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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
Temple Quay House, Temple Quay
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Dear Madam / Sir,

Planning Act 2008

The proposed Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets

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Morgan Offshore Wind Limited (the Applicant) encloses its submission for the Deadline 5. Please find below an overview of key documents included within this submission.

Application Guide

The Applicant has provided an updated version (clean and tracked) of the Application Guide (F08) (S_D5_2) for Deadline 5.

Applicant's response to Hearing Action Points (ISH2) for Deadline 5

The Applicant has responded to the hearing action points resulting from the Issue Specific Hearing 2 for Deadline 5. The response is included in the document 'S_D5_3_ : Applicant's Response to Hearing Action Points from ISH2 for Deadline 5'. The document is accompanied by three annexes: 'S_D5_3.1: Annex 3.1 to Hearing Action Points 4, 5 and 6 from ISH2: Shipping and Navigation', 'S_D5_3.2: Annex 3.2 to Hearing Action Point 20: Consideration of impacts on ornithological features of Ramsar sites on the Isle of Man' and 'S_D5_3.3: Annex 3.3 to Hearing Action Point 20_ Assessment of impacts on non-ornithological features of proposed Ramsar Sites within the Isle of Man'. Further an updated Aviation mitigation progress report (S_D5_9) and the document 'S_D5_20: Calculation of Net Effects on Greenhouse Gas Emissions' have been submitted.

Applicant's Response to IP submissions submitted at Deadline 4

The Applicant has responded to IP submissions submitted at Deadline 4. The response is included in the document 'S_D5_4: Applicant's Response to IP submissions submitted at Deadline 4'. The

document is accompanied by one annex 'S_D5_4.1: Annex 4.1 to Applicant's Response to Orsted IPs submission'.

Applicant's Response to Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ2)

The Applicant has responded to the Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ2). The Applicant's response to the ExQ2 is included in the document 'S_D5_5: Applicant's Response to Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ2)'. The main document is accompanied by four annexes S_D5_5.1 to S_D5_5.4. Annex 5.2 (Document reference: S_D5_5.2) is accompanied by Appendix A (Document reference: S_D5_5.2_A).

Applicants Response to Interested Parties (IPs) responses to EXQ1 for Deadline 5

The Applicant has further responded to IPs responses to Examining Authority's Written Questions (ExQ1). The Applicant's response to IPs responses to the ExQ1 is included in the document 'S_D5_6: Applicants Response to IPs responses to EXQ1 for Deadline 5'.

Statements of Common Ground

The Applicant has continued to progress Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with all Interested Parties identified by the Examining Authority in its Rule 6 letter. For Deadline 5 the Applicant has submitted 6 SoCGs, with two of them final and signed.

- Final SoCG NATS (signed)
- Final Commercial fisheries joint SoCG (NFFO) (signed)
- SoCG DIO
- SoCG Historic England
- SoCG MCA
- SoCG UK Chamber of Shipping

The Applicant will continue to progress the SoGCs with all Interested Parties throughout the examination.

The draft DCO

The Applicant has submitted an updated draft DCO (S_D5_7) in clean and track versions. An updated Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO (S_D5_8) is also submitted. The Explanatory Memorandum has been updated and submitted in clean and tracked versions (S_D5_22).

Updated documents

The Applicant has also submitted the following updated documents:

- S_D5_10: Outline marine mammal mitigation protocol (clean and tracked version)
- S_D5_11: Environmental Statement Volume 2, Chapter 4: Marine mammals (clean and tracked version)
- S_D5_12: Outline Underwater Sound Management Strategy (clean and tracked version)
- S_D5_13: Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-Existence plan (clean and tracked version)
- S_D5_14: Commitments Register (clean and tracked version)
- S_D5_18: Outline Vessel Traffic Management Plan (clean and tracked version)
- S_D5_19: Outline offshore written scheme of investigation for archaeology (clean and tracked version)
- S_D5_21: Offshore In Principle Monitoring Plan (clean and tracked version)

Additional documents

The following new documents have been submitted by the Applicant:

- S_D5_15: Additional PVA Modelling for Great Black-Backed Gull Cumulative Assessment
- S_D5_16: Ornithological assessment clarification data, which is accompanied by three annexes (S_D5_16.1, S_D5_16.2, S_D5_16.3)
- S_D5_17: Liverpool Bay/Bae Lerpwl SPA Clarification Note

Update of Measures to minimise disturbance to marine mammals and rafting birds from transiting vessels document (APP-070)

The Applicant has been made aware (late on 16.01.2025) that Natural England's position on the conclusion of no AEol for the red-throated diver population of the Liverpool Bay SPA will be contingent on some additional wording being added to the Measures to minimise disturbance to marine mammals and rafting birds from transiting vessels document (APP-070). The wording that the Applicant understands Natural England wishes to see added is as follows:

- *selecting routes that avoid known aggregations of birds;*
- *maintaining direct transit routes (to minimise transit distances through areas used by divers);*
and
- *avoidance of over-revving of engines (to minimise noise disturbance).*

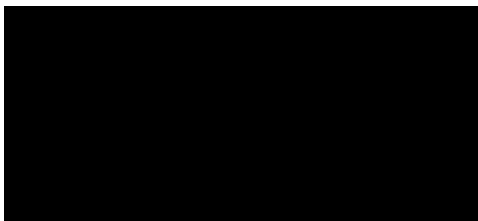
The plan should also confirm that these and other measures relating to Natural England's red-throated diver Best Practice Protocol should be applied both within the SPA and out to 2km from the SPA boundary.

The Applicant is keen for the Examining Authority to be able to issue a REIS document that will require as minimal update as possible on the 06.02.2025. Therefore, the Applicant confirms that it has committed to the proposed wording from Natural England within Section 1.3 of an updated version of the Measures to minimise disturbance to marine mammals and rafting birds from transiting vessels document, which is submitted with document reference S_D5_23 to the Applicants response to Deadline 5. The Applicant has not had sufficient time to confirm that it made these changes to Natural England ahead of Deadline 5 (but will do so in the coming days).

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The Applicant can confirm that Artificial Intelligence has not been used to create or alter any application documents either submitted at application or provided for the Examination to date.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Gaches

Consents Lead

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