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To: All Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

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

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

Notification of Hearings

The Examination Timetable at Annex A of the Examining Authority's (ExA) [Rule 8 letter](#), dated 12 September 2024, included reserved dates for Hearings in week commencing 10 February 2025.

We are now writing to advise you that the following Hearing will be held under Sections 91, 92 and 93 of the Planning Act 2008. The Hearing will be a virtual event via Microsoft Teams.

Hearing	Date	Start time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3): Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users	Wednesday 12 February 2025	Virtual Registration Process from: 09.30am Event start: 10.00am	The hearing will be an event held by virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

NOTE: If the above Hearing is no longer required then notification will be published as soon as practicable on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website, providing reasonable notice to Interested Parties of the decision to cancel.

Applicant's notification duties

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>



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

Purpose of Hearings

Please refer to the Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: [The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say](#) for information about the purpose of Open Floor, Issue Specific and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings.

Registration and requests to participate in Hearings

Please register using the [Event Participation Form](#) by Wednesday 29 January 2025 if you intend to participate in the Hearing and provide all the information requested.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please note that it may not be possible to participate on the day if you have not registered your wish to speak by **Wednesday 29 January 2025**.

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Attendees

Subject to responses at Deadline 5 to the ExA's Second Written Questions, the ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend in addition to the Applicant's representatives:

- BAe Systems
- Isle of Man Steam Packet Company
- Isle of Man Territorial Sea Committee
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Marine Management Organisation
- Moor Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited
- Ørsted IPs
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- Stena Line Limited
- West Coast Sea Products Limited

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

Hearing Agenda ISH3: Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users

The ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website no later than **Wednesday 5 February 2024**, and this will take into account submissions received at Deadline 5 (**Thursday 16 January 2025**). To assist parties attending, the ExA can give advance notice of a broad outline of the matters it considers will be examined at ISH3. The matters set out below will be discussed in no particular order.

The main purpose of ISH3 is to undertake an examination of various environmental matters and issues affecting other sea users. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations primarily relating to (but not limited to) the following:

- **Shipping and navigation:** To include safety and emergency management, adverse weather route deviation for lifeline ferry services and consequential social, economic and environmental effects.
- **Commercial fisheries:** To include mitigation and monitoring, and related fish and shellfish ecology.
- **Aviation and Radar:** To include civil and military aviation, radar and defence interests.
- **Other offshore infrastructure and activities:** To include co-existence with and effects on other operational and planned offshore infrastructure and activities.
- **Offshore ecology and ornithology (including Habitats Regulations Assessment):** There will not be detailed discussions on these matters given that relevant Interested Parties are unlikely to be in attendance. An update will be expected from the Applicant on any ongoing discussions and the progress of any outstanding documents to be submitted and the ExA may ask questions on some of these matters. Please be aware that the Report on the Implications for European

Sites is due for publication on Thursday 6 February, and the relevant Parties should review this document prior to ISH3. Detailed comments will continue to be expected at Deadline 6 (**Thursday 27 February**).

- **Draft Development Consent Order:** ISH3 will also seek comments and clarification on outstanding matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order and draft Deemed Marine Licences. The Parties should be aware that the ExA's commentary on or schedule of changes to the draft DCO is due for publication on Thursday 6 February (only if required). If issued, detailed comments will continue to be expected at Deadline 6 (**Thursday 27 February**).

The Agenda and any detailed arrangements for the Hearing will be published on the [project webpage](#) at least five working days before the Hearing. The detailed timetable for ISH3 will depend substantially on the responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions [PD-009] that precede the Hearing at Deadline 5 (**Thursday 16 January**). The actual Agenda on the day of the Hearing may be subject to change at our discretion.

Procedure at Hearings and Post Hearing submissions

The procedure to be followed at Hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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