



## Application for Development Consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008

\* required information

### Application Form

Please read guidance documents relating to the submission of applications prior to completing this form including [government guidance](#) and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents](#).

\* Do you have a reference number?

Yes  No

\* Reference number

#### 1. Applicant



\* Organisation

#### Address

\* Building number or name

\* Street

\* City or town

County or administrative area

\* Postcode

\* Country

\* Name of contact

\* Telephone number

Fax number

\* Email

#### 2. Agent



\* Are you an agent acting on behalf of the Applicant?

Yes  No

#### 3. Fee



\* State the arrangement for the application fee payment:

BACS  CHAPS  Cheque

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\* Please provide payment reference details

EN022028 Morgan and Morecambe  
OWFTA

#### 4. Confirming why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the application



\* Brief statement to explain why this application is, or is to be treated as, a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008

This application is submitted by Morgan Offshore Wind Limited, a joint venture of bp Alternative Energy Investments Ltd (bp) and Energie Baden-Württemberg AG (EnBW) (Morgan OWL), and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd, a joint venture between Zero-E Offshore Wind S.L.U. (Spain) (a Cobra group company, part of the VINCI group of companies) (Cobra) and Flotation Energy Ltd (Morecambe OWL) (together, the Applicants), as part of their joint application to the Secretary of State for a DCO for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets (the Transmission Assets). Following a request from the Applicants, on 4 October 2022 the Secretary of State issued a direction under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 that the Transmission Assets should be treated as development for which development consent is required. As such, a DCO is required to authorise the Transmission Assets in accordance with Section 31 of the Planning Act 2008. Marine licences are required before carrying out any licensable marine activity under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

#### 5. Non-technical description of the Proposed Development



\* Brief non-technical description of the Proposed Development

The Transmission Assets involves the construction of two electrically separate transmission systems connecting the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets to the National Grid at Penwortham. The key components including the following:

Offshore:

- offshore export cables: these export cables will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets to the landfall for onward transmission.

Landfall:

- landfall site: this is where the offshore export cables are jointed to the onshore export cables via the transition joint bays. This term applies to the entire area between Mean Low Water Springs (MLWS) and the transition joint bays.

Onshore elements:

- onshore export cables: these export cables will be jointed to the offshore export cables via the transition joint bays at the landfall site, and will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets to the onshore substations;

- onshore substations: the separate onshore substations (one for Morgan Offshore Wind Project and one for Morecambe Offshore Windfarm) will contain the components for transforming the power supplied via the onshore export cables up to 400 kV; and

- 400 kV grid connection cables: these export cables will bring the electricity generated by the Generation Assets from the onshore substations to the existing National Grid substation at Penwortham.

#### 6. Location or route of the Proposed Development



\* Description of location of application site(s), or route of development (reference to appropriate plans)

The Morgan and Morecambe Offshore Wind Farms: Transmission Assets comprises onshore and offshore infrastructure. The offshore elements are located in the east Irish Sea within English offshore waters (beyond 12 nm from the English coast) and inshore waters (within 12 nm from the English coast). The offshore export cables make landfall along the north west coast of England to the north of Lytham St. Anne's near Blackpool Airport, Lancashire. The onshore elements of the Transmission Assets are located within the local authority areas of Fylde Council, Blackpool Council, South Ribble Borough Council, Preston City Council and Lancashire County Council.

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\* Is the site a single site or a linear site?

Single site

Linear site

**Start grid reference**

\* Easting

263259

\* Northing

468478

**Middle grid reference**

\* Easting

330527

\* Northing

430490

**End grid reference**

\* Easting

350641

\* Northing

427356

\* Document reference

Offshore Order Limits (document reference B5); Onshore and Intertidal Order Limits Plan (document reference B6)

Add another reference

**7. Associated Development**



\* Associated Development is included within this application:

Yes

No

\* Document reference

Draft Development Consent Order including Draft Deemed Marine Licences (document reference C1)

Add another reference

**8. a) Consultation Report**



\* Document reference

Consultation Report (document reference E1)

Add another reference

**8. b) Copies of newspaper notices**



\* Document reference

Consultation Report Annex E1.13 (document reference E1.13)

Add another reference

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### 9. Draft Development Consent Order



\* Document reference

### 10. Explanatory Memorandum



\* Document reference

### 11. Land Plan



\* Document reference

### 12. Works Plan



\* Document reference

\* Document reference

\* Document reference

### 13. Compulsory Acquisition of land or an interest in land or right over land



\* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes  No

Statement of reasons document reference

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Funding statement document reference

Funding Statement (document reference D1)

Add another reference

Book of Reference document reference

Book of Reference (document reference D3)

Add another reference

**14. a) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**



\* Environmental Statement (ES) required:

Yes  No

\* ES Document Reference

Environmental Statement (document reference F1-F4)

Add another reference

**14. b) Screening Opinion/ Direction and Scoping Opinion/ Direction**



\* Screening Opinion sought, or direction received:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

Direction by the Secretary of State under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 (document reference J24)

Add another reference

\* Scoping Opinion sought:

Yes  No

Document reference

Scoping Opinion (document reference J25)

Add another reference

**14. c) Publicity required under Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 11 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009)**



In addition to publishing the notice, a copy of the notice was sent to:

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\* the consultation bodies

\* Yes

\* the persons notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 9(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009):

Yes  No, not applicable

**15. European sites (to which Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 applies) or a Ramsar site.**



\* Report required for this application:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

Information to Support Appropriate Assessment (document reference E2.1 - E2.3)

Add another reference

**16. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of nature conservation, geological or landscape importance; habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and water bodies in a River Basin Management Plan - together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development.**



\* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

Onshore Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (document reference B14)

\* Document reference

Offshore Statutory and Non-Statutory Nature Conservation Sites (document reference B15)

Remove this reference

\* Document reference

Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan (document reference B18)

Remove this reference

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**17. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of the historic environment such as scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings and other historic structures, archaeological sites and registered battlefields, together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development**

\* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

\* Document reference

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**18. Flood Risk Assessment**



\* Flood Risk Assessment required:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

**19. Matters set out in section 79(1) (statutory nuisances etc) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990**



\* Statement required for this application:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

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**20. A plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land**



\* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

Add another reference

**21. A plan identifying new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or any diversions, extinguishments or creation or rights of way or public rights of navigation**



\* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes  No

\* Document reference

\* Document reference

Remove this reference

\* Document reference

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Add another reference

**22. Additional information for specific types of infrastructure**



\* Additional information is required to be submitted in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009:

Yes  No

\* Provide a brief description

Regulation 6(1)(b)(i) - Cable Statement (document reference J23).

Under Regulation 6(b)(ii) of the AAFP Regulations, applicants are required to provide a statement in respect of Safety Zones. As the Applicants are not seeking consent for an offshore generating station, the AAFP Regulations do not provide a mechanism for safety zones to be put in place for cable installation. The Applicants have voluntarily prepared a Safety Zone Statement (application reference J33) to advise of the approach that will be taken, being advisory exclusion zones.

\* Document reference



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\* Document reference

Safety Zone Statement (document reference J33)

Remove this reference

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Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 requires additional information to be submitted with the following types of development.

\* Please check any of the following boxes that apply:

- Construction or extension of a non offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1a))
- Construction or extension of an offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1b))
- Highway related development (Reg. 6 (2) (part 1))
- Construction or alteration of a railway (Reg. 6 (2) (part 2))
- Construction or alteration of harbour facilities (Reg. 6 (3))
- Construction of a pipeline (Reg. 6 (4))
- Construction or alteration of a hazardous waste facility (Reg. 6 (5))
- Construction of a dam or reservoir (Reg. 6 (6))

**23. Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposal for which development consent is sought, and any other documents, reports or information to support the application**



Provide a brief description of any other plans, drawings and sections that are being submitted with this application

Full details are presented within Volume 1, Chapter 3: Project Description of the Environmental Statement (document reference F1.3) and Volume 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives of the Environmental Statement (document reference F1.4).

Document reference

Vol 1, Chapter 3: Project Description (document reference F1.3)

Document reference

Vol 1, Chapter 4: Site Selection and Consideration of Alternatives (document reference F1.4)

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Add another reference

Provide a brief description of any other documents considered necessary to support the application

A full list of the application documents is provided in the Application Guide (document reference A4).

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Document reference

Application Guide (document reference A4)

Add another reference

Provide a brief description of any other information provided that is in support of the application, but which has not been explicitly required

Document reference

Add another reference

## 24. Other consents/ licences required under other legislation



\* Other consents/ licences are required:

Yes  No

\* Provide a list of consents/licences

Appropriate Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 the relevant Secretary of State is the competent authority for the purposes of the Habitats Regulations. The Applicants have submitted Information to Support an Appropriate Assessment (ISAA) with the Application (document references E2.1-E2.3).

Post DCO: Coast Station Radio Licence under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006. The principal legislation governing the use of radio in the UK is the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949. This Act requires the possession of a licence to install or use wireless telegraphy (radio) apparatus unless the equipment has been exempted from this requirement. Coastal Station Radio licences are design to allow coast (base) stations on shore to communicate with vessels. The Applicants do not anticipate any issues with obtaining such a licence, as it is a matter of requesting a channel from Ofcom and paying the appropriate fee.

Post DCO: Decommissioning Programme Scheme. The Secretary of State will require a decommissioning programme to be submitted prior to commencement of authorised development pursuant to section 105(6) of the Energy Act 2004.

Post-DCO: European Protected Species (EPS) Licence under The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. When the design of the Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets and the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation Assets is being finalised, discussions of the final Transmission Assets details will be undertaken with MMO. If necessary, clarification will be sought on the requirement for an EPS Licence and, if required, an application for a Licence will be made.

Post DCO: F10 – Notification of Construction Project. The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 require particulars of the Transmission Assets to be notified to the Health and Safety Executive in advance of construction. This would be sought by the appointed contractor.

Post DCO: Operational buildings may require Building Regulations Approval if they are manned and therefore not covered by the exemption set out in the Building Regulations 2010, Regulation 9 and Schedule 2. This would be sought by the contractor.

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Post DCO: Environmental Permit for water discharge or waste operations / registration of exempt waste operations and water discharges (as necessary).

Post DCO: European Protected Species (EPS) Licence under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. When the design of the Transmission Assets are being finalised, discussions of the final Transmission Assets details will be undertaken with Natural England. If necessary, clarification will be sought on the requirement for an EPS Licence and, if required, an application for an EPS Licence will be made.

Post DCO: Licence for work affecting badgers. Badgers and their setts are protected under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992, which makes it illegal to kill, injure or take badgers or to interfere with a badger sett. Pre construction walkover surveys will allow any newly excavated setts to be identified. Licences allowing works to proceed close to active badger setts, as works that would cause disturbance, will be acquired where necessary.

Post DCO: Permit schemes under the Traffic Management Act 2004 provide that the Applicants would need to book time on the highway through a permit.

Post DCO: Permit for transport of abnormal loads (if necessary).

Post DCO: Application for a 'Part B' permit for crushing and screening (if necessary).

Post DCO: Section 16 Wildlife and Countryside Act Licence (if necessary).

Post DCO: Consent under section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

Post DCO: A Water Abstraction Licence may be required pursuant to the Water Resources Act 1991 from the EA if required by the contractor for the abstraction of water during construction.

You must cite the document references as appropriate

\* Document reference

Consents and Licences Required Under Other Legislation (document reference J27)

Add another reference

**25. Declaration**



I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information given in this form and enclosed maps, plans and other documents are true.

Please note there is a requirement for one hard copy of the form to be signed. Please ensure that when you submit you include at least one signature.

Signature

(For and on behalf of

\* Name

RICHARD SANDFORD; SAM PARK

(In block letters)

\* Date

26 / 09 / 2024  
dd mm yyyy

\* Organisation

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited;  
Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Ltd

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\* Position within the organisation

Director; Senior Project Manager