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1 THE APPLICANT’S RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY’S RULE 4, 6, 9 AND 13 LETTER AT PROCEDURAL DEADLINE

- 1.1.1.1 On 7 June 2024, the Applicant received the Examining Authority’s Rule 4, 6, 9 and 13 letter.
- 1.1.1.2 The Applicant has reviewed the Examining Authority’s Rule 4, 6, 9 and 13 letter and has provided a response where appropriate.
- 1.1.1.3 Table 1 details where the Applicant’s response to each Procedural Deadline deliverable can be found.

Table 1 Location of Applicant’s response to each Procedural Deadline deliverable

Procedural Deadline	Section of report
Written submissions on Examination procedure, including any submissions about the draft Examination Timetable and the use of virtual methods	See sections 1.2 and 1.3 below
Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) and any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority	See documents: S_PD_3_Mona_Applicants Response to Relevant Representations and Annex’s S_PD_3.1 through to S_PD_3.11 and additional documents: S_PD_1, S_PD_2, S_PD_6, S_PD_7.1 through to S_PD_7.13 and S_PD_8. For a complete list including document titles see document A5 Application Guide F03.
Submission of Pre-examination Progress Tracker	See document S_PD_4_Mona_Pre-Examination Progress Tracker
Applicant’s submission of the Land Rights Tracker	See document S_PD_5_Mona_Land Rights Tracker
Applicant’s submission of updated and amended documents	Updated documents submitted are: A5 Application Guide F03 B2 Offshore Order Limits and Grid Coordinates Plan F02 C2 Draft Development Consent Order J9 Marine Licence Principles Document F02
Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting including which agenda items you wish to speak on	See section 1.4
Requests to participate in the Issue Specific Hearings on 16, 17 and 18 July 2024	See section 1.5
Requests to participate in the Open Floor Hearing on 19 July 2024	See section 1.6

1.2 Response to the proposed timetable

1.2.1.1 The Applicant’s comments on the proposed timetable for the Examination are set out in Table 2.

Table 2 The Applicant’s comments on the proposed timetable for the Examination

Item	Matters	Date	Applicant’s comments and suggested alternative dates
1.	<p>Procedural Deadline</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions on Examination procedure, including any submissions about the draft Examination Timetable and the use of virtual methods • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) and any Additional Submissions accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority • Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words • Submission of Pre-examination Progress Tracker (see Part 5 of Appendix F) • Applicant’s submission of the Land Rights Tracker (see Appendix F) • Applicant’s submission of updated and amended documents (see Appendix F) • Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting including which agenda items you wish to speak on • Requests to participate in the Issue Specific Hearings on 16, 17 and 18 July 2024 (see Appendix E) • Requests to participate in the Open Floor Hearing on 19 July 2024 (see Appendix E) • Suggested locations for site inspections including justification, and whether such locations can be seen from public land or require private access, for consideration by the ExA 	<p>Tuesday 25 June 2024</p>	<p>No comment on content or timing of procedural deadline</p> <p>The Applicant’s response in relation to the use of virtual methods for the examination is included in 1.3 below.</p>

2.	Preliminary Meeting	Tuesday 16 July 2024 10:00	No comment
3.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH1) ISH1 on the Scope of Development	Tuesday 16 July 2024 14:00	The Applicant is grateful for the detailed hearing agendas that have been issued by the ExA
4.	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2) ISH2 on Onshore and Offshore Environmental Matters and the draft Development Consent Order	Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 July 2024 09:30	The Applicant is grateful for the detailed hearing agendas that have been issued by the ExA
5	Open Floor Hearing (OFH1)	Friday 19 July 2024 09:30	No comment
6	Issue by the ExA of: Examination Timetable	As soon as possible following the Preliminary Meeting	No comment
7	Deadline 1 For receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Representations (WRs) including summaries if exceeding 1500 words • Comments on any updates to application documents submitted by the Applicant before the PM • Local Impact Reports from any local authorities • Comments on the Applicant’s Land Rights Tracker • Applicant’s draft itinerary for ASI • Initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Statement of Commonality requested by the Examining Authority (see Appendix F) • Applicant’s updated Application Guide in clean and tracked versions 	Wednesday 7 August 2024	The Applicant notes that this is 17 days (13 working days) from the OFH1 on 19 July. Whilst this is a deadline that principally relates to other parties, the Applicant questions whether this deadline could be brought forward to allow more time for review and responses to WRs and LIRs, potentially earlier issuing of EXAQ1 and closer to the start of August. It would also be

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant’s updated Book of Reference (BoR) and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (If required) in clean and tracked versions • Applicant’s planning obligations and commercial side agreements tracking list and any draft s106 agreement (see Appendix F) • Applicant’s updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an IP by the ExA • Requests by Affected Persons to participate in a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Requests by Interested Parties to participate in a further Open Floor Hearing • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases and comments on any oral submissions put at hearings • Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically • Summaries of all RRs exceeding 1500 words (if not provided at the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline) • Responses to RRs (if not provided at the Pre- Examination Procedural Deadline) • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 		<p>beneficial for all parties to have earlier sight of post-hearing summaries and submissions.</p> <p>The Applicant also highlights that where updated documents are requested, these will only be submitted where there are material changes to the content of previous drafts.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs • Comments on LIRs • An updated dDCO in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required) • An updated Explanatory Memorandum in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required) • An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required) 	<p>Friday 23 August 2024</p>	<p>The ExA will be aware that the content of this deadline can be extensive and requires significant time for review and responses from the Applicant and other parties.</p> <p>The Applicant requests that this deadline is extended</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant’s first update to the Land Rights Tracker • Applicant’s updated Application Guide in clean and tracked versions • Applicant’s updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions • Comments on initial Statements of Common Ground Responses to comments on Relevant Representations • Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 1 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 		<p>to provide at least 15 working days for review and detailed response.</p> <p>If D1 is brought forward this deadline could remain as suggested, If D1 is not changed the Applicant requests this is changed to Thursday 29 August</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Publication by the ExA of: Written Questions (ExQ1)</p>	<p>Friday 13 September 2024</p>	<p>The Applicant notes that this deadline is two months after the start of the examination, and 3 weeks from D2.</p> <p>The Applicant would like to understand the reasoning for the ExQ1 being published this late in the examination.</p> <p>The Applicant is concerned that the proposed timing of ExQ1 will lead to issues being raised late in the examination with less time than has been provided in other examinations for the questions to be fully answered by the Applicant and others – this timing also results in there being insufficient time before the period reserved for</p>

			<p>hearings in October (item 11) for comments on ExQ1 to be prepared and submitted.</p> <p>The Applicant requests this is changed to Tuesday 3 September.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to Written Questions (ExQ1) • An updated dDCO in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required) • An updated Explanatory Memorandum in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required) • An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required) • Updated Statements of Common Ground and Statement of Commonality requested by the Examining Authority (see Annex F of this letter) • Applicants updated Land Rights Tracker • Applicant’s updated Application Guide in clean and tracked versions • Applicant’s updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions • Applicant’s Examination Progress Tracker (see Part 5 of Appendix F) • Applicant’s updated BoR and Schedule of Changes to the BoR (If required) in clean and tracked versions • Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) (if required) <p>Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 2 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</p>		

<p>11</p>	<p>Dates reserved for: Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) Further Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required) Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required) Further Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required)</p>	<p>w/c 14 October 2024 and w/c 21 October 2024</p>	<p>An additional deadline should be added for comments on responses to ExQ1 – 7 October 2024</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Deadline 4 For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases and comments on any oral submissions put at hearings (if required) • An updated dDCO in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required) • An updated Explanatory Memorandum in clean, tracked and Word versions (if required) • An updated Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required) • Applicant’s updated Land Rights Tracker • Applicant’s updated Application Guide in clean and tracked versions • Applicant’s updated Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions <p>Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 3 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</p>	<p>Monday 4 November 2024</p>	
<p>13</p>	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required) • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) <p>ExA’s commentary on, or schedule of changes to, the draft DCO (if required)</p>	<p>Tuesday 19 November 2024</p>	<p>In order to include a date for parties to provide comments on responses to ExQ2 which can be considered before any hearings under item 15 this deadline would need to change The Applicant suggests Tuesday 12 November</p>

<p>14</p>	<p>Deadline 5 For receipt by the ExA of: Responses to ExA’s Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required)</p>	<p>Tuesday 3 December 2024</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>Dates reserved for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required) • Further Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required) • Further Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required) <p>Further Accompanied Site Inspection (if required)</p>	<p>w/c 9 December 2024</p>	
<p>16</p>	<p>Deadline 6 For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing submissions including written submissions of oral cases (if applicable) <p>Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 5 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</p>	<p>Friday 20 December 2024</p>	
<p>17</p>	<p>Deadline 7 For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP’s Closing Statement(s) (if desired, see Appendix F) • Applicant’s Close of Examination Progress Tracker (see Part 5 of Appendix F) • Final draft DCO to be submitted by the Applicant in the SI template with the SI template validation report (clean and tracked versions) • Final Explanatory Memorandum in clean, tracked and Word versions • Final Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (if required) • Final Statement of Commonality and Final SoCGs • Final BoR and Schedule of changes to BoR • Applicant’s final Land Rights Tracker • Applicant’s final Application Guide in clean 	<p>Tuesday 14 January 2025</p>	

	<p>and tracked versions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant’s final Schedule of Negotiations and Powers Sought in clean and tracked versions • Applicant’s final planning obligations and commercial side agreements tracking lists (see Part 11 of Appendix F) • Any final signed and dated section 106 agreements together with CIL compliance schedule • Comments on any other submissions received at Deadline 6 <p>Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010</p>		
18	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of six months</p>	<p>Thursday 16 January 2025</p>	

1.3 Comments in relation to use of virtual methods

1.3.1.1 The Applicant supports the use of hybrid hearings. The Applicant will attend all hearings in person.

1.4 Requests to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting including which agenda items you wish to speak on

1.4.1.1 The Applicant confirms its attendance at the Preliminary Meeting.

1.5 Requests to participate in the Issue Specific Hearings on 16, 17 and 18 July 2024

1.5.1.1 The Applicant confirms its attendance at the Issues Specific Hearings on 16,17 and 18 July 2024

1.6 Requests to participate in the Open Floor Hearing on 19 July 2024

1.6.1.1 The Applicant confirms its attendance at the Open Floor Hearings on 19 July 2024.