

MONA OFFSHORE WIND LTD

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010137

RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE OF ISSUE-SPECIFIC HEARINGS AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING

Notice is hereby given at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the “**Secretary of State**”)) for the examination of the application made by Mona Offshore Wind Ltd (the “**Applicant**”) of Building B, Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, UK, TW16 7BP for a Development Consent Order (“**DCO**”) under the Planning Act 2008 (the “**Application**”). The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State, C/O the Planning Inspectorate on 22/02/2024 and was accepted on 21/03/2024. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is EN010137.

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and decommission the proposed Mona Offshore Wind Farm (the “**Project**”) located off the coast of North Wales. The Project comprises up to 96 wind turbine generators and associated onshore and offshore infrastructure. The Project will be located within Welsh waters and within the Counties of Denbighshire and Conwy.

Details of the events are as follows:

Dates: **Wednesday 16, Thursday 17, Friday 18, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October 2024.**

Meeting start: 09:30am

Venue: Blended events are being held at The St George’s Hotel, Promenade, Llandudno, LL30 2LG and by virtual means using Microsoft Teams. Full instructions on how to join online or by phone will be provided in advance to those who have preregistered. Please note events on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 October are virtual only.

Attendees: Invited parties who have pre-registered

Dates	Hearing	Start time	Venue and Joining details
Wednesday 16 October 2024	Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Environmental Matters	Hearing starts at 9:30am Seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual arrangements Conference from 9:00am	The St George’s Hotel, Promenade, Llandudno, LL30 2LG and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
Thursday 17 October 2024 And Continued Friday 18 October	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)	Hearing starts at 9:30am Seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual arrangements Conference from 9:00am	The St George’s Hotel, Promenade, Llandudno, LL30 2LG and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Wednesday 23 October 2024	Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on Offshore Matters	Hearing starts at 9:30am. Virtual means using Microsoft Teams virtual arrangements Conference from 9:00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
Thursday 24 October 2024	Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) on draft Development Consent Order (DCO)	Hearing starts at 9:30am. Virtual means using Microsoft Teams virtual arrangements Conference from 9:00am	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Hearing information

Details regarding attending and speaking at the hearings are set out in the Examining Authority's Rule 13(3) notification available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010137/EN010137-001057-MNOW%20-%20Rule%2013%20and%20Rule%2016%20-%20Notification%20of%20Hearings%20and%20ASI%20-%20English.pdf>

Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearings listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate by 7 October 2024 by emailing the project mailbox (details below).

Interested parties can attend the physical hearing at the venue (ISH3 and CAH1 only) to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue please register your attendance to observe only by Monday 7 October 2024 by emailing the project mailbox (details below).

The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered. Live streams will also be provided for each Hearing and the link for this will be available on the day at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/mona-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=overview>

Please contact the Planning Inspectorate Case Team by phone (0303 444 5000) or by email (monaoffshorewindproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) if you require any support or assistance to attend any of the hearings, either virtually or in person.

Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Mona Offshore Wind Project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.

Summary of the Application and Project

The DCO application will cover:

- construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning of the Project;
- the compulsory acquisition of land including rights in or over land required for the purposes of the Project, and land required to facilitate or is incidental to the Project;
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including that relating to the compulsory acquisition of land; and

- further provisions, permissions or consents as are necessary and/or convenient including a deemed marine licence.

The Project consists of a proposed offshore wind farm located in the Irish Sea, and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure. The wind farm is expected to comprise up to 96 wind turbine generators. At the closest points the array area is 28.8 km from the north coast of Wales, 46.9 km from the northwest coast of England, and 46.6 km from the Isle of Man. The offshore export cable corridor will be approximately 46 km in length and the onshore export cable corridor (including 400 kV cable corridor) will be approximately 16 km in length.

The proposed DCO will, among other things, authorise:

- The construction and operation of up to 96 offshore wind turbine generators and their foundations;
- The construction of up to four offshore substation platforms (OSP) and their foundations;
- The construction of a network of subsea inter-array cables connecting the wind turbine generators and a network of interconnector cables connecting the OSPs;
- The installation of up to four subsea export cable circuits to transmit the electricity generated by the wind turbine generators to shore. The Project's offshore export cable corridor extends south-eastwards from the array area to the proposed landfall at Llanddulas in Conwy;
- The construction of up to four transition joint bays at landfall connecting the offshore cables to the onshore cables;
- The installation of up to four underground onshore export cable circuits connecting from the transition joint bays at landfall to the project onshore substation;
- The construction and operation of a new project onshore substation to the south of St Asaph Business Park and Glascoed Road in Denbighshire;
- The installation of up to two underground onshore export cable circuits connecting the proposed onshore substation to the National Grid Bodelwyddan substation to allow the power to be transferred to the National Grid; and
- Works to connect the Project to the National Grid Bodelwyddan substation in Denbighshire.

The DCO would also authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm.

Environmental Impact Assessment - The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. Consequently, the Applicant has submitted an Environmental Statement as part of the Application. A Non-Technical Summary ("NTS") of the Environmental Statement is also available.

Viewing the DCO application

All of the DCO application documents, including the application form and all the plans and maps, can be freely viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website throughout the examination period here on the Mona Offshore Wind Farm project page:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/mona-offshore-wind-farm/>

You may also access these online versions of the Mona DCO documents free-of-charge at the below locations. Please check directly with the facilities to confirm their opening hours, as well as any bookings or registrations that might be required to access the documents digitally through the computers available at the respective locations.

Venue	Opening Times	Contact Number
Amlwch Library, Parys Road, Amlwch, Anglesey LL68 9EA	Tues: 9.30-12.30pm and 2-5pm, Weds, Fri, Sat: 9.30-12.30pm, Thurs: 2-7pm	01407 830145
Bangor Public Library, Gwynedd Road, Bangor LL57 1DT	Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9:30-6pm, Weds, Fri: 9:30-5pm	01248 353479

	Sat: 9:30-1pm	
Henry Bloom Noble Library, 8 Duke Street, Douglas, IoM IM1 2AY	Mon-Weds and Fri: 8.30-5pm, Thurs: 10-7pm, Sat: 9-4pm	01624 696461
Llandudno Library, Mostyn Street, Llandudno LL30 2RP	Mon-Weds and Fri: 9-5:30pm Thurs: 10-7pm, Sat: 9:30-3pm	01492 574010
Ramsey Town Library, Parliament Square, Ramsey, IoM IM8 1RT	Mon-Thurs and Sat: 9-4:30pm, Fri: 9-4pm	01624 810146
Rhyl Library, Museum and Arts Centre Church Street, Rhyl LL18 3AA	Mon: Closed, Tues: 10-5pm, Wed: 12-5pm, Thurs: 10-5pm, Fri: 10-5pm, Sat: 9:30-12.30pm	01745 353814

If you require an alternative method for inspection of the DCO application or have any queries, including how to access the documents on the Planning Inspectorate's website, please call the Applicant on 0800 860 6263 or email info@monaoffshorewind.com.

The Applicant can also provide any of the documents as required on a USB (free of charge). Hard copies of the NTS can also be provided upon reasonable request. Provision of hard copies of the ES will be subject to a maximum charge of £7,000, plus VAT, to cover printing and delivery costs.

If you require alternative methods for inspection of the Application Documents (for example in large print, audio, or braille formats), contact the Applicant using the details below.

Further information about Mona can be found on the project website:
<https://www.morganandmona.com> or by contacting the team at 0800 860 6263 or email info@monaoffshorewind.com