

**Notification of Hearings under Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**  
**DOGGER BANK SOUTH OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECTS**  
**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE NUMBER: EN010125**  
**Sections 91 and 92 of the Planning Act 2008**  
**Notice of Compulsory Acquisition and Issue Specific Hearings**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and location set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero) in respect of the application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) (“the Applicants”) (registered office at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, SN5 6PB) for a Development Consent Order under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”).

The Application (Planning Inspectorate reference number: EN010125) was submitted by the Applicants to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate on 12 June 2024 and accepted on 10 July 2024. The Examining Authority was appointed on 11 September 2024 to examine the Application.

**SUMMARY OF THE PROJECTS**

The application is for an order to grant development consent for construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Dogger Bank South East (“DBS East”) and Dogger Bank South West (“DBS West”) offshore wind farms, both located in the North Sea on the Dogger Bank (together referred to as “the Projects”) and the associated development to connect the proposed offshore wind farms to the national grid. The Projects would have a combined maximum number of 200 turbines. The offshore array areas for DBS West and DBS East are situated at a minimum of 100km and 122km from shore respectively. The proposed onshore works consist of installation of buried onshore export cables from a landfall on the East Riding of Yorkshire coastline near Skipsea to (up to) two newly constructed onshore converter stations near the hamlet of Bentley, before onward onshore cable routeing to the proposed Birkhill Wood National Grid substation close to the existing Creyke Beck substation.

Maps showing the onshore and offshore locations of the wind farms and associated infrastructure form part of the Application (examination library references REP2-002 for the onshore location plan and APP-007 for the offshore location plan), which can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate’s website under the documents tab:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010125>

As the proposed wind farms will have a generating capacity in excess of 100MW, the Projects are classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(3) of the Act. Development consent is therefore required for the Projects.

The Development Consent Order would, if granted, authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The Development Consent Order would also authorise alterations to the public highway network, the construction of temporary construction and permanent access routes,

the temporary stopping up and / or management of the public highway, public rights of way and street works, and the application and / or disapplication of legislation.

## HEARINGS

The Examining Authority's letter dated 7 March 2025 contains a programme for the examination of the Application, including a number of hearings. Those hearings taking place in April 2025 will be held at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Time</b>
Monday 7 April 2025	<b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)</b>	Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 14:45 <b>Hearing starts: 15:00</b>
Tuesday 8 April 2025	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) on Offshore Environmental Matters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aviation and radar</li> <li>• Commercial fishing</li> <li>• Shipping and navigation</li> <li>• Wake loss</li> </ul>	Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 09:15 <b>Hearing starts: 09:30</b>
Wednesday 9 April 2025	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on Onshore Environmental Matters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geology and ground conditions</li> <li>• Historic environment</li> <li>• Hydrology and flood risk</li> <li>• Land use and agriculture</li> <li>• Landscape and visual (including good design)</li> <li>• Noise and vibration</li> <li>• Onshore ecology</li> </ul>	Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 09:15 <b>Hearing starts: 09:30</b>
Thursday 10 April 2025	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) on Offshore Coastal Processes, Marine Ecology and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benthic ecology environmental impact assessment (EIA)</li> <li>• Benthic ecology and coastal processes (HRA)</li> <li>• Fish and shellfish ecology (EIA)</li> <li>• Marine and coastal processes (EIA)</li> <li>• Marine mammals (EIA)</li> <li>• Marine mammals (HRA)</li> <li>• Offshore ornithology (EIA)</li> <li>• Offshore ornithology (HRA)</li> <li>• Other HRA issues</li> </ul>	Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 09:15 <b>Hearing starts: 09:30</b>
Friday 11 April 2025	<b>Continuation of Issue Specific Hearing 5 (ISH5) on Offshore Coastal Processes, Marine Ecology and</b>	Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 09:15 <b>Hearing starts: 09:30</b>

	<b>Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) (see above for further details) (if required)</b>	
Friday 11 April 2025	<b>Continuation of Issue Specific Hearing 4 (ISH4) on Onshore Environmental Matters (see above for further details) (if required)</b>	Virtual (online) Registration Process from: 13:00 <b>Hearing starts: 13:15</b>

The hearings will be held as virtual events using Microsoft Teams, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered. To register, you must notify the Examining Authority using the '[event participation form](#)' on or before Friday 28 March 2025.

If you require assistance with registering your attendance, please contact the Planning Inspectorate at [DoggerBankSouth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:DoggerBankSouth@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or by calling 0303 444 5000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm).

The Examination Timetable which was published in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-011], is available to view on the project page of the Infrastructure Planning website under the 'Documents' tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010125>

Any further hearings will be publicised as required by the Examining Authority and by the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

### **Application form and accompanying documents**

Copies of the Application documents, including the draft Development Consent Order, the compulsory acquisition information (including the Land Plans, Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons) and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate's project website under the 'Documents' tab: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010125>

The documents will be available online throughout the examination period.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information can also be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the Applicants using the following contact details:

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