

SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 4 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER AT WALNEY EXTENSION OFFSHORE WIND FARM

NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER ("DCO")

Notice is hereby given that DONG ENERGY WALNEY EXTENSION (UK) LIMITED (the "Applicant") of 15 Appold Street, London, EC2A 2HB proposes to apply to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a development consent order (the "Application").

The Application relates to the construction and operation of an extension to the existing Walney Offshore Wind Farm off Walney Island, Cumbria and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure (the "Project"). The extension will cover an offshore area of up to approximately 149 km² to the west and north west of the existing Walney Offshore Wind Farm. The extension is located approximately 19km west of the coast of Walney Island in Cumbria, 26km south west from the Millom coast, 35km north west from the Fleetwood and Blackpool coast and 31km south east from the Isle of Man. The Project would provide up to 750 megawatts (MW) of additional capacity.

The proposed DCO will, among other things, license and authorise:

- construction and operation of up to 207 wind turbines (depending on the individual capacity of each turbine), their foundations, undersea inter-array cables connecting the turbines and offshore substations, and up to three offshore substations with foundations. The offshore substations may include accommodation. The wind turbines would have an overall turbine height (including blades) of up to 222 metres above mean high water springs;
- construction of up to five undersea export cables running in a generally easterly direction to landfall with undersea crossing structures where necessary to cross existing subsea infrastructure on the sea bed;
- scour protection around the foundations and on inter-array and export cables if required;
- construction of a cable landfall at Middleton Sands near Heysham, Lancashire with underground transition joint bays to connect the offshore and onshore cables;
- construction of underground onshore export cabling (including buried jointing pits) from landfall to connect to a new onshore Project substation site detailed below. Cabling from the Middleton Sands area would run in a generally easterly direction inland before turning north to the Project substation;
- construction of the new onshore Project substation. The substation will occupy a site of up to approximately 3 hectares at one of two preferred plots to the north and south respectively of the A683, immediately to the east of the roundabout which is to the east of the existing National Grid Heysham onshore substation. The existing National Grid Heysham substation is located north east of Heysham golf course and directly south of the A683;
- connection of the new onshore Project substation to a new National Grid substation to be constructed in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Heysham substation and the A683. National Grid will construct, operate and are expected to obtain all necessary consents for the construction of the new National Grid substation;

- the permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights (if required) for the Project;
- overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land (if required) for the Project;
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including among other things legislation relating to compulsory purchase; and
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Project is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Project, preliminary environmental information gathered so far by the Applicant on the impacts of the Project and other consultation documents detailing our consultation process may be inspected free of charge at the following Local Information Points and during the hours set out below:

Barrow Borough Council, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 2LD
Open Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm

Lancaster City Council, Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster, Lancashire LA1 1PJ
Open Monday-Friday 9.00am to 5pm

Blackpool Council, Municipal Building, Corporation Street, Blackpool, Lancashire FY1 1NF
Open Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm

Douglas Borough Council, Town Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM99 1AD
Open Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm

Heysham Library, 396-398 Heysham Road, Heysham, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 2BJ
Open Monday 9:30am to 7pm, Tuesday 9:30am to 5pm, Wednesday closed, Thursday 9:30am to 5pm, Friday 9:30am to 7pm, Saturday 9:30am to 1pm, Sunday closed.

The aforementioned Project documents will also be available at public exhibitions to be held as follows:

Monday 3rd September 2012, 1pm to 7pm - Middleton Parish Hall, Low Road, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 3LG

Wednesday 5th September 2012, 1pm to 7pm - Villa Marina, Promenade Suite, Harris Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 2HJ

Friday 7th September 2012, 12pm to 6pm - The Forum, Grasmere Room, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 1HH

Saturday 8th September 2012, 10am to 4pm - Millom Network Centre, Higgins Suite, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria LA18 5AB

Tuesday 11th September 2012, 11am to 5pm - The Co-operative Food Store, 42 Main Street, Egremont, Cumbria CA22 2AD

Wednesday 12th September 2012, 10am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm - Walney Library, Central Drive, Walney Island, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 3HY

Thursday 13th September 2012, 11am to 5pm - The Winter Gardens, The Floral Hall, 97 Church Street, Blackpool, Lancashire FY1 1HL

In addition, the aforementioned Project documents will be available at all Local Information Points as detailed, together with locations and opening times, in 'Our Consultation Process' document available on the website and from the sources below.

The documents, plans and maps, preliminary environmental information and other consultation documents relating to the Project will be available for inspection free of charge at all Local Information Points and times from 3rd September 2012 until 23rd November 2012.

They can also be viewed at the Applicant's offices at the address below. Where documents are requested from the Applicant, there will be a charge of £55 for a full paper set of the consultation documents or they can be provided free of charge on CD ROM. Further details in relation to the Project and these documents can be found on the Applicant's website www.walneyextension.co.uk or requested from the email or postal addresses below or by phone on +44(0)207 811 5439.

Any responses to or other representations in respect of the Project should be sent to the Applicant by email to walneyextension@dongenergy.co.uk or by post to Jodie Hall, DONG Energy Walney Extension (UK) Ltd, 33 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7HY.

Any response or representation in respect of the proposed DCO must (i) be received by the Applicant on or before 23rd November 2012, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Responses and other representations may be made public.