



Planning Inspectorate

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing (ISH 3): Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 3: Environmental Matters and Other Sea Users	Wednesday 12 February 2025 Hearing Starts at 10.00am Virtual Registration Process from 09.30am	By virtual means only using Microsoft Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing
2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearing
3. Shipping and navigation
 - a. **Navigational Risk Assessment including navigational safety of passage between windfarms**

The Examining Authority (ExA) will ask for update from the Applicant and Interested Parties (IPs) on:

- Clarification on risk assessment of allision consequences to other infrastructure.
- Cumulative Regional Navigational Risk Assessment in relation to passage between proposed windfarm arrays.
- Any further consideration of cross-boundary jurisdictional matters and security for agreement of turbine positioning and safety zones.

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

The ExA will ask for an update from the Applicant and IPs on assessment and proposed mitigation or justification of any direct or indirect environmental, social or economic effects of delay or cancellation of scheduled ferry services consequent on deviation around the Proposed Development, including ferry mitigation agreements with IPs.

c. Any other matters related to shipping and navigation or emergency response planning

The ExA will ask for an update from the Applicant and IPs on:

- The scope, purpose, remit and composition of the Marine Navigation Engagement Forum post-consent.
- Any other marine navigational co-existence or co-operation matters or security provided or sought in the draft Development Consent Order (DCO).
- Progress of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with shipping and navigation IPs.

4. Civil and military aviation and radar

The Applicant and aviation and radar IPs present at ISH3 are to provide:

- An update regarding discussions on mitigation proposals for effects on Primary Surveillance Radar, Instrument Flight Procedures, and/or Very High Frequency communications as relevant at Warton Aerodrome, Walney Aerodrome, Isle of Man (Ronaldsway) Airport and Blackpool Airport.
- An update on the progress of Blackpool Airport/ Civil Airport Authority safeguarding assessment and potential requirement.
- An update on the agreement of wording of draft DCO requirements 5 to 9.

5. Commercial fisheries

a. Mitigation of effects to fisheries and co-existence commitments

The ExA will seek comments from the Applicant and any IPs present on mitigation of effects to queen scallop fishery and other commercial fisheries, including any updates to the outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan.

b. Monitoring and adaptive management

The ExA will seek updates from the Applicant and any IPs present on proposals for monitoring and adaptive management of commercial fisheries and on FLOWW guidance for compensation as a last resort (with cross-reference to fish and shellfish ecology).

6. Other offshore infrastructure and sea users

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

The Applicant is to provide a brief response to the Ørsted IP's and Moir Vannin Offshore Wind Farm Limited's Deadline (D) 5 submissions.

Note: The ExA will have limited questions on the matter of wake loss; a full and final response from the relevant parties together with final SoCGs is expected at D6.

b. Other offshore infrastructure and sea users: Harbour Energy

The ExA will seek comments from the Applicant and Harbour Energy regarding the outstanding differences between the parties and potential for an agreement or alternatively the inclusion of Protective Provisions in the draft DCO.

c. Other Inter-relationship and cumulative effects matters

Consideration of the progress of other DCO and Marine Infrastructure Consent applications within and around the Irish Sea.

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

- a. The Applicant is to provide an update on discussions with the Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs), including whether any additional documents are to be submitted which seek to address the points raised in D5 submissions both from the SNCBs and other relevant IPs. This should include discussion of the conclusions relating to adverse effects on integrity both alone and in-combination.

The ExA is likely to ask questions on this item, particularly in relation to seasonal piling restrictions, UXO clearance and the new [Marine Noise Policy](#) and the [Joint Position Statement from statutory advisors](#).

- b. The Applicant is to provide any initial comments it may have relating to the Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES), to be issued on Thursday 6 February.
- c. The Applicant is to clarify any updates to be made to the HRA stage 2 documents at Deadline 6.

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

- a. The Applicant is provide an update and explain to the ExA any changes to the draft DCO and DMLs as submitted at D5 [\[REP5-017\]](#) and answer any subsequent questions from the ExA.
- b. The Applicant is asked to explain the additional Certified Documents to Schedule 5 of the draft DCO and any updated versions of the Environmental Statement that may be submitted at D6.
- c. The ExA will ask for a summary of any further updates expected to be made in the final (D6) version of the draft DCO and DMLs.

9. Statements of Common Ground

The Applicant will be asked to confirm progress of any other SoCG which are expected to be submitted as final (signed) documents at D6.

10. Any other matters

11. Next steps/ Actions arising

12. Closure of the Hearing

Purpose of Issue Specific Hearing 3

The main purpose of ISH3 is to undertake an examination of various outstanding environmental matters and issues affecting other sea users. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations.

The hearing will include examination of responses to the [ExA's second written questions](#) (ExQ2) and other submissions up to and including Deadline 5 (Thursday 16 January).

Attendees

The ExA would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing in addition to the Applicant's representatives:

- BAe Systems
- Harbour Energy
- 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
- UK Chamber of Shipping
- West Coast Sea Products Limited

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

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

Details of how to participate in this hearing were contained in the [notification letter](#) published on 14 January 2025.

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

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

Registration Process

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

Procedure at ISH

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure that representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.