b>  |   |   |   |
| Transport modes, access and connectivity   |   | Minor adverse   |   |

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| Description of effect                                 | Phase                                       | Residual significance              | Reference  |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Community identity, culture, resilience and influence | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse and minor beneficial | Table 14.25 of Volume 2, Chapter 14: Human health assessment (APP-018) |
| Employment and income                                 |   | Minor adverse and minor beneficial |  |
| Climate change and adaptation                         |   | Minor beneficial                   |  |
| Wider societal infrastructure and resources           |   | Moderate beneficial                |  |

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**Table 1.8: Summary of cumulative assessments for Scenario 2 as presented within the Morgan Generation Assets application.**

| Description of effect   | Phase  | Residual significance   | Reference  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Physical processes</b>   |  |   |  |
| Increase in suspended sediments due to construction, operations and maintenance and/or decommissioning related activities, and the potential impact to physical features. | Construction, operation and decommissioning. | Negligible  | Table 1.23 of Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical processes (APP-013).       |
| Impacts to the tidal regime due to presence of infrastructure.  |  | Negligible  |  |
| Impacts to the wave regime due to presence of infrastructure.   |  | Negligible  |  |
| Impacts to sediment transport and sediment transport pathways due to presence of infrastructure and associated potential impacts to physical features and bathymetry.     |  | Negligible  |  |
| <b>Benthic subtidal ecology</b>   |  |   |  |
| Temporary habitat loss/disturbance  | Construction, operation and decommissioning  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.28 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Increase in SSC and associated deposition   |  | Negligible or minor adverse (Important Ecological Feature (IEF) specific) | Table 2.29 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Long term habitat loss/habitat alteration   |  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.30 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Introduction of artificial structures   |  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.31 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Increased risk of introduction and spread of INNS.  |  | Minor adverse   | Table 2.32 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |
| Removal of hard substrates  | Decommissioning                              | Minor adverse   | Table 2.33 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020). |



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| Description of effect   | Phase                                       | Residual significance                   | Reference  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Changes in physical processes.  | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Negligible                              | Table 2.34 of Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic Subtidal Ecology (APP-020).   |
| <b>Fish and shellfish ecology</b>   |   |   |  |
| Temporary habitat loss/disturbance  | Construction and decommissioning            | Marine: Minor adverse                   | Table 3.42 of Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology (APP-021). |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible                  |  |
| Underwater sound impacting fish and shellfish receptors                               | Construction                                | Minor adverse                           |  |
| Increased suspended sediment concentrations (SSCs) and associated sediment deposition | Construction and decommissioning            | Marine: Minor adverse                   |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible                  |  |
|   | Operation                                   | Marine: Negligible or minor adverse     |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible                  |  |
| Long term habitat loss  | Construction and decommissioning            | Marine: Negligible to minor adverse     |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Minor adverse               |  |
|   | Operation                                   | Marine: Negligible to minor adverse     |  |
|   |   | Diadromous: Negligible to minor adverse |  |
| Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) from subsea electrical cabling                           | Operation                                   | Minor adverse                           |  |
| Introduction and colonisation of hard structures                                      | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse                           |  |
| Injury due to increased risk of collision with vessels                                | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse                           |  |
| <b>Marine mammals</b>   |   |   |  |
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound during piling                   | Construction                                | Minor adverse                           | Table 4.53 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).              |

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| Description of effect   | Phase                                       | Residual significance   | Reference   |
|---|---|---|---|
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound during UXO clearance  | Construction                                | The CEA concludes a significant effect in EIA terms, for harbour porpoise only. The Applicant has committed to the development of an Underwater sound management strategy, to reduce the magnitude of impacts, such that there will be no residual significant effect for the project alone and therefore no contribution to cumulative effects.  | Table 4.54 and paragraph A1.1.2.66 of Volume 2, Chapter 4 Marine mammals (AS-010).  |
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound generated from site investigation survey sources                    | Pre-construction                            | The impact of injury and disturbance from underwater sound generated from pre-construction survey sources was not presented in the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets PEIR marine mammal chapter. As such, a cumulative assessment was not presented in the Morgan Generation Assets EIA. Following submission of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets application, an assessment was presented in Review of Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-Combination Assessment (REP2-023) and concluded that the cumulative injury and disturbance effect from pre-construction site investigation surveys remains of minor adverse significance. | Table 4.55 and paragraph 4.11.3.4 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010) and Review of Cumulative Effects Assessment and In-Combination Assessment (REP2-023). |
| Injury and disturbance from elevated underwater sound due to vessel use and other (non-piling) sound producing activities | Construction and operation                  | Minor adverse   | Table 4.56 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).   |
| Increased likelihood of injury due to collision with vessels  | Construction and operation                  | Minor adverse   | Table 4.57 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).   |
| Changes in fish and shellfish communities affecting prey availability   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse   | Table 4.58 of Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).   |

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| Description of effect  | Phase                                       | Residual significance  | Reference   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Disturbance and displacement from airborne noise, underwater sound, and presence of vessels and infrastructure                             | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Negligible adverse   | Table 5.173 of Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore ornithology (APP-023) and the Applicant's Errata Sheet (REP3-011). |
| Collision Risk   | Operation                                   | Negligible to minor adverse  |   |
| Combined collision risk and disturbance and displacement from airborne noise, underwater sound, and presence of vessels and infrastructure | Operation                                   | Minor adverse  |   |
| <b>Commercial fisheries</b>  |   |  |   |
| Loss or restricted access to fishing grounds   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor  | Table 6.39 of Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries (APP-024).  |
| Interference with fishing activity   |   | Minor  |   |
| Loss or damage to fishing gear due to snagging   |   | Minor  |   |
| Potential impacts on commercially important fish and shellfish resources   |   | Minor  |   |
| <b>Shipping and navigation</b>   |   |  |   |
| Impact on recognised sea lanes essential to international navigation   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Negligible   | Table 7.42 of Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation (APP-025).   |
| Impact to commercial operators including strategic routes and lifeline ferries   |   | Minor  |   |
| Impact to adverse weather routeing   |   | IoMSPC and Stena Line: Moderate<br>Seatruck (CLDN) and Cargo/Tanker: Minor |   |
| Impact on access to ports and harbours   |   | Negligible   |   |
| Impact on emergency response capability due to increased incident rates and reduced access for SAR responders                              |   | Minor  |   |
| Impact on vessel to vessel collision risk  |   | Minor  |   |
| Impact on allision (contact) risk to vessels   |   | Minor  |   |

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| Description of effect   | Phase                                       | Residual significance | Reference  |
|---|---|-----------------------|--|
| Impact on marine navigation, communications and position fixing equipment   |   | Minor                 |  |
| Impact on recreational craft passages and safety  |   | Minor                 |  |
| Impact on snagging risk to vessel anchors and fishing gear  |   | Minor                 |  |
| <b>Marine archaeology and cultural heritage</b>   |   |                       |  |
| Sediment disturbance and deposition leading to indirect impacts on marine archaeology receptors   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse         | Table 8.27 of Volume 2, Chapter 8: Marine archaeology and cultural heritage (APP-026). |
| Direct damage to marine archaeology receptors (e.g. wrecks, debris, submerged prehistoric receptors (palaeolandscapes and associated archaeological receptors)) |   | Minor adverse         |  |
| Sediment disturbance and deposition leading to indirect impacts on marine archaeology receptors   |   | Minor adverse         |  |
| Potential for visual change within the setting of an asset  |   | Negligible adverse    | Table 8.25 of Volume 2, Chapter 8: Marine archaeology and cultural heritage (APP-026). |
| <b>Other sea users</b>  |   |                       |  |
| Displacement of recreational activities   | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse         | Table 9.22 of Volume 2, Chapter 9: Other sea users (APP-027).                          |
| Reduction or restriction of other offshore energy activities  |   | Minor adverse         |  |
| Interference with the performance of REWS located on oil and gas platforms  | Operation                                   | Minor adverse         |  |
| Effect of rerouted traffic on REWS alarm rates  |   | Minor adverse         |  |

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| Description of effect   | Phase                                       | Residual significance   | Reference  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Seascape, landscape and visual resources</b>   |   |   |  |
| Effects on seascape, landscape and visual receptors   | Construction and decommissioning            | Due to the short term and largely reversible nature of the construction and decommissioning activities, significant cumulative effects on seascape, landscape and visual receptors are not expected to arise. | Section 10.9.3 within Volume 2, Chapter 10: Seascape, landscape and visual resources (APP-014) and Annex 4.4 to the Applicant's response to EXQ1: SLVIA Clarification note (REP3-010). |
|   | Operation                                   | MCA 38: Moderate to major adverse (significant) due to the addition of the Morgan Generation Assets alongside the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets.   |  |
| <b>Aviation and radar</b>   |   |   |  |
| Creation of a physical obstacle to aircraft operations – Military and low flying operations | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse   | Table 11.21 of Volume 2, Chapter 11: Aviation and radar (APP-015).   |
| Wind turbines causing interference on aviation PSR systems                                  | Operation                                   | Minor adverse   |  |
| <b>Climate change</b>   |   |   |  |
| Whole life GHG emissions  | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Beneficial (significant)  | Table 12.20 of Volume 2, Chapter 12: Climate change (APP-016).   |
| <b>Socio-economics</b>  |   |   |  |
| The potential impact on economic receptors including employment and GVA                     | Construction                                | North West England: Moderate (beneficial)<br>North Wales: Moderate (beneficial)<br>UK: Minor (beneficial)   | Table 13.95, Table 13.96, Table 13.97 and Table 13.98 of Volume 2, Chapter 13: Socio-economics (APP-017).  |
|   | Operation                                   | North West England: Minor (beneficial)<br>North Wales: Moderate (beneficial)  |  |
|   | Decommissioning                             | North West England: Minor (beneficial)<br>North Wales: Moderate (beneficial)<br>UK: Minor (beneficial)  |  |

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| Description of effect  | Phase                                       | Residual significance   | Reference |
|--|---|---|-----------|
| The potential impact of increased employment opportunities   | Construction and decommissioning            | North West England: Negligible<br>North Wales: Minor (beneficial)                             |           |
|  | Operation                                   | North West England: Minor (beneficial)<br>North Wales: Minor (beneficial)                     |           |
| The potential impact on population, housing and accommodation  | Construction and decommissioning            | North West England: Negligible<br>North Wales: Minor (beneficial)                             |           |
|  | Operation                                   | North West England: Minor (neutral)<br>North Wales: Minor (neutral)                           |           |
| The potential impact on tourism  | Construction, operation and decommissioning | North West England: Minor adverse<br>North Wales: Minor adverse<br>Isle of Man: Minor adverse |           |
| Potential socio-economic impacts on the Isle of Man associated with potential adverse effects on lifeline ferry services | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Isle of Man: Minor adverse  |           |

### Human health

|   |   |                                    |   |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Transport modes, access and connectivity              | Construction, operation and decommissioning | Minor adverse                      | Table 14.25 of Volume 2, Chapter 14: Human health assessment (APP-018). |
| Community identity, culture, resilience and influence |   | Minor adverse and minor beneficial |   |
| Employment and income                                 |   | Minor adverse and minor beneficial |   |
| Climate change and adaptation                         | Operation                                   | Minor beneficial                   |   |
| Wider societal infrastructure and resources           | Operation                                   | Moderate beneficial                |   |



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### 1.8 Approach to avoidance of stranded assets

- 1.8.1.1 The Applicant has submitted a standalone DCO application to consent the construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning of the generation assets of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and a separate application to consent the construction, operations and maintenance and decommissioning of the transmission assets required to enable the export of electricity from both the Morgan Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets to the National Grid entry point at Penwortham.
- 1.8.1.2 National Policy Statements (NPS) EN-1, EN-3 and EN-5 recognise this approach, with it stated in Section 4.10 of EN-1 that: *“To support the achievement of the transition to net zero, government is accelerating the co-ordination of the development of the grid network to facilitate the UK’s net zero energy generation development and transmission.”*, within Section 3.8.50 of EN-3 that: *“As part of the transition to more co-ordinated transmission, it is anticipated that some proposals for transmission could be consented separately to those for the windfarm (array) application.”* and within Section 2.12 of EN-5 that: *“As part of the transition to a more coordinated approach, it is anticipated that some proposals for transmission may be consented separately to those for the windfarm (array) application.”*
- 1.8.1.3 As set out in the Applicant’s response to Natural England’s Relevant Representation (PD1-015), the Applicant is not going to construct the offshore wind farm array without certainty that it will be able to export electricity to the UK grid. It is the Applicant’s position that Natural England’s suggestion that the project could be constructed and become a stranded asset is unrealistic.

### 1.9 Summary of information relied on for the cumulative effects assessment and any changes since submission, including a summary of any changes

- 1.9.1.1 This section summarises the information relied on for the Morgan Generation Assets CEA and in-combination assessment in relation to the other projects relevant to this report in Table 1.9, including reference to relevant documents and what level of detail was available at the time of writing the assessment. The level of detail is defined as follows for the purposes of this report:
- High: full application available with detailed Environmental Statement
  - Medium: detailed draft Environmental Statement available
  - Low: Scoping report or initial (pre-EIA) consultation materials available.
- 1.9.1.2 Table 1.10 and Table 1.11 set out any changes to this information since submission (focusing on the projects relevant to this report only), including a reference to this information. Additional tables may be added, as relevant, at each Examination Deadline.
- 1.9.1.3 The Applicant has undertaken a review of the CEA and in-combination assessments presented in the Morgan Generation Assets application to consider the updated information available in the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets application (REP2-023 and REP3-019) and the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets application (S\_D4\_15 CEA Review with MMTA F01).

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- 1.9.1.4 For each project reviewed, there is no potential for new cumulative effects to arise or an increase in cumulative effects for each of the topics considered. The conclusions of the Morgan Generation Assets CEA and in-combination assessments therefore remain unchanged.

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**Table 1.9: Information relied on for the Morgan Generation Assets CEA.**

| Project   | Information CEA based on at Application |  | Level of detail |
|---|---|--|-----------------|
|   | Status                                  | Reference  |                 |
| Awel y Mor  | Consented                               | RWE Renewables UK (2022) Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm, Environmental Statement, April 2022. Available: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/awel-y-mor-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs&amp;stage=app&amp;filter1=Environmental+Statement">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/awel-y-mor-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs&amp;stage=app&amp;filter1=Environmental+Statement</a> . Accessed January 2024. | High            |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | Application                             | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. Environmental Statement. Available: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/mona-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/mona-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs</a> . Accessed March 2024   | High            |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | PEIR                                    | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2023) Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets Preliminary Environmental Information Report. Available: [REDACTED] Accessed November 2023.  | Medium          |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | PEIR                                    | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets, Preliminary Environmental Information Report, October 2023. Available: [REDACTED] Accessed January 2024.  | Medium          |
| Moor Vannin Generation Project                                | Scoping Report                          | Moor Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited (2023) Moor Vannin Offshore Wind Farm, Scoping Report, 2023. Available: [REDACTED] Accessed January 2024.   | Low             |

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**Table 1.10: Updated information available in the public domain at Deadline 1.**

| Project   | Updated information available in the public domain at Deadline 1 |  |  | Level of detail | Sensitivity review required?                |
|---|--|--|--|-----------------|---|
|   | Status update  | Reference  |  |                 |   |
| Awel y Mor  | None   | N/A  |  | N/A             | No  |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | None   | N/A  |  | N/A             | No  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | Application submitted 31 May 2024                                | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd (2024) Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets Environmental Statement, Available: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010121/EN010121-000408-Morecambe%20Offshore%20Wind%20Farm%20-%20Examination%20Library.pdf">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010121/EN010121-000408-Morecambe%20Offshore%20Wind%20Farm%20-%20Examination%20Library.pdf</a> . Accessed September 2024. |  | High            | Yes   |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | None   | N/A  |  | N/A             | No  |
| Moor Vannin Generation Project                                | Consultation materials published on 15 July 2024                 | Moor Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited (2024) Consultation materials, Available: [REDACTED] Accessed September 2024.   |  | Low             | No – Level of detail available remains Low. |

**Table 1.11: Updated information available in the public domain at Deadline 4.**

| Project   | Updated information available in the public domain at Deadline 4 |   |  | Level of detail | Sensitivity review required? |
|---|--|---|--|-----------------|------------------------------|
|   | Status update  | Reference   |  |                 |                              |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | Application submitted and accepted into Examination              | Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets Environmental Statement. Available: <a href="https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020032/documents">https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN020032/documents</a> . Accessed November 2024. |  | High            | Yes                          |

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### 1.10 Summary of progress of coordination with the other projects

- 1.10.1.1 Appendix G of the Rule 6 letter requires that a summary of progress of coordination with the other projects is set out, including the matters that have been agreed, any inconsistencies or outstanding matters, and next steps.
- 1.10.1.2 The approach to coordination between the Morgan Generation Assets and the other relevant projects is set out in section 1.3 of this report, and evidenced throughout this report where appropriate. The Applicant is delivering a coordinated grid connection with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets, in line with NPS EN-1, EN-3 and EN-5, with coordination carried out with other relevant projects as far as reasonably practicable and appropriate given the varying project timelines. A coordinated approach to stakeholder consultation was undertaken with key projects at the outset and continued throughout the pre-application phase. Where appropriate, key survey data has been shared between the relevant projects to strengthen the individual environmental baselines, and where site-specific surveys have been carried out, these have followed standard practice and ensure that the evidence base upon which to carry out the assessments is similar.
- 1.10.1.3 Where relevant and as detailed in this report, the EIA and HRA assessment approaches have been coordinated, and delivered by the same team of competent experts to ensure consistency. This has ensured a coordinated approach to each topic of the EIA across the relevant projects, including alignment on approach to baseline data, assessment methodologies, impact assessment, cumulative impact assessment, and mitigation. To address the change in status of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets and Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets since the submission of the Morgan Generation Assets application, a sensitivity review of the CEA and in-combination assessment has been carried out to establish whether the conclusions of the CEA and in-combination assessments remain current and robust. As described in section 1.9, there is no potential for new cumulative effects to arise or an increase in cumulative effects for each of the topics considered. The conclusions of the Morgan Generation Assets CEA and in-combination assessments therefore remain unchanged. The outputs of any further reviews will be fed into this consideration of interrelationships with other infrastructure projects report where relevant.
- 1.10.1.4 Consequently, the Applicant is satisfied that the coordination carried out is sufficient to ensure a robust evidence base upon which to establish and determine each application, with the ongoing sensitivity review of available information ensuring this position is maintained throughout the Examination phase. The Applicant believes that the coordination evidenced goes beyond what is typically undertaken for similar offshore wind projects.
- 1.10.1.5 The Applicant notes that the Morgan Generation Assets and each of the projects relevant to this report are separate projects subject to an independent consenting process and will be delivered independently. No further coordination beyond that set out in section 1.3 of this report is proposed or considered to be appropriate.

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### 1.11 References

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## Appendix A: Survey Data Collected

Table A.1 to Table A.9

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**Table A.1: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Physical processes).**

| Project   | Environmental Baseline Surveys and Habitat Assessments/ Grab Sample Survey | Geophysical survey | Metocean survey | Reference  |
|---|--|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓  | ✓                  | ✓               | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical processes (APP-013).   |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓  | ✓                  | ✓               | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes.  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | ✓  | ✓                  |                 | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 7 - Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes.     |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓  | ✓                  | ✓               | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 1: Physical Processes. |

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**Table A.2: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Benthic ecology).**

| Project   | Geophysical survey | Benthic subtidal survey: Grab sample survey | Benthic subtidal survey: Drop down video | Benthic intertidal survey | Reference   |
|---|--------------------|---|--|---------------------------|---|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓                  | ✓   | ✓  | N/A                       | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic subtidal ecology (APP-020)   |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓                  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓                         | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology.  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | ✓                  | ✓   | ✓  | N/A                       | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 9 - Benthic Ecology.  |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓                  | ✓   | ✓  | ✓                         | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 2: Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology. |

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**Table A.3: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Fish and shellfish ecology).**

| Project   | Benthic Subtidal Survey (as per Table A.2) | Reference  |
|---|--|--|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓  | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology (APP-021)  |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓  | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and shellfish ecology.  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                |  | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 10 - Fish and Shellfish Ecology.                                     |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓  | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 3: Fish and Shellfish Ecology. |

**Table A.4: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Marine mammals).**

| Project   | Aerial Digital Surveys  | Reference  |
|---|---|--|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓   | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (AS-010).  |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓   | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine Mammals.  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | ✓   | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 11 - Marine Mammals.                                     |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓*<br>* data from Morgan Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine Mammals. |

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**Table A.5: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Offshore ornithology).**

| Project   | Aerial Digital Surveys  | Reference  |
|---|---|--|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓   | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore ornithology (APP-023).   |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓   | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore Ornithology.  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | ✓   | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 12 - Offshore Ornithology.                                     |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓*<br>* data from Morgan Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 5: Offshore Ornithology. |

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**Table A.6: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Commercial fisheries).**

| Project   | Offshore Fisheries Liaison Officer (OFLO) observations | Vessel traffic survey | Scouting survey (to record static gear) | Reference  |
|---|--|-----------------------|---|--|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓  | ✓                     | ✓                                       | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial fisheries (APP-024).   |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓  | ✓                     | ✓                                       | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial Fisheries.  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                |  | ✓                     | ✓                                       | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 13 - Commercial Fisheries.                                     |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓  | ✓                     | ✓                                       | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 6: Commercial Fisheries. |

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**Table A.7: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Shipping and navigation).**

| Project   | Vessel Traffic Survey (Winter)  | Vessel Traffic Survey (Summer)  | Fishing season Vessel Traffic Survey | Navigation simulations | Reference   |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓   | ✓   | ✓                                    | ✓                      | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation (APP-025).   |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓   | ✓   |                                      | ✓                      | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and navigation.  |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | ✓   | ✓   |                                      | ✓                      | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 14 - Shipping and Navigation.                                     |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓*<br>* data from Morgan Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets | ✓*<br>* data from Morgan Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets |                                      |                        | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 7: Shipping and Navigation. |



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**Table A.8: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Seascape, landscape and visual resources).**

| Project   | SLVIA Photography | Reference  |
|---|-------------------|--|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓                 | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 10: Seascape, landscape and visual resources.  |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓                 | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 8: Seascape and visual resources.   |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | ✓                 | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 18 - Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.                             |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓                 | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 4, Chapter 1: Seascape, landscape and visual resources. |

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**Table A.9: Site-specific survey data collected for the Morgan Generation Assets and other relevant projects (Marine archaeology and cultural heritage).**

| Project   | Sidescan Sonar (SSS) | Multibeam Bathymetry (MBES) | Sub-bottom profiler (SBP) | Magnetometry | Geotechnical /Boreholes | Vibrocores (cable corridor) | Setting assessment site visits | Reference   |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Morgan Generation Assets                                      | ✓                    | ✓                           | ✓                         |              | ✓                       | N/A                         | ✓                              | Morgan Generation Assets, Volume 2, Chapter 8: Marine archaeology and cultural heritage (APP-026).  |
| Mona Offshore Wind Project                                    | ✓                    | ✓                           | ✓                         | ✓            | ✓                       | ✓                           | ✓                              | Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 2, Chapter 8: Marine Archaeology.<br>Mona Offshore Wind Ltd. (2024) Volume 7, Annex 5.6: Settings assessment (onshore infrastructure) and Volume 7, Annex 5.7: Settings assessment (offshore infrastructure). |
| Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets                | ✓                    | ✓                           | ✓                         | ✓            | ✓                       |                             | ✓                              | Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Chapter 15 - Marine Archaeology and Cultural Heritage.<br>Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd. (2024) ES Volume 5 - Appendix 15.3 - Settings Assessment.  |
| Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets | ✓                    | ✓                           | ✓                         | ✓            | ✓*                      | ✓                           | ✓                              | Morgan Offshore Wind Limited and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited (2023) PEIR, Volume 2, Chapter 8: Marine Archaeology and Volume 3, Chapter 5: Historic environment.  |