

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 13

Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm (Case ref: EN010137)

Notification of Hearings

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 6: Onshore and Offshore Environmental Matters and the Draft Development Consent Order (ISH6)	<p>Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December 2024</p> <p>Hearing starts at 9.30am on both days</p> <p>Virtual Arrangements Conference from 9:00am</p>	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)	<p>Wednesday 11 December 2024</p> <p>Hearing starts at 1.30pm</p> <p>Virtual Arrangements Conference from 1:00pm</p>	By virtual means using Microsoft Teams

Participation in the Hearings

You must register by [emailing the project mailbox](#) by **Thursday 5 December 2024**, if you intend to participate in the hearings. Any request to participate in the hearings must include the following information:

- name and unique reference number (found at the top your 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);
- the issues on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make;
- the Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to; and
- any special requirements you may have.

Virtual Hearings

ISH6 and CAH2 will be held as virtual events using Microsoft Teams. Parties who have registered to attend the hearing will receive an email shortly before the hearing containing a joining link, telephone number and instructions to enable virtual participation. Please join the Arrangements Conference promptly. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the hearings to start promptly.

For those who wish to participate but who do not have access to Microsoft Teams, the Applicant will provide an alternative arrangement in order for you to join the hearing. Please contact the Case Team who will provide further information.

Observing the Hearings

All events 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.

Hearing Agendas

The ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website no later than Tuesday 3 December 2024. However, in order to be helpful to parties, the ExA has set out a broad outline of the matters it currently considers may be examined at ISH6. Please note that this is not a definitive list and may be subject to change. All hearings will include examination of submissions up to and including D5. Whilst comments on responses to the ExA's further written questions (ExQ2) are expected in writing at D6, the ExA may ask parties to respond to D5 submissions at the hearing.

Issues currently being considered for examination at ISH6:

- **The change application (environmental matters only)**
- **Noise and vibration**
- **Traffic and transport**
- **Commercial fisheries**
- **Offshore ornithology**
- **Other offshore infrastructure users**
- **Civil and military aviation and defence interests**
- **The dDCO**

General Information

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.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the Examining Authority will conduct the hearings in such a way that legal representation will not be required. The Examining Authority will lead the questioning of parties making oral representations and probe, test and assess the evidence. There is usually no cross-examination of witnesses by other parties, though the Examining Authority does have the power to allow this under certain circumstances.

The hearings will finish when the Examining Authority considers that all matters have been covered and all participants have had an opportunity to make their representations. As a guide, the ExA aims to close hearings by approximately 5pm. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, it may be necessary to defer some matters to written questions.

The Examining Authority would recommend any parties who are new to the process and wish to learn more about the background and procedures in hearings to read the Planning Inspectorate's Guidance [Planning Act 2008: Examination Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects](#).