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## E1.8.1 Letter to consultees regarding PEIR figures 12 October 2023





12 October 2023

Hello,

# Statutory Consultation under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act') and Regulations 11 and 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('the 2017 Regulations')

We recently wrote to you regarding consultation on the proposed application for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets ("the Project"), as you have been identified as a prescribed consultee for the Project.

Enclosed with our letter were copies of the consultation materials and a USB drive containing copies of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") for the Project.

As we launch our consultation today, we have amended the titles of four figures in Volume 2, figures 3.7, 3.9, 3.11 and 3.13, to rectify discrepancies we have identified in the file names and titles. Please note, the data presented in the figures remains unchanged.

The amended titles of these documents are as follows:

- PEIR Volume 2, Figure 3.7 Sandeel spawning and nursery grounds with subsea 10 dB noise SPLpk contours for pin pile locations
- PEIR Volume 2, Figure 3.9 Cod spawning and nursery grounds with subsea 10 dB noise SPLpk contours for pin pile locations
- PEIR Volume 2, Figure 3.11 Herring spawning and nursery grounds with subsea 10 dB noise SPLpk contours for pin pile locations
- PEIR Volume 2, Figure 3.13 Herring spawning and nursery grounds with subsea 10 dB noise SEL single strike contours for pin pile locations

Updated versions of these figures are now available in the consultation hub on our website at <a href="https://morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission/our-consultation/consultationhub/">https://morecambeandmorgan.com/transmission/our-consultation/consultationhub/</a>

If you are unable to access these figures online via the above link and would prefer us to send you hard copies, please let us know using the contact details below.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email on <u>info@morecambeandmorgan.com</u>, by calling us on 0800 915 2493 (option 3) or by writing to us at FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN.

Kind regards,

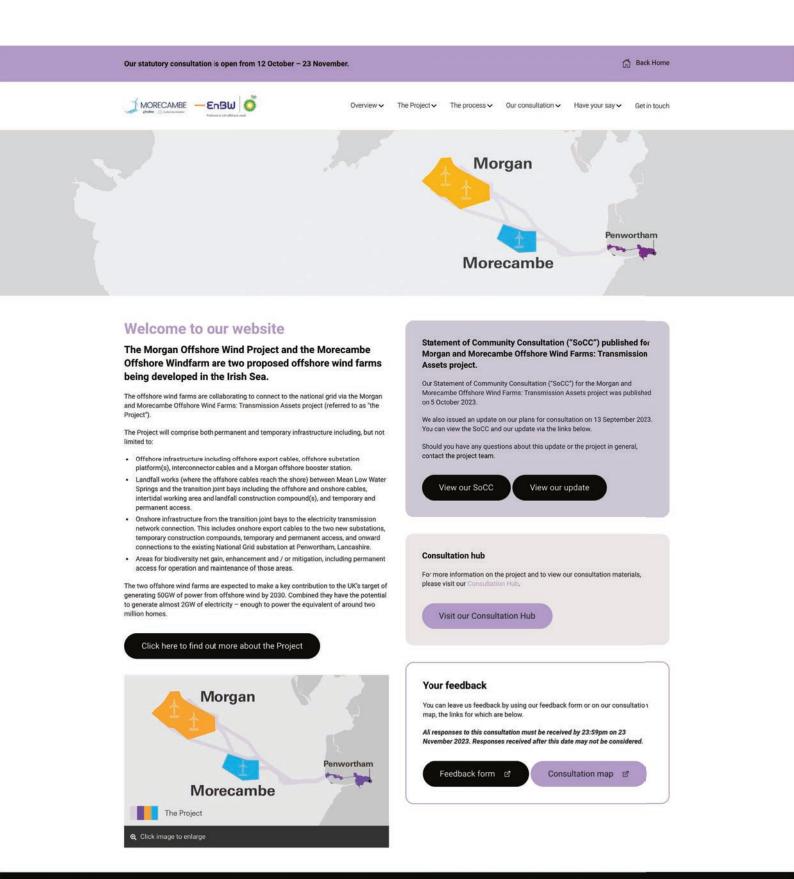
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## About the developers

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are working together on the proposals for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project, to connect both offshore wind farms to the electricity transmission network.

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, a joint venture between bp and EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG, is developing the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

#### About bp

bp is an integrated energy company aiming to be a global leader in offshore wind. Its global pipeline includes two sites offshore Germany with a potential generating capacity of 4GW.

bp has formed a partnership with Equinor to develop projects in the US, including Empire Wind and Beacon Wind off the East Coast that have a planned potential 4.4GW generating capacity.

It has also formed a strategic partnership with Japanese conglomerate Marubeni to explore offshore wind opportunities in the country and acquired a 55% stake in a portfolio from Deep Wind Offshore in South Korea, which includes four projects with a potential generating capacity of up to 66W.

#### About EnBW

EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG is one of the largest energy supply companies in Germany and Europe, with a workforce of 27,000 employees supplying energy to a ound 5.5 million customers. Installed renewable energy capacity will account for 50 percent of EnBW's generating portfolio by the end of 2025.

EnBW was among the pioneers in offshore wind power with its Baltic 1 wind farm in the Baltic Sea. EnBW has developed, constructed and operates four offshore wind farms in Germany with a total installed capacity of 945MW.

Another 960MW from the offshore wind farm He Dreiht are currently under development; the final investment decision in March 2023 cleared the way for the start of construction.

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited, a joint venture between Cobra and Flotation Energy Limited, is developing the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

#### About Cobra

Cobra is a world leader in the development, construction and management of industrial infrastructure and energy projects, with 80 years of experience.

Cobra is a worldwide reference with the capacity and determination to develop, create and operate industrial and energy infrastructures that require a high level of service, based on excellence in integration, technological innovation and financial strength.

#### About Flotation Energy

Flotation Energy is based in Edinburgh, Scotland, and has been a significant contributor to building a strong offshore wind industry in the UK and beyond.

Flotation Energy has a growing project pipeline, managing 13GW of offshore wind projects in the UK, Ireland, Taiwan, Japan and Australia; and plans to expand into many more key markets. The expertise of the Flotation Energy team lies in the project and engineering management of large infrastructure projects.

Flotation Energy has developed its own projects but also recognises the benefits of collaboration and partnership to deliver proven, cost-effective solutions.

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## A coordinated approach

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm were scoped into the Pathway to 2030 workstream of the UK Government's Offshore Transmission Network Review ("OTNR").

As part of the OTNR, National Grid assessed options to improve the coordination of offshore wind farm connections and associated transmission networks. In July 2022, the UK Government published the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design Report which set out the results of the OTNR and its proposed approach to connecting 50GW of offshore wind to the UK national grid.

This concluded that the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm should work collaboratively to connect the wind farms to the national grid at Penwortham in Lancashire. The developers (EnBW/bp and Cobra/Flotation Energy) were involved in this process and agree with this conclusion, and as a result are developing the transmission assets associated with each offshore wind farm together.

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## Why we need offshore wind

When operational, the Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms are expected to play a role in the energy transition by delivering a significant volume of offshore wind.

This can support the UK Government's Net Zero by 2050 target to deliver up to 50GW of offshore wind by 2030.

The UK is a world leader in offshore wind and the surrounding seas are ideal for harnessing wind power. We are aiming for our projects to be operational by 2028/29 at the earliest, helping to decarbonise the UK.

The projects will also play a key role in the energy transition by:

- Generating low carbon electricity from offshore wind farms in support of the decarbonisation of the UK electricity supply
- Optimising generation capacity within the constraints of available sites and grid
  infrastructure
- Contributing to achieving the aims of the UK's Energy Security Strategy.
- The projects also aim to:
- Co-exist and collaborate with the other offshore activities, developers and operators to enable the balance of different users
- Contribute to the local, regional and national economy by providing substantial investment, as well as employment and new infrastructure during all phases of the projects
- Align with the key drivers in current and planned updates to national policy.

The UK currently generates around 13GW of its power from offshore wind, meaning it plays an increasingly important role in our energy mix. But we need to go a lot further. For the UK to achieve its climate goals, we need to quadruple our offshore wind generation, to reach the UK's target of deploying 50GW of offshore wind by 2030.

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#### How we have developed our proposals

Throughout the development of the Project, we've been carrying out assessments across a wide range of environmental topics to better understand the area we could work in and the potential impacts the Project may bring.

This includes work to better understand the proposed design of the Project and how it could be constructed (see our construction pages)

Below is an overview of our assessment work to date

**Environmental considerations** 

The Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and the Morgan Offshore Wind Project are expected to provide positive long-term environmental benefits by providing homes with renewable energy. We realise, however, that any major infrastructure development can create effects and it's important that these potential effects are identified, managed, minimised or, if possible, avoided.

In October 2022 we published a Scoping Report which set out what we understood, at the time, to be the Project's likely effects on the environment and how we would assess them.

Our Scoping Report was followed by the Secretary of State's Scoping Opinion, which was provided in December 2022. Our Scoping Report is available to read in our consultation to be available to read in the to be available to be available

The Secretary of State's Scoping Opinion is available to read on the Planning

Since receipt of the Scoping Opinion, we have been carrying out a range of environmental assessments to better understand the potential impacts of the Project. We have also engaged with statutory bodies to understand in greater detail the area that we're proposing to work in.

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Our environmental assessments are undertaken using a wide range of data sources, including Project specific surveys.

Using the wide range of data gathered, we have produced a PEIR. The PEIR provides a summary of the Project, the site selection process, engineering design development and the key findings of the EIA process to date. The purpose of the EIA is to allow stakeholders to develop an informed view of the development, as required by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

In each topic chapter of our PEIR we have set out how we have addressed comments included in the Scoping Opinion. This is set out in full in Volume 1, Annex 5.1 of the PEIR.

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#### **Our PEIR**

To support this consultation, we've published a PEIR.

This is a statutory requirement of the DCO process and provides the preliminary findings of our environmental assessments, including the likely environmental effects of the Project and how they could be mitigated. We want you to tell us if there are any potential environmental effects that you think we might have missed or anything else we should consider.

Feedback from this consultation, and further technical work, will help us to refine our plans and develop our Environmental Statement, which will form an important part of our DCO application.

Please note that the information provided is by no means exhaustive or fully representative of all the work we've done. More detailed information about all the assessments we've carried out and the subsequent results can be found in our PEIR.

#### **Onshore substation site selection**

To maintain electrical independence, one substation will be required for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and one for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. Following confirmation from National Grid that the wind farms would connect to the National Grid substation at Perwortham, work began to identify areas in the vicinity of Penwortham as a part of the route planning and site selection process.

Land within 8km of the substation at Penwortham was assessed for its suitability based on a number of factors, including but not limited to:

- Environmental sensitivities e.g. statutory and non-statutory designated sites, such as priority habitats, flood risk and modelling information, and contaminated land
- Ground conditions, such as topography Analysis of baseline environmental survey data, including ornithology (breeding bird and wintering bird) surveys
- Proximity to residential properties and receptors
- Accessibility to the existing road network
- Utility infrastructure (mains and high pressure gas and water pipelines, and overhead pylons and lines).

This resulted in the identification of four substation zones, two north and two south of the River Ribble. These were presented at our non-statutory consultation between April and June 2023. Key feedback received at these consultations included proximity to neighbouring communities, visual impact of the substations, flood risk, ornithology, and potential effects on landowners.

Following these non-statutory consultations, further analysis was undertaken of the substation zones to refine and establish the most suitable zones for siting the onshore substations. Zones 3 and 4, south of the River Ribble, are rich in sensitive habitats that support numerous protected species of birds and are constrained by space, topography and access. Zone 2, north of the River Ribble, contains sensitive habitat similar to that found at Newton Marsh and along the Ribble estuary supporting numerous protected bird species. Zone 2, also contains two gas main pipelines, and is generally at higher risk of flooding. Zone 1 is further from designated sites and contains fewer sensitive habitats, as well as having better access to the main highway network. As such the area of Zone 1 has been selected as the basis for the "onshore substations statutory consultation area" (see our About the Project pages.)

Consultation is a crucial part of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") process and has been carried out to date with both statutory and non-statutory stakeholders through pre-scoping consultation and through the EIA Scoping Report. A summary of the key issues raised during consultation activities

undertaken to date, specific to the project description, is presented in Volume 1 Chapter 3 of the PEIR, together with how these issues have been considered in the design of the Project.

View Volume 1 Chapter 3

Within the onshore substations consultation area a number of constraints have been identified. As such the siting of the preferred substations are based on the space required and constraints such as proximity to residential receptors, utilities, watercourses, topography and access.

Further detail on the site selection process and the outcome of the work undertaken to date regarding the substation search areas is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 4 of the PEIR.

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The process of site selection and refinement remains ongoing, and following this statutory consultation, the final siting for the onshore substations (and associated temporary and permanent infrastructure) will be presented in the final application alongside the Environmental Statement.

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## **Constructing the Project**

Construction of the Project will involve a range of specialist engineering techniques. The main principles are outlined below.

#### **Onshore export cables**

The onshore export cable corridor for the Project will be approximately 25km in length and the cables will be buried underground. In designing the route we will consider where it is required to cross beneath existing assets, such as pipelines, highways or rivers.

Once installed, the cables will typically occupy a permanent onshore export corridor up to 70m wide, within which up to 18 onshore export cables will be installed in total for both projects. The width of the permanent corridor may change and increase in specific locations, for example where obstacles are present such as the Network Rail Crossings (where the permanent footprint may be extended up to 180m to facilitate crossing beneath the railway line) and at the approach to the landfall.

The cable installation work will be enabled by having temporary haul roads along the cable route.

Once the cables are installed, the ground will be carefully reinstated using stored subsoil and topsoil.

All temporary construction compounds and temporary fencing will be removed, field drainage and / or irrigation will be reinstated and the land will be restored to its original condition.

Hedgerows will be replanted using locally sourced native species, where practicable and with landowner agreement. Where appropriate, some enhancement (such as planting of additional suitable species) may be undertaken.



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#### Code of Construction Practice (CoCP)

The purpose of the CoCP is to provide effective planning, management and control during construction to control potential impacts upon people, and the environment.

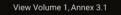
All construction will be undertaken in accordance with the CoCP. It will set out the key management measures that we will require our contractors to adopt and implement for all relevant construction activities for the onshore and intertidal elements of the Project.

The CoCP will include plans and control measures for managing the potential environmental effects of construction and limiting disturbance from construction activities as far as reasonably practicable.

For example, these may be related to surface water, pollution prevention, noise and vibration, air quality, and dust management.

A draft Outline CoCP is provided at Volume 1, Annex 3.1 of the PEIR.

An Outline CoCP will be prepared and submitted with the application for development consent. Detailed CoCP(s) will be developed in accordance with the Outline CoCP, and will require approval from the relevant Local Planning Authority before any relevant construction activities can take place.



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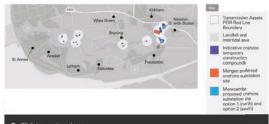


#### Temporary construction compounds

Temporary construction compounds will be required to support the construction of the Project, including the onshore substations, the onshore export cable corridor, and the landfall area.

They will be prepared by removing and storing topsoil and subsoil before laying hardstanding areas using clean crushed stone.

Temporary construction compounds have been identified to support the construct on of the onshore export cables. Temporary construction compounds will also be required for each of the onshore substation sites.



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#### **Onshore substations**

The onshore substation buildings are likely to be composed of steel frames and external sheet cladding materials. We will be developing management plans covering ecological mitigation and biodiversity net gain.

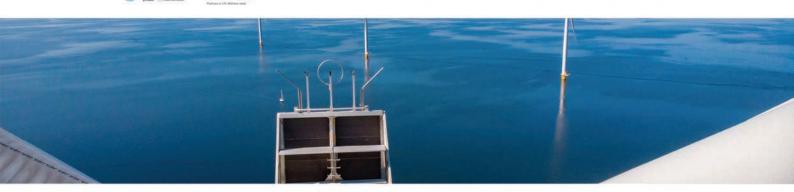
#### Landfall area

The offshore export cables will be installed by HDD or other trenchless methodologies, from the transition joint bays underneath the railway line, the AS84 Clifton Drive North, and the sand dunes at Lytham St Annes Site of Special Scientific Interest ("SSSI"), which is a designated site for its biology.

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## Connecting the Morgan and Morecambe projects to the national grid

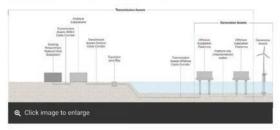
Electricity generated by the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm (Generation Assets) will be transported to the existing national electricity transmission network – which is usually called the national grid – using export cables.

When offshore, these export cables typically run under the seabed wherever possible and once onshore they are usually buried underground.

The point where the offshore cables come ashore is called the landfall. Within this area, the offshore export cables will be connected to the onshore export cables at transition joint bays, which will be located on land above mean high water.

Onshore export cables are also required to transport the electricity from the transition joint bays to the onshore substations, and then on to the national grid.

The power can then go directly into the national grid; the large 'pot' of energy is then distributed to our homes and businesses across the UK.



This indicative diagram illustrates which part of the projects are classified as Generation Assets (Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and Morgan Offshore Wind Preject) and which parts are classified as Transmission Assets (Morgan and Moreambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets). At this stage it has not been determined whether the OSP(s) will remain as part of the Generation Assets or be transferred to an offshore transmission owner with the Transmission Assets. For this reason, they are included in both the separate DCO applications for the Generation Assets and Transmission Assets.

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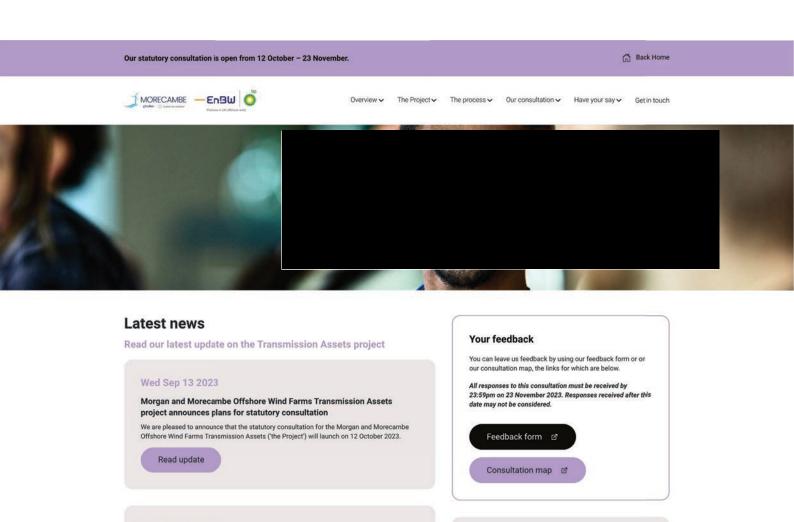
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#### Tue May 23 2023

Community consultations for UK offshore wind projects closing soon

Local consultations for UK wind farms Morecambe, Morgan and Mona will end on 4 June 2023 after six weeks of events aimed at local stakeholders and residents.

Read update



Community consultations launch for UK offshore wind projects Community consultations today launched for the Morgan, Mona and Morecambe offshore wind farms to be located in the Irish Sea.

Read update

#### Wed Nov 02 2022

Consultation launched for Morecambe and Morgan offshore wind farms

The developers of the Mcrecambe and Morgan offshore wind projects have launched a consultation on their proposals to develop two offshore wind farms in the Irish Sea.







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## The Development Consent Order (DCO) process

In October 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Project should be treated as a development for which development consent is required.

Consent to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Project will therefore be sought under the Planning Act 2008.

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm (Generation Assets) are each considered to be Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ("NSIPs") and will be the subject of separate applications for development consent.

Our final application for development consent for the Project will include:

- A Consultation Report which will set out consultations undertaken for the Project, and a summary of consultation responses received.
- An Environmental Statement setting out an assessment of the impacts likely to give risk to significant environmental effects and the proposed mitigation.
- A draft Development Consent Order.

The application for development consent will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The Planning Inspectorate will then follow a number of steps to receive and review the application, seeking further comment from interested bodies and individuals.

If the application is accepted, a preexamination stage will begin, with opportunities for local community members to register as interested parties on the Planning Inspectorate's website and request to take part in the examination process.

The Planning Inspectorate will then examine the DCO application, with input from interested parties and statutory consultees.

Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will present its recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will then make the final decision on whether the DCO should be granted.

To register your interest and follow the Planning Inspectorate's consultation process, visit www.gov.uk/government/organisations/planning-inspectorate.

If, as a result of the feedback received during this consultation, the Project needs to change to an extent that it is necessary to carry out further statutory consultation, this will be carried out in accordance with the principles set out in our Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") and targeted geographically, or by group, as is appropriate to the change.



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#### How the DCO application process works:



Decision Following the examination, the Examining Authority will make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. Utimately, the decision as to whether or not to grant a DCO lies with the Secretary of State.

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## Supporting the local, regional and national economy

We believe our proposals for Morgan and Morecambe projects will unlock economic benefits, both in terms of the jobs we will create and the supply chain opportunities.

As we develop our plans in more detail, the scale of this economic boost will become clearer. In the meantime, we will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders, including the local planning authorities, local enterprise partnerships and local communities to identify opportunities related to skills, employment and local content.

We will use this to develop plans spanning the construction and operational phases of the projects.

#### Supply chain

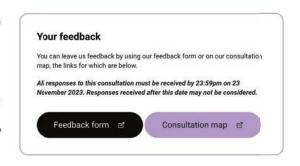
We know that offshore wind projects bring benefits to their local communities and we believe it's incredibly important the local supply chain contributes to this projects too.

Using the information on our project websites, local companies can pair their skills with the projects' needs. The portals provide access for companies of all sizes to register their interest for future work.

These projects encourage UK-based suppliers, particularly those with local connections to register their interest.

We have portals open for Morgan and Morecambe respectively:

- www.enbw-bp.com/suppliers
- www.morecambeoffshorewind.com/#supply



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### Next steps

Once this consultation closes on Thursday 23 November 2023 (23.59pm) we will consider all feedback we have received alongside carrying out further technical, engineering and environmental work.

We will then prepare our DCO application for the Project for submission to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. We expect to submit our application for development consent in 2024.

Our application will include:

- A Consultation Report which will set out consultations undertaken for the Project, and a summary of consultation responses received.
- An Environmental Statement setting out an assessment of the impacts likely to give risk to significant environmental effects and the proposed mitigation.
- A draft Development Consent Order.

The Planning Inspectorate will examine our proposals and prepare a report for the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State will then make the final decision on our application, which we expect to receive before the end of 2025.

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets are each considered to be NSIPs in their own right and will be the subject of separate applications for development consent.

If our applications are successful, we expect to begin construction in 2026/2027.

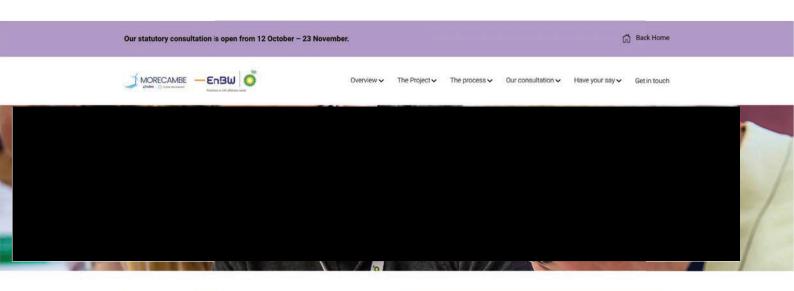
We anticipate both the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to be operational in 2028/29 at the earliest.

There will be further opportunities for people to have their say on our proposals postapplication via a process led by the Planning Inspectorate. You can find out more about this process and register to receive direct wpdates by visiting infrastructure planninginspectorate.cov.uk/application/process.

#### Indicative timeline (as of publication 2023)

	2023
	Spring 2023 - Second stage of consultation (non-statutory)
	October - November 2023 - Third stage of consultation (statutory)
	2024
	Q2/Q3 2024 - Applications submitted for Development Consent Order (DCO) an other licences
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	Expected decision on the DCO by the Secretary of State
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	Expected Final Investment Decision
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#### **Our consultation**

#### Our statutory consultation will be open from Thursday 12 October to Thursday 23 November 2023.

We are committed to an open and transparent consultation and would like to hear your views about the Project.

This website provides an overview of the work we have carried out following the feedback we received during our previous non-statutory consultations in 2022 and earlier in 2023, alongside the gathering of baseline information and the development of our Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), and consultation with statutory stakeholders.

We are asking for feedback on our PEIR for the Project, which includes detailed information about the Project, and the assessments undertaken to date. We are encouraging feedback on our proposals and the work we've undertaken so far, including our proposals for biodiversity mitigation and enhancement areas.

See our Have your say pages for more information about how to provide your feedback. Please note that your feedback does not need to be limited to the areas covered in this website. We would like to hear any feedback you may have related to the Project.

You can find more information and consultation materials in our Consultation Hub. This includes our PEIR, which is an important document for this consultation.

You can take part and provide feedback in a number of ways:

- Feedback map available on our website here. This interactive map of the proposals allows, people to drop a pin and leave comments online and / or attach files (such as document or images) to their feedback.
- Feedback form available on our website here, at consultation events, deposit locations or by request from the team.
- By email to info@morecambe
- In writing FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN (please be advised it is not possible to send registered post to a freepost address).

We also encourage you to come along to one of our in-person or online public consultation events, visit here for more information about our events.

#### Help us refine our proposals

Through this consultation, we are seeking feedback on the work we have undertaken on the Project to date, as set out in detail in our PEIR and more succinctly summarised in our PEIR Non-Technical Summary ("NTS"). These are both available to read in our Consultation Hub.

The PEIR covers a range of environmental topics for which potential environmental impacts have been assessed. We would like your feedback on our work to date, with particular focus on the areas summarised in this brochure. Next to the topic summaries, we have included the corresponding chapter in our PEIR where you can find more detail.



#### Your feedback

You can leave us feedback by using our feedback form or on our consultation map, the links for which are below.

All responses to this consultation must be received by 23:59pm on 23 November 2023. Responses received after this date may not be considered.



#### What does statutory consultation mean?

In October 2022, the Secretary of State for business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Project should be treated as a development for which development consent is required.

This means that consent to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Project will be sought via the UK government's planning process under the Development Consent Order ("DCO") process.

A statutory consultation is a required part of this process, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. For more on the DCO process, see our pages here.

This statutory round of consultation will be open from Thursday 12 October to 23:59pm on Thursday 23 November 2023.

#### Come along to our consultation events

Visit our consultation events pages to find out more about our consultation events.



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Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets Call: 0800 915 2493 (option 3)

Email; info@morecamb Contact us

#### **Consultation Hub**

On this page you can view and download a selection of materials that provide more information about the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms; Transmission Assets. This includes the materials from our 2022 and 2023 non-statutory consultations.

Should you require any of these materials in a more accessible format, or in a different language, please contact the project team by emailing info@morecambeandmorpan.com or calling 0800 915 2493 (option 3)

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## **Our consultation events**

You can find out more about the Project at one of our consultation events. These events are a great way to learn more about our Project, meet the Project team and ask any questions you may have.

In-person consultation events are drop-in events, meaning you can stop by at any point to learn more and speak to the team. Pop-up events are being held in areas of high footfall. These events are smaller in scale but still a great opportunity to speak to a member of the team and learn more.

Our online event will be held on Zoom and will include a presentation from the Project team, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Please click here to register for our online event and find out more information about all of our planned consultation events. Please also check this website regularly and before attending an event in case it has been unexpectedly cancelled.



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#### **Deposit locations**

There will be printed materials on display at a number of public locations in the local community.

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Consultation events - These are in person drop-in events, meaning you can come along at any time between the hours below. There will be printed materials on display and members of the Project team for you to talk to and find out more. Please also check this website regularly and before attending an event in case it has been unexpectedly cancelled

Date/Time	Location
Thu 26 Oct, 3pm – 7pm	Newton, Salwick & Clifton Village Hall, Vicarage Lane, Newton-with-Scales PR4 3RU
Fri 3 Nov, 3pm – 7pm	St Anne's Cricket Club, Vernon Road, Lytham St Annes FY8 2RQ
Fri 10 Nov, 3pm - 7pm	Fylde Rugby Club, Woodlands Memorial Ground, Blackpool Road, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, FY8 4EL
Sat 11 Nov, 10am - 1pm	William Segar Hodgson Pavilion, Coronation Rd, Kirkham, Preston PR4 2HE
Thu 16 Nov, 3pm – 7pm	Douglas Borough Council, Town Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM99 1AD
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Online event - If you can't make it along to an in-person event or would prefer to engage with the Project online, you can attend our webinar. This event will include a presentation by the Project team and a question-and-answer session. Once you have registered to attend, you will receive an email confirmation with information about how to join this online event.

Date/Time	Location
Mon 6 Nov, 6pm - 7pm	Our live event will be held on Zoom. You can register to attend by clicking here.
Pop up events - These are smaller-sca	le events in public areas with high footfall, but still a great way to meet the Project team and ask any questions you may have.
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## Have your say

Local people, including residents, local elected representatives and other stakeholders, have a really important role to play throughout this consultation. We need your views and knowledge as we work to develop our proposals further in preparation for submitting our DCO application.

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### Your feedback

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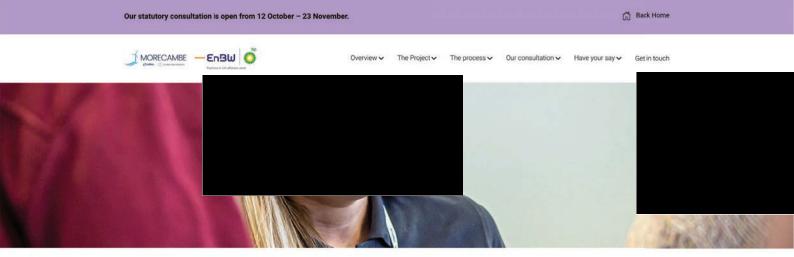
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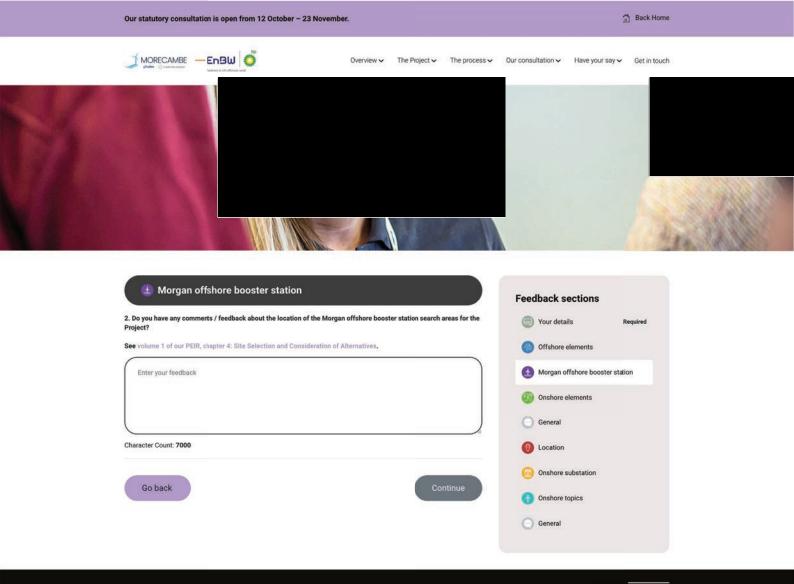
You can share any feedback you may have by using one of the following methods:

- Online feedback form: complete the online version of our feedback form.
- Paper feedback form: download a pdf copy of our feedback form from our consultation hub here and email it to us.
- Email us: info@morecambeandmorgan.com
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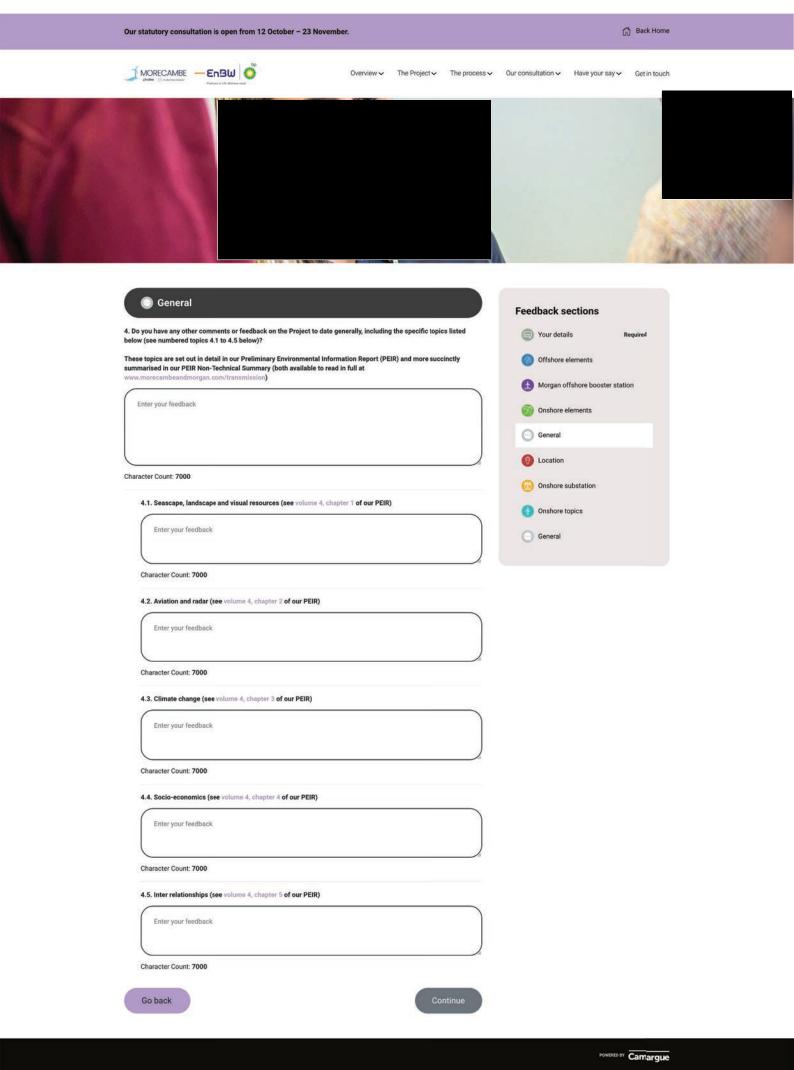
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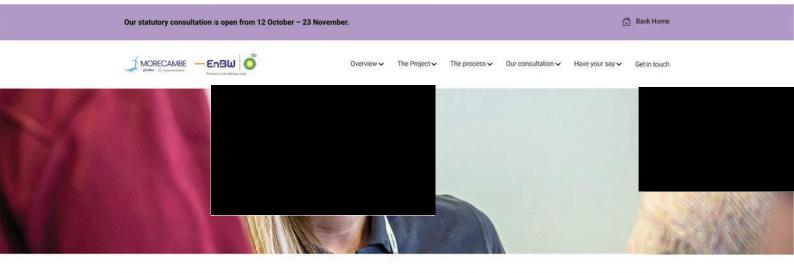
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See volume 1 of our PEIR, chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives.

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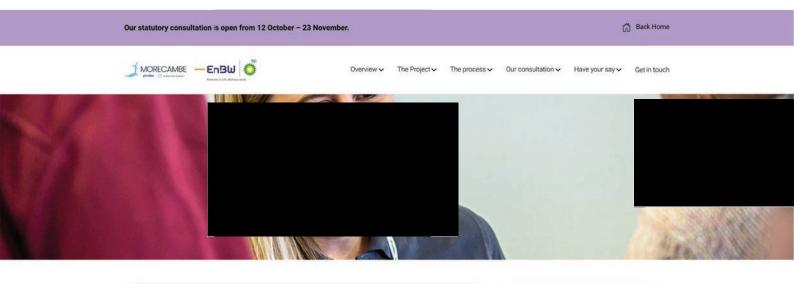
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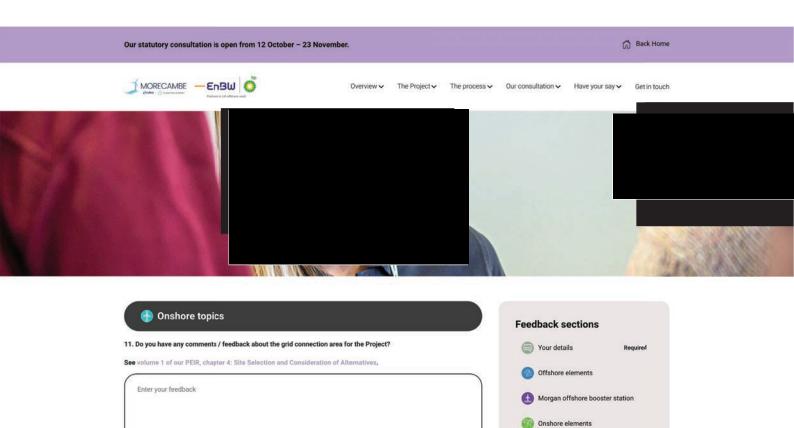
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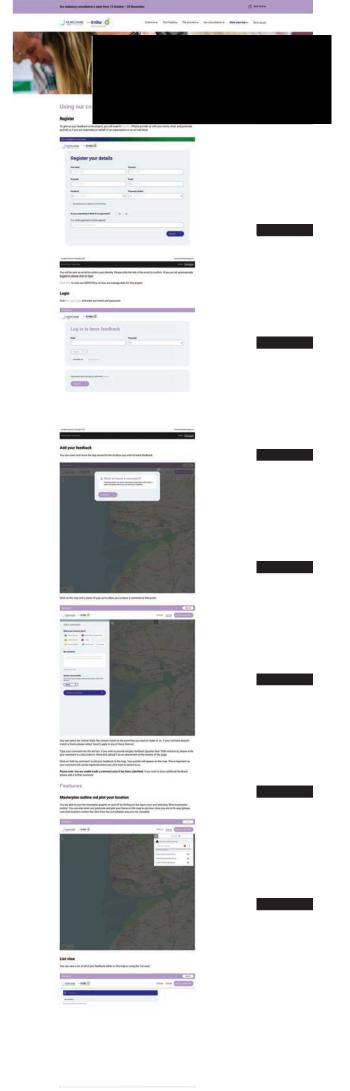
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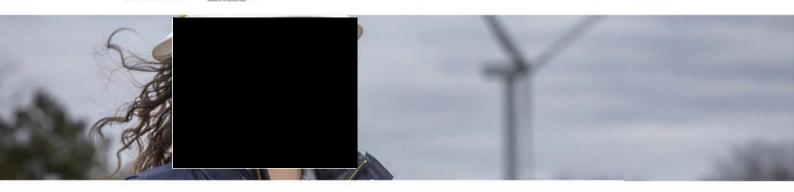
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## **Contact us**

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## **O** Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets

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Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, a joint venture between bp and Energie Baden- Württemberg AG (EnBW), is developing the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited, a joint venture between Cobra Instalaciones y Servicios, S.A. (Cobra) and Flotation Energy Limited, is developing the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are working together on the proposals for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project, to connect both wind farms to the national grid.

Please use this map to provide feedback for our statutory consultation on the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets. Click here to find out more about how to use this map to provide feedback.

## **Example 2** Leave your feedback

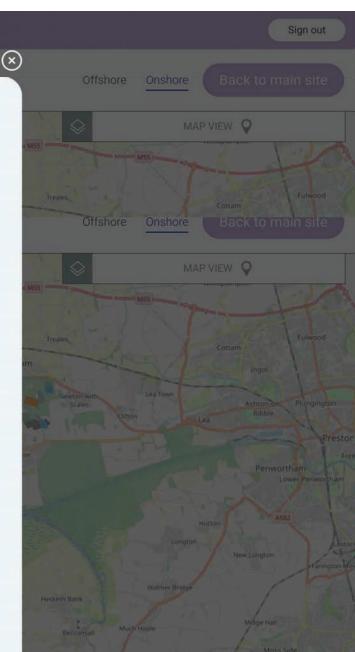
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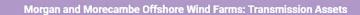
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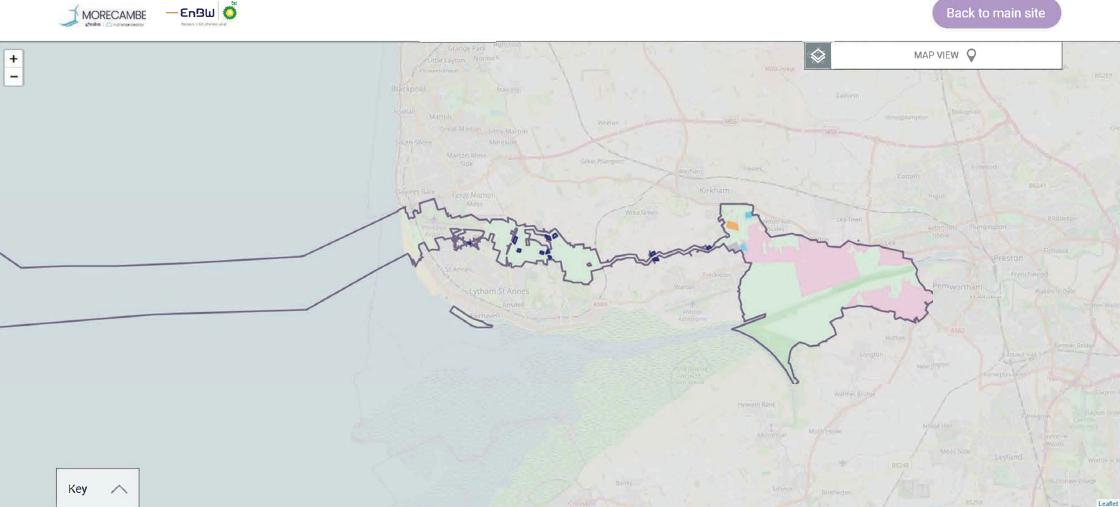




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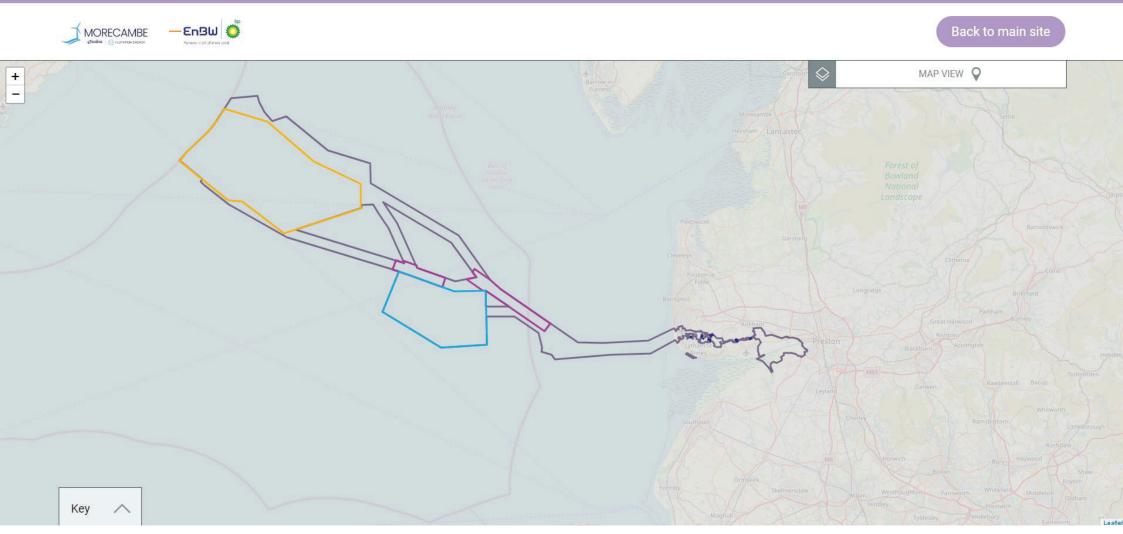






Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets











### E1.8.3 Newsletter





# Statutory consultation launches for Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: **Transmission Assets**

# Have your say on our proposals

#### The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are two new proposed offshore wind farms being developed in the east Irish Sea.

The two projects are collaborating to connect the offshore wind farms to the national grid via the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project (referred to as "the Project"). Combined they will have the potential to generate approximately 2 gigawatts (GW) of energy – enough to power the equivalent of around two million homes.

Transmission Assets is a term that refers to the offshore and onshore infrastructure that will be used to transport electricity from the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to the National Grid substation at Penwortham.

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, a joint venture between bp and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW), is developing the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited, a joint venture between Cobra and Flotation Energy Limited, is developing the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

Following on from our most recent nonstatutory consultation, which took place earlier this year, we are now holding our statutory consultation.

The consultation will be open from **Thursday 12 October** to **Thursday 23 November 2023**, where we will provide you with information on our latest proposals as well as information on the various environmental assessments we have undertaken so far.

Our statutory consultation seeks feedback on a range of information, including our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

The Project will comprise both permanent and temporary infrastructure including, but not limited to:

- Offshore infrastructure including offshore export cables, offshore substation platform(s), interconnector cables and a Morgan offshore booster station.
- Landfall works (where the offshore cables reach the shore) between Mean Low Water Springs and the transition joint bays including the offshore and onshore cables, intertidal working area and landfall construction compound(s), and temporary and permanent access.
- Onshore infrastructure from the transition joint bays to the electricity transmission network connection. This includes onshore export cables to the two new substations, temporary construction compounds, temporary and permanent access, and onward connections to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire.
- Areas for potential biodiversity net gain, enhancement and / or mitigation, including permanent access for operation and maintenance of those areas.

Our consultation is open from **Thursday 12 October** to **Thursday 23 November 2023**.

You can contact the community relations team by:



Calling: 0800 915 2493 (option 3)

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Email: info@ morecambeandmorgan.com



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# **The Project**

Our full suite of consultation materials and information on how to take part can be found on our website www.morecambeandmorgan.com /transmission.

As part of our consultation, we will be holding a series of public consultation events where you can meet our team, find out more about the Project and ask any questions you might have. Further information on attending consultation events can be found on the back of this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the consultation or information provided within this newsletter, please get in touch with a member of the community relations teams using the contact details provided on the opposite page and on the back of this newsletter.

Transmission Assets PEIR

### This consultation focuses solely on the Morgan and Morecambe **Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission** Assets project ("the Project").

We are therefore inviting your feedback on the Project's onshore and offshore proposals that will connect the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to the national grid.

The Project includes the following elements:

• Landfall area

The landfall area is where the offshore export cables come onshore, and the transitional area between the offshore cabling and the onshore cabling. The landfall area for the Project is proposed to be located between Blackpool and Lytham St Annes.

It is proposed that the offshore export cables will be connected to the onshore export cables at transition joint bays.

The cables would be installed underground using Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), or other trenchless methodologies.

 Shared onshore export cable corridor

Our onshore infrastructure will take electricity from a landfall point to the electricity transmission network.

To do this, we will need to construct underground cables within an onshore export cable corridor. Associated temporary and permanent areas will also be required to support the construction and / or operation and maintenance phases.

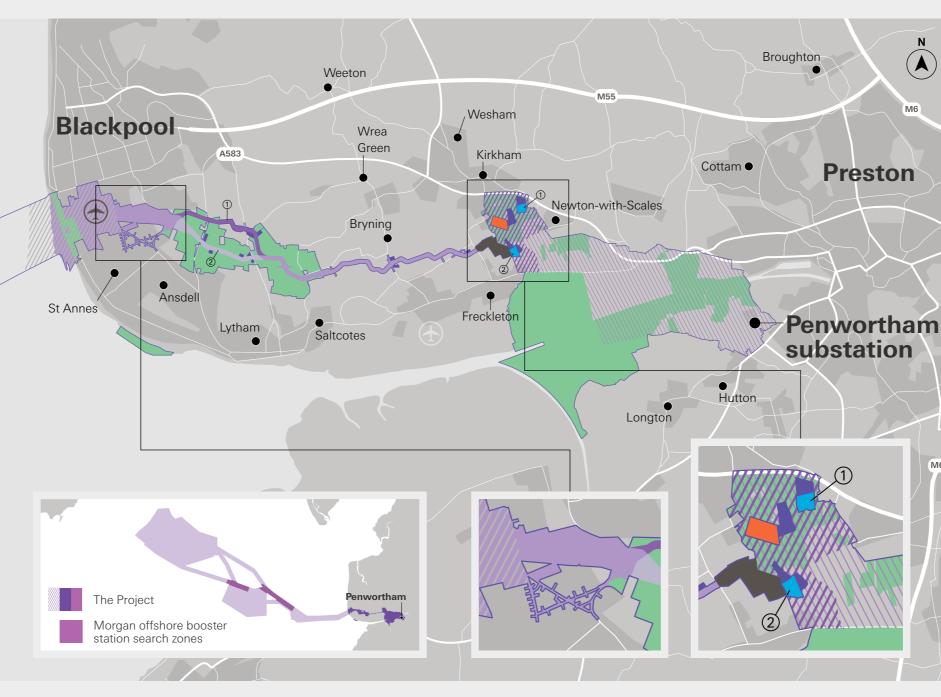
#### Onshore substations consultation area

To connect to the national grid we will need to build two new onshore substations. These are located within the onshore substations consultation area, within which we expect to site all temporary and permanent areas associated with the two onshore substations.

The different generating capacities of the offshore wind farms means that a larger onshore substation is required for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

The constraints within the onshore substations consultation area have resulted in the identification of one potential preferred site for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project, and two potential preferred sites for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

- Offshore infrastructure Offshore infrastructure associated with the Project includes, but is not limited to, offshore export cables, offshore substation platform(s) and one Morgan offshore booster station.
- Areas for potential biodiversity net gain, enhancement and / or mitigation These include permanent access for operation and maintenance of those areas.

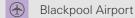




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cable corridor search area Indicative onshore construction compounds (temporary)

Potential biodiversity net gain, enhancement and / or mitigation areas



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### What is the PEIR?

This is a suite of documents that describe in greater detail the Project and the environmental assessment work undertaken to date. The PEIR (amongst other documents) forms the basis of this consultation, and we are seeking feedback on its content. It sets out potential environmental, social and economic impacts, including any benefits of the Project, as well as any initial measures proposed to mitigate the identified potential impacts.

### Take part



Feedback map – available on the Project website feedback. morecambeandmorgan.com. This interactive map of the proposals allows you to drop a pin and leave comments online and / or attach files (such as document or images) to your feedback.

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Feedback form – available on the Project website www.morecambeand morgan.com/transmission, at consultation events, deposit locations or by request from the community relations team.

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By email - to info@morecambeand morgan.com



In writing – FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN (please be advised it is not possible to send registered post to a freepost address).

# Share your feedback

#### At the heart of every consultation are the people who live and work in the community.

We understand how important it is to gather local knowledge and we are keen to hear your views as we develop our proposals. Consulting people living near to the Project who may be affected by the proposed development is important to us and we hope you will engage with this consultation.

You can submit your feedback by filling out a feedback form at an event, deposit location or on our website (www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission), leaving comments on our interactive map or sending us your thoughts by email or post.

If you would like to meet the Project team, better understand the proposals and ask any questions you may have, please come along to one of our public consultation events which we have listed below.

### **Consultation events**

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Location	Date	Time
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Vicarage Lane, Newton-with-Scales, PR4 3RU	Oct	7pm
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Lytham St Annes, FY8 2RQ	Nov	7pm
<b>Fylde Rugby Club</b> , Woodlands Memorial Ground,	Fri 10	3pm to
Blackpool Road, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes, FY8 4EL	Nov	7pm
William Segar Hodgson Pavilion,	Sat 11	10am to
Coronation Road, Kirkham, Preston, PR4 2HE	Nov	1pm
<b>Douglas Borough Council</b> , Town Hall,	Thu 16	3pm to
Ridgeway Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AD	Nov	7pm

#### **Online event**

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#### www.morecambeand morgan.com/transmission.

This event will include a presentation by the project team and a questionand-answer session.

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Date	Time
Mon 6 Nov	6pm to 7pm

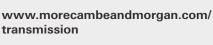
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<b>Penwortham Farmers Market</b> , behind St Teresa's Church, Queensway, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0DS	Sat 4 Nov	9am to 1pm

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### E1.8.4 Brochure





# Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: **Transmission Assets**

Statutory consultation brochure October 2023

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# **Foreword**

### Al Rayner, Projects Director, Flotation Energy

"With the potential to power more than half a million homes, Morecambe Offshore Windfarm will play a key role in the UK's journey to more sustainable, cheaper energy consumption.

We are excited to be embarking on our statutory consultation for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms, Transmission Assets project. We're seeking feedback on our proposals for the offshore and onshore infrastructure to connect both windfarms to the national grid.

our plans.

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm is a joint venture between Cobra and Flotation Energy.

### Richard Haydock, Programme Director, UK Offshore Wind, bp

"The Morgan Offshore Wind Project will play a key role in delivering secure, low carbon energy to the UK and support the UK's ambition to be net zero by 2050.

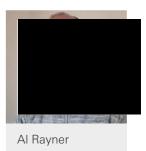
This consultation is a crucial step in the planning and development of our offshore wind projects, and we are committed to making sure we deliver the project in a way that considers the people who live and work in the area.

Your feedback will help shape our proposals and provide us with vital local knowledge to help develop our plans.

We are grateful to all those who have already provided feedback at our previous consultations, and we look forward to continued discussions with you and getting closer to delivering offshore wind power in the UK."

This is our third consultation on the project and underlines our continuing commitment to engage with communities as we develop

The feedback we receive will help us as we seek to further refine our proposals and understand how best to deliver the infrastructure required in a way that respects the needs of surrounding communities."





Richard Haydock

## About the developers

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are working together on the proposals for the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project, to connect both offshore wind farms to the electricity transmission network.

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, a joint venture between bp and EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG, is developing the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

#### About bp

bp is an integrated energy company aiming to be a global leader in offshore wind. Its global pipeline includes two sites offshore Germany with a potential generating capacity of 4GW.

bp has formed a partnership with Equinor to develop projects in the US, including Empire Wind and Beacon Wind off the East Coast that have a planned potential 4.4GW generating capacity.

It has also formed a strategic partnership with Japanese conglomerate Marubeni to explore offshore wind opportunities in the country and acquired a 55% stake in a portfolio from Deep Wind Offshore in South Korea, which includes four projects with a potential generating capacity of up to 6GW.

### About EnBW

EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG is one of the largest energy supply companies in Germany and Europe, with a workforce of 27,000 employees supplying energy to around 5.5 million customers. Installed renewable energy capacity will account for 50 percent of EnBW's generating portfolio by the end of 2025.

EnBW was among the pioneers in offshore wind power with its Baltic 1 wind farm in the Baltic Sea. EnBW has developed, constructed and operates four offshore wind farms in Germany with a total installed capacity of 945MW.

Another 960MW from the offshore wind farm He Dreiht are currently under development; the final investment decision in March 2023 cleared the way for the start of construction.

Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Limited, a joint venture between Cobra and Flotation Energy Limited, is developing the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

#### About Cobra

Cobra is a world leader in the development, construction and management of industrial infrastructure and energy projects, with 80 years of experience.

Cobra is a worldwide reference with the capacity and determination to develop, create and operate industrial and energy infrastructures that require a high level of service, based on excellence in integration, technological innovation and financial strength.

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### **About Flotation Energy**

Flotation Energy is based in Edinburgh, Scotland, and has been a significant contributor to building a strong offshore wind industry in the UK and beyond.

Flotation Energy has a growing project pipeline, managing 13GW of offshore wind projects in the UK, Ireland, Taiwan, Japan and Australia; and plans to expand into many more key markets.

The expertise of the Flotation Energy team lies in the project and engineering management of large infrastructure projects.

Flotation Energy has developed its own projects but also recognises the benefits of collaboration and partnership to deliver proven, cost-effective

# Introduction to the Transmission Assets project

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are two proposed offshore wind farms being developed in the Irish Sea.

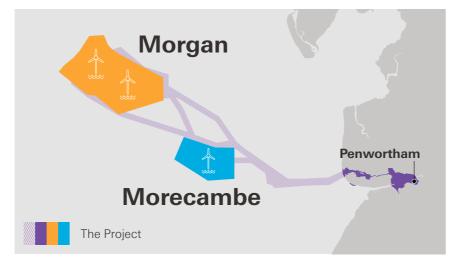
The offshore wind farms are collaborating to connect to the national grid via the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project (referred to as "the Project").

The Project will comprise both permanent and temporary infrastructure including, but not limited to:

- Offshore infrastructure including offshore export cables, offshore substation platform(s), interconnector cables and a Morgan offshore booster station.
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 Areas for biodiversity net gain, enhancement and / or mitigation, including permanent access for operation and maintenance of those areas.

The two offshore wind farms are expected to make a key contribution to the UK's target of generating 50GW of power from offshore wind by 2030. Combined they have the potential to generate almost 2GW of electricity – enough to power the equivalent of around two million homes.



### Generation and Transmission Assets explained

**'Generation Assets'** refers to the parts of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm that generate the electricity. This includes the proposed offshore wind turbines and associated infrastructure, such as the cabling that connects the turbines to the offshore export cables. **'Transmission Assets'** refers to the elements that are responsible for connecting the 'Generation Assets' to the national grid, such as the offshore and onshore export cables, Offshore Substation Platforms ("OSPs"), onshore substations, and associated infrastructure.

# A coordinated approach

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm were scoped into the Pathway to 2030 workstream of the UK Government's Offshore Transmission Network Review ("OTNR").

As part of the OTNR, National Grid assessed options to improve the coordination of offshore wind farm connections and associated transmission networks. In July 2022, the UK Government published the Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design Report which set out the results of the OTNR and its proposed approach to connecting 50GW of offshore wind to the UK national grid. This concluded that the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm should work collaboratively to connect the wind farms to the national grid at Penwortham in Lancashire. The developers (EnBW/bp and Cobra/Flotation Energy) were involved in this process and agree with this conclusion, and as a result are developing the transmission assets associated with each offshore wind farm together.

# Why we need offshore wind

When operational, the Morgan and Morecambe offshore wind farms are expected to play a role in the energy transition by delivering a significant volume of offshore wind. This can support the UK Government's Net Zero by 2050 target to deliver up to 50GW of offshore wind by 2030.

The UK is a world leader in offshore wind and the surrounding seas are ideal for harnessing wind power. We are aiming for our projects to be operational by 2028/29 at the earliest, helping to decarbonise the UK.

The projects will also play a key role in the energy transition by:

- Generating low carbon electricity from offshore wind farms in support of the decarbonisation of the UK electricity supply
- Optimising generation capacity within the constraints of available sites and grid infrastructure
- Contributing to achieving the aims of the UK's Energy Security Strategy.

The projects also aim to:

- Co-exist and collaborate with the other offshore activities, developers and operators to enable the balance of different users
- Contribute to the local, regional and national economy by providing substantial investment, as well as employment and new infrastructure during all phases of the projects
- Align with the key drivers in current and planned updates to national policy.

The UK currently generates around 13GW of its power from offshore wind, meaning it plays an increasingly important role in our energy mix. But we need to go a lot further. For the UK to achieve its climate goals, we need to quadruple our offshore wind generation, to reach the UK's target of deploying 50GW of offshore wind by 2030.

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# **Our consultation**

Our statutory consultation will be open from Thursday 12 October to Thursday 23 November 2023. We are committed to an open and transparent consultation and would like to hear your views about the Project.

This brochure provides an overview of the work we have carried out following the feedback we received during our previous non-statutory consultations in 2022 and earlier in 2023, alongside the gathering of baseline information and the development of our Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), and consultation with statutory stakeholders.

We are asking for feedback on our PEIR for the Project, which includes detailed information about the Project, and the assessments undertaken to date. We are encouraging feedback on our proposals and the work we've undertaken so far, including our proposals for biodiversity mitigation and enhancement areas.

See pages 32-33 for more information about how to provide your feedback. Please note that your feedback does not need to be limited to the areas covered in this brochure. We would like to hear any feedback you may have related to the Project.

You can find more information and consultation materials on our website: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission. This includes our PEIR, which is an important document for this consultation.

We also encourage you to come along to one of our in-person or online public consultation events. See pages 12-13 or visit www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission for more information about our events.

### Help us refine our proposals

Through this consultation, we are seeking feedback on the work we have undertaken on the Project to date, as set out in detail in our PEIR and more succinctly summarised in our PEIR Non-Technical Summary ("NTS"). These are both available to read in full at www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission.

The PEIR covers a range of environmental topics for which potential environmental impacts have been assessed. We would like your feedback on our work to date, with particular focus on the areas summarised in this brochure. Next to the topic summaries, we have included the corresponding chapter in our PEIR where you can find more detail.

### What does statutory consultation

In October 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Project should be treated as a development for which development consent is required.

This means that consent to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Project will be sought via the UK government's planning process under the Development Consent Order ("DCO") process.

A statutory consultation is a required part of this process, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008. For more on the DCO process, see pages 28-29.

### Alternative formats

Should you require any of our materials in an alternative format, please get in touch with the Project team by email (info@morecambeand morgan.com) or phone (0800 915 2493. option 3).

Costs starting from £0.28p per page may be associated with larger requests to cover printing and postage.

### Take part and provide feedback



Feedback map – available on the Project website feedback.morecambe andmorgan.com. This interactive map of the proposals allows people to drop a pin and leave comments online and / or attach files (such as document or images) to their feedback.



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### In writing – FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN (please be advised it is

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For the purposes of this statutory consultation, the following consultation materials have been published:

- Consultation Brochure, which outlines the Project's proposals, consultation activities and summarises the Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Consultation Feedback Form, which provides a structured method for consultees to provide their feedback.

As well as this brochure there are other (see page 12-13):



### Project website consultation hub

### **Preliminary Environmental Information** Report ("PEIR")

Consists of a suite of documents that describe the Project and the environmental assessment work undertaken to date. These documents form the basis of this consultation, and we are seeking feedback on their content. The PEIR sets out potential environmental, social and economic impacts, including the benefits of the Project, as well as any initial measures proposed to mitigate potential impacts.

### PEIR Non-Technical Summary ("NTS")

This is a shorter and more accessible summary of the PEIR's key points. Printed copies of the consultation brochure and PEIR Non-Technical Summary are available at deposit locations across the Project area, accompanied by printed feedback forms. A full list of the locations is available on our Project website, or on page 13 of this brochure.

### **Draft Development Consent Order**

A draft of the Development Consent Order ("dDCO") is also included in the consultation hub. The dDCO will be updated following consultation and a further draft will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the final application.

consultation documents available to help you understand our Project in more detail. These are referenced throughout this brochure and are available to view via the Project website: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission. Alternatively, please scan the QR code below. You can also visit one of our deposit locations (see page 13) or pick up these materials at one of our in-person events

Our website provides more information and context relating to the Project. This includes:

# **Consultation events**

You can find out more about the Project at one of our consultation events. These events are a great way to learn more about our Project, meet the Project team and ask any questions you may have.

In-person consultation events are drop-in events, meaning you can stop by at any point to learn more and speak to the team. Pop-up events are being held in areas of high footfall. These events are smaller in scale but still a great opportunity to speak to a member of the team and learn more.

Our online event will be held on Zoom and will include a presentation from the Project team, followed by a question-and-answer session.

### Please scan the QR code or visit

www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission to register for our online event and find out more information about all of our planned consultation events. Please also check the website before attending an event in case it has been unexpectedly cancelled.



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William Segar Hodgson Pavilion, Coronation Road, Kirkham, Preston, PR4 2HE	Sat 11 Nov	10am to 1pm
<b>Douglas Borough Council</b> , Town Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AD	Thu 16 Nov	3pm to 7pm

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#### Deposit locations

There will be printed materials on display at a number of public locations in the local community.

#### Location

Freckleton Library, Preston Old Road, Freckleton, PR4 1PB

**Kirkham Library**, Station Road, Kirkham, PR4 2HD

**St Annes Library**, 254 Clifton Drive South, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1NR

Lytham Library, Dicconson Terrace, Lytham St Annes, FY8 5JY

Ansdell Library, 59 Commonside, Ansdell, Lytham St Annes, FY8 4DJ

**Penwortham Town Council and Community Centre**, Kingsfold Drive, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9EQ

Henry Bloom Noble Library, 8 Duke Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2AY



#### Time

9am to 1pm

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Our events will have representatives present from the Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets projects.

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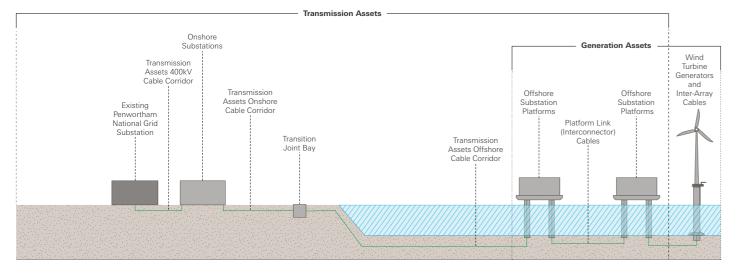
# **Connecting the Morgan and Morecambe projects to the national grid**

Electricity generated by the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm (Generation Assets) will be transported to the existing national electricity transmission network – which is usually called the national grid – using export cables.

When offshore, these export cables typically run under the seabed wherever possible and once onshore they are usually buried underground.

The point where the offshore cables come ashore is called the landfall. Within this area, the offshore export cables will be connected to the onshore export cables at transition joint bays, which will be located on land above mean high water. Onshore export cables are also required to transport the electricity from the transition joint bays to the onshore substations, and then on to the national grid.

The power can then go directly into the national grid; the large 'pot' of energy is then distributed to our homes and businesses across the UK.

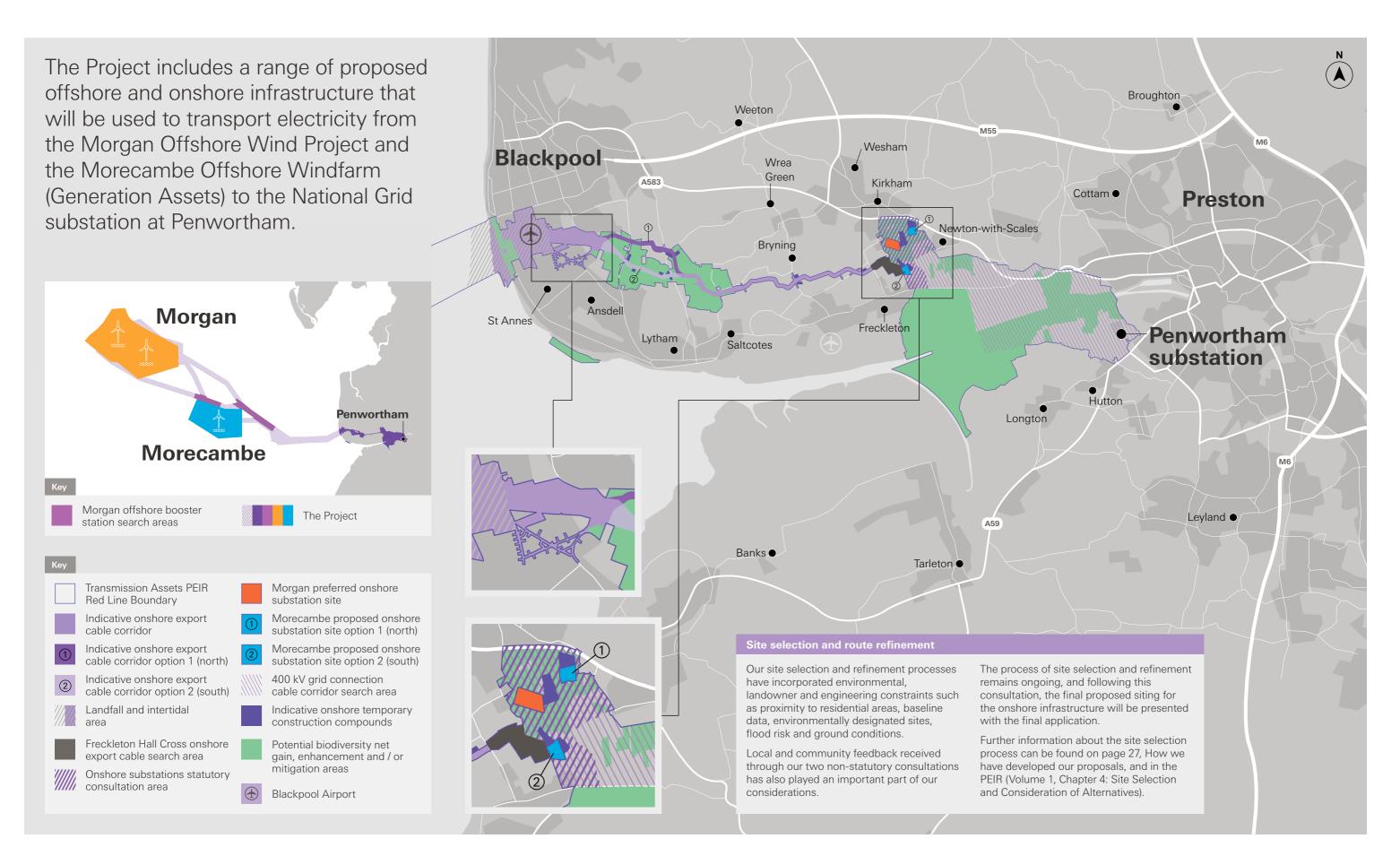


This indicative diagram illustrates which part of the projects are classified as Generation Assets (Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and Morgan Offshore Wind Project) and which parts are classified as Transmission Assets (Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets).



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# **About the Project**



The Project will comprise both permanent and temporary infrastructure including, but not limited to:

- Offshore infrastructure including offshore export cables, offshore substation platform(s), interconnector cables and a Morgan offshore booster station.
- Landfall works (where the offshore cables reach the shore) between Mean Low Water Springs and the transition joint bays including the offshore and onshore cables, intertidal working area and landfall construction compound(s), and temporary and permanent access.
- **Onshore infrastructure** from the transition joint bays to the electricity transmission network connection. This includes onshore export cables to the two new substations, temporary construction compounds, temporary and permanent access, and onward connections to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham, Lancashire.
- Areas for biodiversity net gain, enhancement and / or mitigation including permanent access for operation and maintenance of those areas.

Key elements of this infrastructure on which we are seeking your feedback, located within the Transmission Assets PEIR Red Line Boundary, include:

### Offshore substation platforms and booster station

The Project may require up to six offshore substation platforms ("OSPs"). This includes up to four for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and up to two for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

The OSPs will transform electricity generated by the Wind Turbine Generators to a higher voltage, allowing the power to be efficiently transmitted to shore. They are likely to have one or more decks, a helicopter platform, cranes and communication antenna.

One offshore booster station may also be required for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

The exact location of the Morgan offshore booster station is subject to further onshore design refinement. This will take into account factors, such as seabed conditions but is anticipated to be located within the search areas shown on the map.

No booster stations are proposed as part of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

### FAST FACTS

OSPs and Morgan booster station

Maximum indicative height of top of OSP antenna structures above Lowest Astronomical Tide ("LAT") -95m (Morgan) and 100m (Morecambe)

Maximum indicative height of Morgan booster station main structure (above LAT) - 70m

Maximum indicative height of OSP main structure (above LA, no antenna) -70m (Morgan) and 75m (Morecambe)

### Landfall area

The landfall area is where the offshore export cables come onshore, and the transitional area between the offshore cabling and the onshore cabling.

The transition joint bays would house the area where the offshore cables are connected to the onshore cables.

The landfall area for the Project is proposed to be located between Blackpool and Lytham St Annes.

### What is HDD (or other trenchless methodologies)?

### Indicative onshore export cable corridor route

The onshore export cables will provide a cable connection between the landfall area and the proposed onshore substations.

From the landfall, the onshore export cable corridor routes head east away from the coast. Beyond Blackpool Airport and Queensway (B5261), the route corridor narrows and heads south east towards North Houses Lane.

In the Lytham Moss and Higher Ballam area, there are two route options at present:

- Option 1 (north), which passes to the north of Higher Ballam and avoids a farmland conservation area; or
- Option 2 (south), which passes to the south of Higher Ballam.

Option 2 (south) is the route we presented at our previous non-statutory consultation. Option 1 (north) is an alternate onshore export cable corridor route option proposed to mitigate potential environmental impacts. More information on this is available in the PEIR (Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives).

The two options come together east of Ballam Road and the onshore export cable corridor then turns south to cross Pegs Lane and passes to the north of Lytham Green Drive Golf Club.

The onshore export cable corridor then continues north east towards Hall Cross, north of Freckleton, and crosses the Freckleton / Hall Cross onshore export cable search area. Within the onshore substations statutory consultation area and the Freckleton / Hall Cross onshore export cable search area, the final location of the cable corridor will be determined by the location of the onshore substations, as a result of this statutory consultation.

Penwortham Morgan offshore booster station search areas The Project

Horizontal Directional Drilling ("HDD") (or other trenchless methodologies) are used to install export cables below obstacles (e.g. sensitive habitats, roads and railways), to avoid potential direct impacts, as opposed to using open cut trenching techniques.

### FAST FACTS

### Landfall

Number of Morgan transition joint bays - 4

Number of Morecambe transition joint bays - 2

Indicative maximum landfall compound area – 400m x 150m

Indicative maximum duration of landfall construction -36 months (Morgan) and 36 months (Morecambe)

### FAST FACTS

Onshore export cable route

Total number of onshore export cables anticipated to be required – **up to 18** (up to 12 for Morgan and up to 6 for Morecambe)

Indicative permanent onshore export cable corridor width – 70m

Indicative target trench depth – **1.8m** 

Indicative target trench depth (to top of duct) – **1.2m** 

Indicative length of onshore export cable corridor – 25 kilometres (km)

### Onshore substations statutory consultation area

To connect to the national grid, we will need to construct two new onshore substations, one for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and one for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

The onshore substations statutory consultation area is the area identified during the site selection process within which the preferred onshore substations (and associated temporary and permanent infrastructure) for the Project may be located. We are asking for your feedback on this area, alongside your feedback on the proposed onshore substation site for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the two onshore substation site options for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

#### These are:

### Morgan preferred onshore substation site

The Morgan preferred onshore substation site is located between Kirkham and Freckleton, to the south of the A583 Kirkham Bypass and east of Hall Cross. Lower Lane lies to the north west of the site. Dow Brook lies to the east of the site. A temporary construction compound will be required, which is proposed to be located to the east.

### Morecambe onshore substation site option 1 (north)

Morecambe onshore substation site option 1 is located to the north east of the Morgan substation site, to the south of the A583 Kirkham Bypass and west of Parrox Lane and Newton with Scales. Dow Brook lies to the west of the site. A temporary construction compound will be required, which is proposed to be located to the north of the proposed substation site.

### Morecambe onshore substation site option 2 (south)

Morecambe onshore substation site option 2 is located to the south of the Morgan substation site, east of Lower Lane and to the north of Freckleton. Temporary construction compounds will be required, which are proposed to be located to the north and east of the substation site. A footpath also runs to the east of the site and temporary construction compound, with Dow Brook beyond.

Ahead of the submission of the DCO application, we will announce our preferred site for the Morecambe onshore substation. This will be based on ongoing assessments and feedback received from this consultation.



### What is a temporary construction compound?

Temporary construction compounds will be required to support construction works in a

particular location.

These may include central offices, welfare facilities, secure storage for equipment and component deliveries, as well as storage of materials and plant.

### Why do we need substations?

The onshore substations will contain the electrical components for transforming the power supplied from the offshore wind farms to 400 kilovolt (kV) as required to meet the UK Grid Code for supply to the National Grid. The onshore substations will also house equipment and infrastructure for operating, maintaining and monitoring the onshore substations.

### What equipment is located within the substation?

The onshore substation compounds would contain electrical equipment such as power transformers, cables, lightning protection masts, control buildings, communication masts, backup generators, access, fencing and other associated equipment, structures or buildings.

### How will the substations be accessed?

A new temporary and / or permanent access route from the highway will be required for the onshore substations.

Suitable road access is essential for delivery of materials, and storage of equipment and plant during the construction phase of the Project.

A number of potential temporary and / or permanent access points from the highway are under consideration. More information is available in the PEIR (Volume 3, Annex 7.2: Potential accesses). The access point(s) will depend on the final location of the selected substation sites.

### What will our substations look like?

The size and positioning of the proposed substations is still being developed. But at this early stage we've created indicative wirelines to show potential views for each of the substations which are based on information presented in the PEIR. Visit **www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission** to view these wirelines in more detail.

We are committed to sharing further information on the design of the substations as the Project progresses. The permanent onshore substation sites will be clearly marked and secured with appropriate fencing. Screening for substations will be provided through landscaping and planting areas. The onshore substation sites are anticipated to benefit from existing hedgerows and woodland blocks within the local area. However, we are committed to additional planting to further screen the selected onshore substation locations and to providing additional biodiversity benefits. Planting to screen substations will be established as early as reasonably practicable in the construction phase. For more information see pages 24-25.

# Why is Morgan consulting on a single site, while Morecambe is consulting on two options?

The different generating capacities of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm means that a larger onshore substation is required for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project.

As such, and in addition, the constraints within the onshore substations consultation area, such as topography, watercourses and proximity to residential receptors, have resulted in the identification of one potential preferred site for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project, and two potential preferred sites for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm.

### FAST FACTS

Proposed Morgan onshore substation sites

Number of proposed onshore substations – **1** 

Maximum indicative permanent footprint of Morgan onshore substation – **125,000m<sup>2</sup>** 

Maximum indicative height of main structure / building – **20m** 

Maximum indicative width of main structure / building – **80m** 

Maximum indicative length of main structure / building – **140m** 

Maximum indicative height of lightning protection mast – **30m** 

### FAST FACTS

Proposed Morecambe onshore substation sites

Number of proposed onshore substations – **1** 

Maximum indicative permanent footprint of Morecambe onshore substation – **60,000m**<sup>2</sup>

Maximum indicative height of main structures / buildings – **20m** 

Maximum indicative width of main structures / buildings – **80m** 

Maximum indicative length of main structures / buildings – **140m** 

Maximum indicative height of lightning protection mast – **30m** 

### 400 kV grid connection cable corridor search area

The connection between the proposed onshore substations and the existing National Grid Penwortham substation will be achieved by the 400 kV grid connection cables.

The route of the grid connection cables will cross existing infrastructure such as roads, railways and rivers. Where possible, all major crossings, such as major roads, rail crossings and the River Ribble will be undertaken using HDD or other trenchless technologies.

The 400 kV grid connection cables will be located within the 400 kV grid connection cable corridor search area. Where practical, the grid connection cable corridors / areas will be shared. However this is dependent on the final location of the two onshore substations and the final point of connection to the grid at the existing Penwortham substation, as well as ongoing route refinement related to the crossing of the River Ribble.

### The River Ribble

The route refinement process for our onshore export cable route considered a wide range of environmental constraints as well as technical and engineering factors.

The River Ribble is heavily protected by various national and international environmental designations and we are taking these into consideration as we refine our grid connection onshore export cable corridor route.

It is as a result of these protections, and because refinement of the substations siting is also ongoing (and the subject of this consultation), our grid connection area still remains relatively large.

At this stage, cable installation methodologies remain under consideration, including potential installation of cables beneath the riverbed of the Ribble, using HDD or other trenchless methodologies.



### National grid

Indicative maximum length of 400 kV cable route – 15km (total for both projects)

Maximum number of 400 kV cables - 12 (6 for Morecambe and 6 for Morgan)

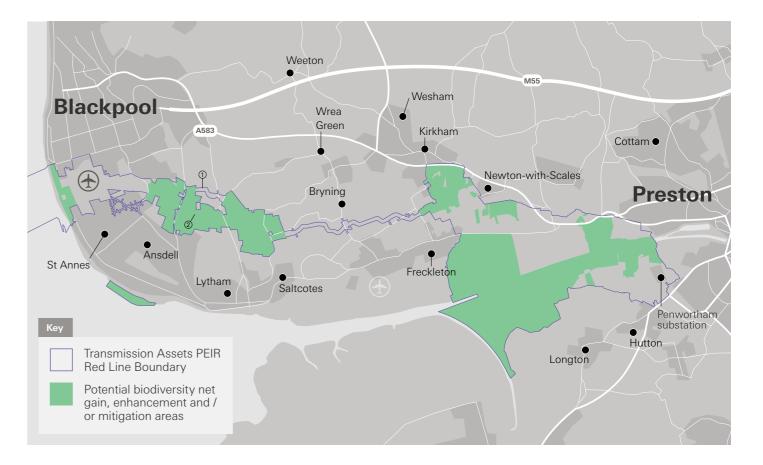
Maximum number of cable circuits - 4 (2 for Morecambe, 2 for Morgan)

Indicative permanent width of Morecambe 400 kV cable corridor -23m

Indicative permanent width of Morgan 400 kV cable corridor – 23m

Indicative target trench depth (to the bottom of the trench) – 1.8m

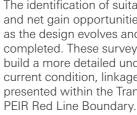
Indicative target trench depth to top of protective tile – **1.2m** 

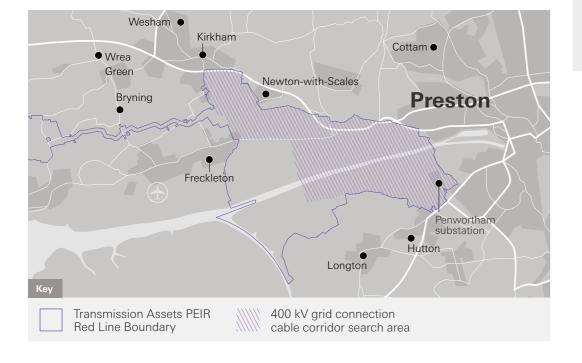


### Potential biodiversity net gain, enhancement and / or mitigation areas

The Project aims to mitigate potential environmental effects on habitats by improving biodiversity, and where possible, delivering a net gain. We have identified potentially suitable areas for mitigation, enhancement and / or net gain, and these are illustrated on the map above.

We want to work with landowners and statutory bodies to deliver these potential opportunities which are being explored. We are keen to hear more from, and to collaborate with existing biodiversity schemes in the area to identify where the Project can potentially make a positive contribution towards ongoing conservation.





The identification of suitable mitigation and net gain opportunities will be refined as the design evolves and as surveys are completed. These surveys will continue to build a more detailed understanding of the current condition, linkages and opportunities presented within the Transmission Assets

# **Constructing the Project**

#### Code of Construction Practice ("CoCP")

The purpose of the CoCP is to provide effective planning, management and control during construction to control potential impacts upon people, and the environment. All construction will be undertaken in accordance with the CoCP. It will set out the key management measures that we will require our contractors to adopt and implement for all relevant construction activities for the onshore and intertidal elements of the Project.

The CoCP will include plans and control measures for managing the potential environmental effects of construction and limiting disturbance from construction activities as far as reasonably practicable.

Construction of the Project will involve a range of specialist engineering techniques. The main principles are outlined below.

#### **Onshore export cables**

The onshore export cable corridor for the Project will be approximately 25km in length and the cables will be buried underground. In designing the route we will consider where it is required to cross beneath existing assets. such as pipelines, highways or rivers.

Once installed, the cables will typically occupy a permanent onshore export corridor up to 70m wide, within which up to 18 onshore export cables will be installed in total for both projects. The width of the permanent corridor may change and increase in specific locations, for example where obstacles are present such as the Network Rail Crossings (where the permanent footprint may be extended up to 180m to facilitate crossing beneath the railway line) and at the approach to the landfall.

For example, these may be related to surface water, pollution prevention, noise and vibration, air quality, and dust management.

A draft Outline CoCP is provided at Volume 1, Annex 3.1 of the PEIR.

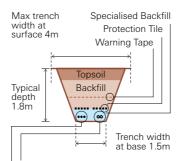
An Outline CoCP will be prepared and submitted with the application for development consent. Detailed CoCP(s) will be developed in accordance with the Outline CoCP, and will require approval from the relevant Local Planning Authority before any relevant construction activities can take place.

The cable installation work will be enabled by having temporary haul roads along the cable route.

Once the cables are installed, the ground will be carefully reinstated using stored subsoil and topsoil.

All temporary construction compounds and temporary fencing will be removed, field drainage and / or irrigation will be reinstated and the land will be restored to its original condition.

Hedgerows will be replanted using locally sourced native species, where practicable and with landowner agreement. Where appropriate, some enhancement (such as planting of additional suitable species) may be undertaken.



Ducts for communications cable and temperature sensing cable

Cables (within ducts) may be laid at or trefoil formatio

### Temporary construction compounds

Temporary construction compounds will be required to support the construction of the Project, including the onshore substations. the onshore export cable corridor, and the landfall area.

They will be prepared by removing and storing topsoil and subsoil before laying hardstanding areas using clean crushed stone.

Temporary construction compounds have been identified to support the construction of the onshore export cables. Temporary construction compounds will also be required for each of the onshore substation sites.

HDD compounds will also be required where trenchless methodologies are used.

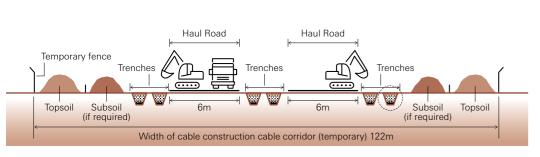
be reinstated.



#### **Onshore substations**

The onshore substation buildings are likely to be composed of steel frames and external sheet cladding materials. We will be developing management plans covering ecological mitigation and biodiversity net gain.

### Landfall area



Indicative temporary cable corridor cross section

These compounds will be needed for the duration of construction works in a particular location. These may entail central offices, welfare facilities and stores, secure storage for equipment and component deliveries, as well as storage of materials and plant.

During construction, temporary access tracks will also be required, which will need to be installed early in the construction / preconstruction phase. The land will then

The offshore export cables will be installed by HDD or other trenchless methodologies. from the transition joint bays underneath the railway line, the A584 Clifton Drive North, and the sand dunes at Lytham St Annes Site of Special Scientific Interest ("SSSI"), which is a designated site for its biology.



# How we have developed our proposals

Throughout the development of the Project, we've been carrying out assessments across a wide range of environmental topics to better understand the area we could work in and the potential impacts the Project may bring.

This includes work to better understand the proposed design of the Project and how it could be constructed (see page 24-25). Below is an overview of our assessment work to date.

#### **Environmental considerations**

The Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and the Morgan Offshore Wind Project are expected to provide positive long-term environmental benefits by providing homes with renewable energy. We realise, however, that any major infrastructure development can create effects and it's important that these potential effects are identified, managed, minimised or, if possible, avoided.

In October 2022 we published a Scoping Report which set out what we understood, at the time, to be the Project's likely effects on the environment and how we would assess them.

Our Scoping Report was followed by the Secretary of State's Scoping Opinion, which was provided in December 2022. Our Scoping Report is available to read on www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission.

The Secretary of State's Scoping Opinion is available to read on the Planning Inspectorate's website: https://infrastructure. planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Since receipt of the Scoping Opinion, we have been carrying out a range of environmental assessments to better understand the potential impacts of the Project. We have also engaged with statutory bodies to understand in greater detail the area that we're proposing to work in.

Our environmental assessments are undertaken using a wide range of data sources, including Project specific surveys. Using the wide range of data gathered, we have produced a PEIR. The PEIR provides a summary of the Project, the site selection process, engineering design development and the key findings of the EIA process to date.

The purpose of the EIA is to allow stakeholders to develop an informed view of the development, as required by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

In each topic chapter of our PEIR we have set out how we have addressed comments included in the Scoping Opinion. This is set out in full in Volume 1, Annex 5.1 of the PEIR.

### **Our PEIR**

To support this consultation, we've published a PEIR. This is a statutory requirement of the DCO process and provides the preliminary findings of our environmental assessments, including the likely environmental effects of the Project and how they could be mitigated. We want you to tell us if there are any potential environmental effects that you think we might have missed or anything else we should consider.

Feedback from this consultation, and further technical work, will help us to refine our plans and develop our Environmental Statement, which will form an important part of our DCO application. Please note that the information provided is by no means exhaustive or fully representative of all the work we've done. More detailed information about all the assessments we've carried out and the subsequent results can be found in our PEIR.

### Consultation

Consultation is a crucial part of the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") process and has been carried out to date with both statutory and non-statutory stakeholders through pre-scoping consultation and through the EIA Scoping Report. A summary of the key issues raised during consultation activities undertaken to date, specific to the project description, is presented in Volume 1 Chapter 3 of the PEIR, together with how these issues have been considered in the design of the Project.

### **Onshore substation site selection**

To maintain electrical independence, one substation will be required for the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and one for the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm. Following confirmation from National Grid that the wind farms would connect to the National Grid substation at Penwortham, work began to identify areas in the vicinity of Penwortham as a part of the route planning and site selection process.

Land within 8km of the substation at Penwortham was assessed for its suitability based on a number of factors, including but not limited to:

- Environmental sensitivities e.g. statutory and non-statutory designated sites, such as priority habitats, flood risk and modelling information, and contaminated land
- Ground conditions, such as topography
- Analysis of baseline environmental survey data, including ornithology (breeding bird and wintering bird) surveys
- Proximity to residential properties and receptors
- Accessibility to the existing road network
- Utility infrastructure (mains and high pressure gas and water pipelines, and overhead pylons and lines).

This resulted in the identification of four substation zones, two north and two south of the River Ribble. These were presented at our non-statutory consultation between April and June 2023. Key feedback received at these consultations included proximity to neighbouring communities, visual impact of the substations, flood risk, ornithology, and potential effects on landowners.

Following these non-statutory consultations, further analysis was undertaken of the substation zones to refine and establish the most suitable zones for siting the onshore substations. Zones 3 and 4, south of the River Ribble, are rich in sensitive habitats that support numerous protected species of birds and are constrained by space, topography and access. Zone 2, north of the River Ribble, contains sensitive habitat similar to that found at Newton Marsh and along the Ribble estuary supporting numerous protected bird species. Zone 2 also contains two gas main pipelines, and is generally at higher risk of flooding. Zone 1 is further from designated sites and contains fewer sensitive habitats, as well as having better access to the main highway network. As such the area of Zone 1 has been selected as the basis for the "onshore substations statutory consultation area" (see page 20).

Within the onshore substations consultation area a number of constraints have been identified. As such the siting of the preferred substations are based on the space required and constraints such as proximity to residential receptors, utilities, watercourses, topography and access.

Further detail on the site selection process and the outcome of the work undertaken to date regarding the substation search areas is presented in Volume 1, Chapter 4 of the PEIR.

The process of site selection and refinement remains ongoing, and following this statutory consultation, the final siting for the onshore substations (and associated temporary and permanent infrastructure) will be presented in the final application alongside the Environmental Statement. Our assessment work to date has been guided and informed by engagement with a number of technical stakeholders. This will continue as the Project develops.

Cumulative effects with other plans and projects are also assessed when considered with the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm and the Morgan Offshore Wind Project (Generation Assets) and the Project.

# **The Development Consent Order ("DCO") process**

In October 2022, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Project should be treated as a development for which development consent is required.

Consent to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Project will therefore be sought under the Planning Act 2008.

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm (Generation Assets) are each considered to be Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ("NSIPs") and will be the subject of separate applications for development consent.

Our final application for development consent for the Project will include:

- A Consultation Report which will set out consultations undertaken for the Project, and a summary of consultation responses received
- An Environmental Statement setting out an assessment of the impacts likely to give risk to significant environmental effects and the proposed mitigation.
- A draft Development Consent Order.

The application for development consent will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. The Planning Inspectorate will then follow a number of steps to receive and review the application, seeking further comment from interested bodies and individuals.

If the application is accepted, a preexamination stage will begin, with opportunities for local community members to register as interested parties on the Planning Inspectorate's website and request to take part in the examination process.

The Planning Inspectorate will then examine the DCO application, with input from interested parties and statutory consultees.

Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will present its recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will then make the final decision on whether the DCO should be granted.

If, as a result of the feedback received during this consultation, the Project needs to change to an extent that it is necessary to carry out further statutory consultation, this will be carried out in accordance with the principles set out in our Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") and targeted geographically, or by group, as is appropriate to the change.

To register your interest and follow the Planning Inspectorate's consultation process, visit www.gov.uk/ government/ organisations/ planning-inspectorate

### How the DCO application process works:

#### Consultation

The Project notifies and consults the public, statutory consultees and those with an interest in the affected land (in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act) on its proposed application, following earlier nonstatutory consultations.

#### Submission

The Project will review the feedback received during the consultation and finalise the proposals. All the feedback we receive will be summarised in our Consultation Report. This report will form part of our DCO application, which will then be submitted to the Secretary of State, who will appoint the Examining Authority for the application.

#### Acceptance

After the application is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether it is suitable for examination.

#### **Pre-examination**

If accepted for examination, there will be an opportunity for people to register their interest in the application with the Planning Inspectorate. Anyone registering an interest will be kept informed of the progress of the application, including when and how they can provide comments. Following a preliminary meeting the Examining Authority will confirm the timetable for the examination.

#### Examination

The examination is expected to last six months. Those who have registered their interest will be able to send their comments to the Examining Authority and request to speak at hearings.

### Decision

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Following the examination, the Examining Authority will make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. Ultimately, the decision as to whether or not to grant a DCO lies with the Secretary of State.

More information on the planning process can be found at: infrastructure. planninginspectorate. gov.uk/wp-content/ uploads/2013/04/ Advice-note-8.0.pdf





# Supporting the local, regional and national economy

We believe our proposals for Morgan and Morecambe projects will unlock economic benefits, both in terms of the jobs we will create and the supply chain opportunities.

As we develop our plans in more detail, the scale of this economic boost will become clearer. In the meantime, we will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders, including the local planning authorities, local enterprise partnerships and local communities to identify opportunities related to skills, employment and local content.

We will use this to develop plans spanning the construction and operational phases of the projects.

### Supply chain

We know that offshore wind projects bring benefits to their local communities and we believe it's incredibly important the local supply chain contributes to this projects too.





for future work.

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Using the information on our project websites, local companies can pair their skills with the projects' needs. The portals provide access for companies of all sizes to register their interest

These projects encourage UK-based suppliers, particularly those with local connections to register their interest.

We have portals open for Morgan and Morecambe respectively:

• www.enbw-bp.com/suppliers

www.morecambeoffshorewind.com/



# Have your say

Local people, including residents, local elected representatives and other stakeholders, have a really important role to play throughout this consultation. We need your views and knowledge as we work to develop our proposals further in preparation for submitting our DCO application.

This statutory round of consultation will be open from **Thursday 12 October** to **23:59pm on Thursday 23 November 2023**.

### Printed materials

We want to make sure you have access to all the information you need about the Project. All materials associated with this consultation are available digitally on our Project website: www.morecambeandmorgan.com/

#### www.morecambeandmorgan.com/ transmission

If you don't have online access, you can visit one of the deposit locations (listed on our website and shown on the map opposite, along with locations of our consultation events) pick up paper copies of our brochure and feedback form and return the feedback form to our freepost address. Please note that opening times of deposit locations may vary so please refer to the venues' websites before visiting. Paper copies can also be picked up at our in-person consultation events (see pages 12-13).

However, if you would prefer to view Project materials in an alternative format then please contact the Project team by calling **0800 915 2493 (option 3)** or emailing **info@morecambeandmorgan.com** 

### Take part and provide feedback

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Feedback map – available on the Project website feedback. morecambeandmorgan.com. This interactive map of the proposals allows, people to drop a pin and leave comments online and / or attach files (such as document or images) to their feedback.



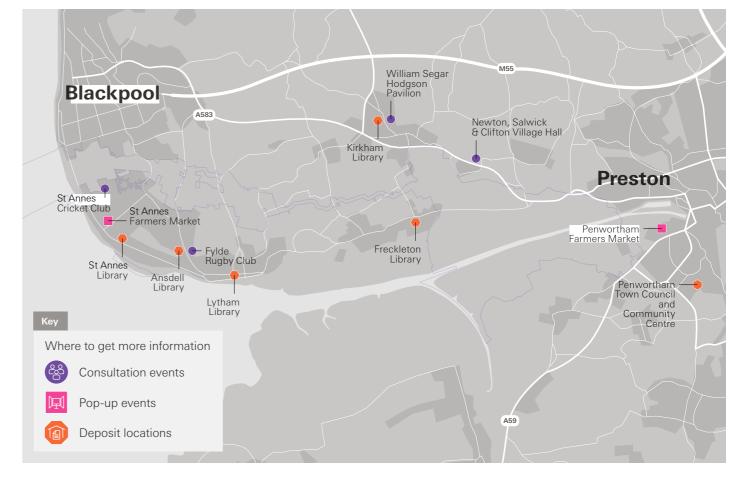
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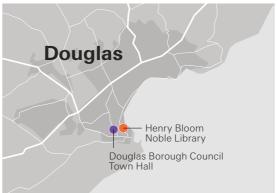
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By email – to info@morecambeandmorgan.com



In writing – FREEPOST MORECAMBE AND MORGAN (please be advised it is not possible to send registered post to a freepost address).





# Next steps

Once this consultation closes on Thursday 23 November 2023 (23.59pm) we will consider all feedback we have received alongside carrying out further technical, engineering and environmental work.

We will then prepare our DCO application for the Project for submission to the Planning Inspectorate and Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. We expect to submit our application for development consent in 2024.

Our application will include:

- A Consultation Report which will set out consultations undertaken for the Project. and a summary of consultation responses received.
- An Environmental Statement setting out an assessment of the impacts likely to give risk to significant environmental effects and the proposed mitigation.
- A draft Development Consent Order.

The Planning Inspectorate will examine our proposals and prepare a report for the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero. The Secretary of State will then make the final decision on our application, which we expect to receive before the end of 2025.

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets are each considered to be NSIPs in their own right and will be the subject of separate applications for development consent.

If our applications are successful, we expect to begin construction in 2026/2027. We anticipate both the Morgan Offshore Wind Project and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm to be operational in 2028/29 at the earliest.

There will be further opportunities for people to have their say on our proposals post-application via a process led by the Planning Inspectorate. You can find out more about this process and register to receive direct updates by visiting infrastructure.planninginspectorate. gov.uk/application-process/

Indicative timeline (as of publication 2023)

### • 2023

### Spring 2023

Second stage of consultation (non-statutory)

October -November 2023

Third stage of consultation (statutory)

• 2024

Q2/Q3 2024

Applications submitted for DCO and other licences

• 2025

Expected decision on the DCO by the Secretary of State

• 2026 Expected Final

2026/27

Investment Decision

Start of construction

2028/29

Expected start -**Commercial Operation** Date

Please note that this is an indicative timeline and could be subject to change.



### **Contact us**

If you'd like any more information or have any questions about the Project, you can contact us:



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### E1.8.5 **Poster cover letter and poster**







### E1.8.5.1 Poster cover letter





12 October 2023

Hello

### Request to display poster publicising our public consultation

We am writing on behalf of the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project to ask if you would be happy to display the enclosed poster publicising our public consultation.

The Morgan Offshore Wind Project and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm are two proposed offshore wind farms being developed in the Irish Sea.

The offshore wind farms are collaborating to connect to the national grid via the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets project.

We are keen to ensure that everyone in the community has a chance to provide feedback to our consultation, and to enable that we would be grateful if you could display the enclosed poster in an appropriate position throughout our consultation, which is open from 12 October – 23 November 2023.

If you could remove the poster from display once this current consultation period ends on 23 November, that would be much appreciated.

Displaying this poster will help raise awareness of our public consultation, encouraging local residents and stakeholders to engage with the project and provide feedback. Once our consultation closes on we will consider all feedback we have received alongside carrying out further technical, engineering and environmental work.

If you have any questions about this poster, or the wider project, you can get in touch with the team on 0800 915 2493 (option 3) or at info@morganandmorecambe.com.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Kind regards

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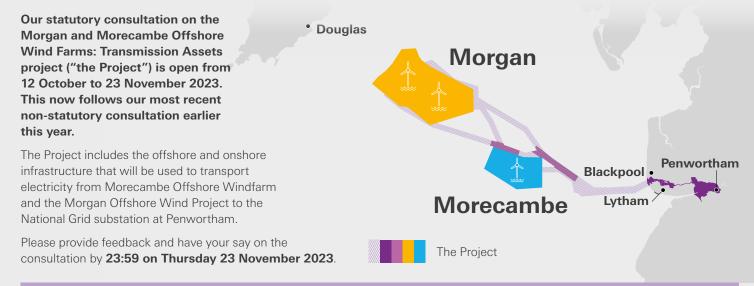
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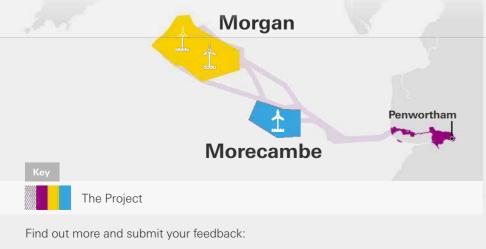
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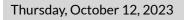
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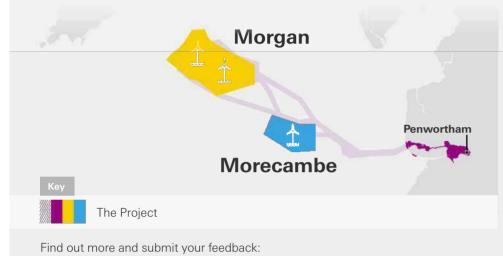
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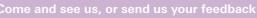
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#### E1.8.6.3 Isle of Man Courier 13 October 2023



# **OUR PRAYERS ANSWERED**

The mother of a woman who was brutally bludgeoned to death by her estranged husband has said she's 'so relieved' that the UK government has blocked her killer's release.

Joanna Simpson, 46, who grew up in the Isle of Man, was brutally killed by her spouse, Robert Brown, while their two young children were in a nearby room.

Brown stashed her body in the boot of his car before ripping out the CCTV and telephone cables at the family home.

He then told the children to get into the car, dropped them off at his pregnant girlfriend's home before dumping Joanna's body in a grave he had spent months digging in Windsor Great Park.

In a trial that took place in 2011, former British Airways pilot Robert Brown was acquitted of murder on the

#### **BY REBECCA BRAHDE**

grounds of diminished responsibility.

The jury accepted the defence's case that Brown had suffered from 'adjustment disorder', a temporary mental illness that he blamed for the attack.

He was found guilty of manslaughter and was given a 26 year sentence.

Following a fierce campaign headed up by family and friends of Joanna Simpson, UK Justice Secretary, Alex Chalk MP, informed them this week that he would block Brown's automatic release which was set to be November this year.

Mr Chalk, who is also responsible for the Isle of Man as a Crown Dependency, said he had referred the case to the parole board under public protection powers.

Under the Police, Crime, T

Sentencing and Courts Act brought in in 2022, the Justice Secretary has discretionary powers to detain prisoners.

They can also refer individuals serving a standard determinate sentence to the Parole Board to consider whether the prisoner is safe to be released.

Ms Simpson's mother, Diana Parkes, who lives in the island, told the Courier: 'We are relieved and delighted but until Brown goes before the Parole Board and they do not release him we cannot relax.

'We are really emotionally exhausted

'We have worked so hard with the campaign and it has paid off.

'We were praying for this decision but when we received it we felt stunned because Alex Chalk, the Justice Secretary, has completely understood how dangerous Brown is.

'A prominent lawyer has

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Andrew the trammer retired at the weekend after seven years on the Douglas Bay Horse Tramway. Standing tall at 18.2 hands, Andrew was born in Maughold in 2005. He will now spend his well-deserved retirement at the Home of Rest for Old Horses on Richmond Hill Photo: Douglas Bay Horse Tramway Online



## **Regular contact** with Tesco - Gov

The government says it has been in 'regular contact with Tesco' over the supermarket giant's Shoprite buyout.

A spokesperson said says it is also working with local businesses that supply Shoprite to make 'transitional arrangements' whilst post-sale details are finalised.

All nine of the island's Shoprite stores have now been purchased by Tesco-bringing an end to 51 years of trading for the chain which was founded in 1972 by the Nicholson family.

The news was announced on Monday and saw a 'number

of Shoprite staff' being put at risk of losing their jobs as a result of the sale.

All nine stores will continue trading under the Shoprite brand name in the short-term before transitioning gradually to Tesco shops over the next nine months, according to a joint statement from both firms.

However, there are fears on the impact the buyout could have on Manx food producers now the largest independent grocery retailer on the island is set to disappear.

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# 'Hard growing up on island' says Big Brother's Dr Matty

#### **BY ADAM MORTON**

Matty Simpson, a contestant on this year's Big Brother, has spoken out about his experience growing up on the Isle of Man.

The 24 year-old, who went to Ramsey Grammar School, is a self-confessed 'hippie' and works at the geriatric department at an unnamed healthcare facility.

On Tuesday night's episode, which was the third of the newly launched ITV2 series, Matty won a 'cocktail party' with three other housemates after completing a challenge where he had to sit on a bed and not move off it for over eight hours.

The doctor also resisted a banana, peanut butter and oat milk smoothie - a drink he has had every day for the last six vears - to stay on the bed and complete the challenge.

Speaking at the cocktail party, Matty said: 'I come from a very normal, middle

Dr Matty Simpson from the Isle of Man is a contestant on this year's Big Brother

class family, and we had everything we wanted. I had two older brothers and we were a very chill, left-wing family.

'It was hard growing up on the Isle of Man, as there was nobody else that looked like

me. It's beautiful, but it's not very progressive.

'When I came out I was the only person I knew that was gay, so I had to deal with that all by myself. I was very young, only 13, and there was no opportunities for me to get with boys or properly explore myself until I moved away.

'We've all been through a lot of things and I think talking about it is just half the trouble.

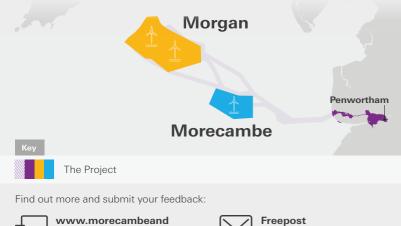
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#### E1.8.6.5 Isle of Man Courier 10 November 2023

# Volunteers' joy as another pier bay is completed

#### The restoration of Queen's Pier, Ramsey, has taken another step forward.

Volunteers have almost finished another bay - bay 6 – with only the plaques to fit as the Courier went to press.

Scaffolding has been erected around the next two bays so that the surveyor can take his measurements in preparation for the fabrication, galvanisation and painting of replacement steel.

The order for the steel for bays 7 and 8 has already been placed with the fabricators and delivery is expected around spring next year.

The hope is there will be no major problems or delays and

#### **by Adrian Darbyshire**

these two bays can be completed in 2024, marking the completion of phase two of the project.

Queen's Pier Restoration Trust signed a five-year lease with government in July 2017 to restore the first three bays of the landmark.

This was completed within four years, with the project quickly becoming a real community effort.

The trust then moved onto phase two of the ambitious restoration, which goes up to bay eight.

Bays four and five were completed in time for an event to mark the Coronation. Overall restoration is set to  $cost \pounds 4.5m$ , with each of the 60 bays  $costing \pounds 75,000$ .

Trust treasurer Graham Curphey said: 'We have been extremely lucky recently with fundraising.

'Our own fundraisers achieved a sum of £1,219 on our coffee morning on October 28. This is a magnificent result which is made possible by the continued support of the community coupled with the hard work of the fundraising ladies, who are most ably led by Jean Tracey.

'They have been given permission to hold raffle for a Christmas hamper in Shoprite, St Paul's Square, on Saturday, December 2 so please



JMR Sports present pier trustee Graham Curphey with a cheque for £650

come along and support them.'

Last month JMR Sports Endurance held a four-hour karting endurance event at Jurby which raised  $\pounds 650$  for the pier. JMR Sports attended the pier on Saturday, November 4, to present the cheque and brought along one of their karts.

The chairman and trustees

said they are delighted that JMR Sports selected the pier as its charity recipient and are very grateful for their support.

Going forward the Trust has its annual switching on of the Christmas tree lights and carol service on Sunday December 10 starting at 3.30pm.

There will be carol singers, choirs, a Christmas hamper raffle, hot drinks and nibbles available that day. It's free of charge, but donations are always welcome.

Anyone who would like to get in touch with the Queen's Pier Restoration Trust can email qprt@manx.net or call on 477062.

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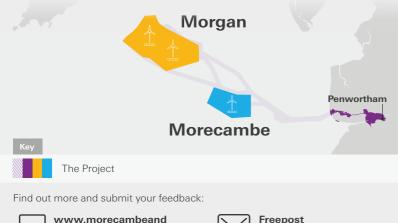
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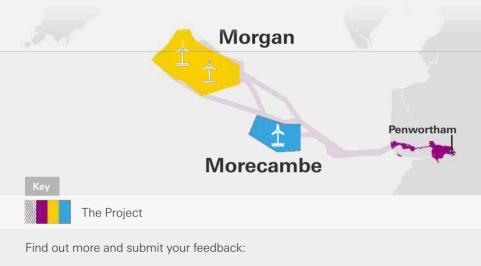
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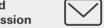
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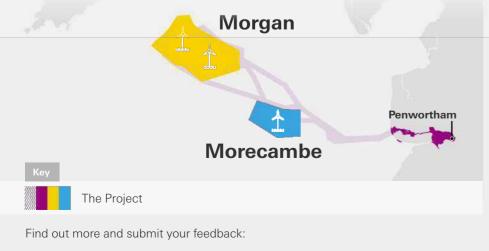
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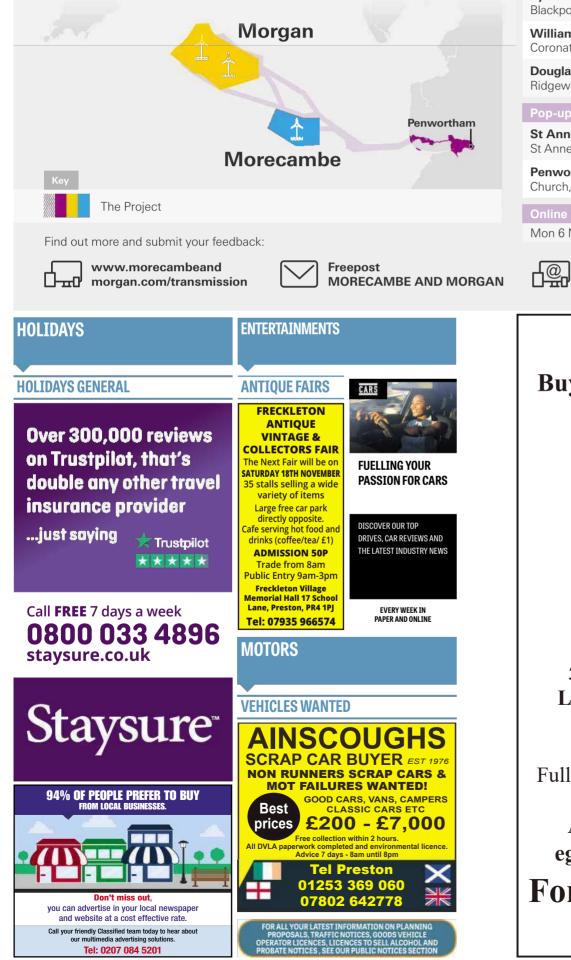
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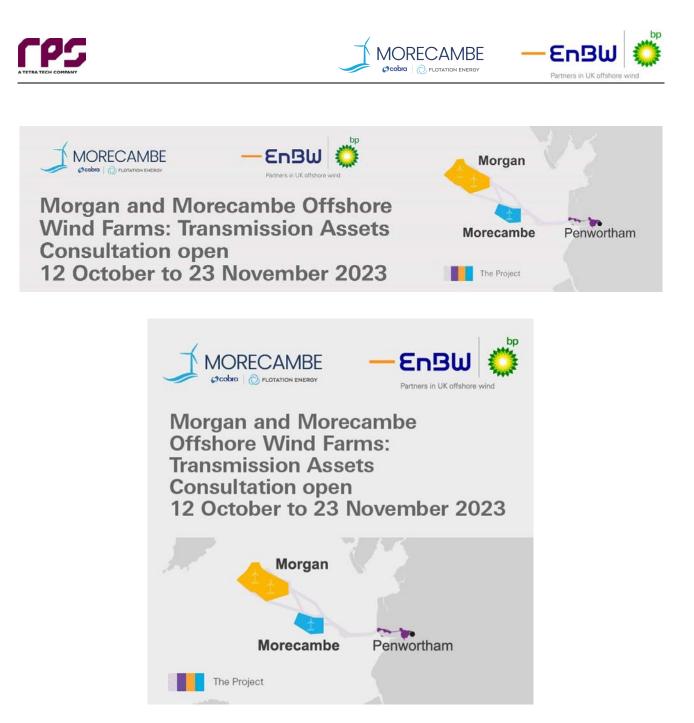
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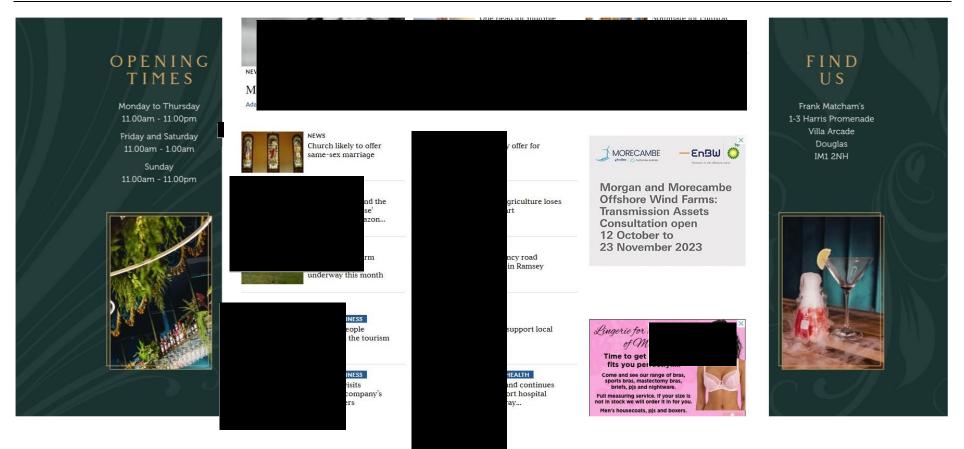


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