

ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**MORGAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECT
PROPOSED
PLANNING ACT 2008
REGULATION 32 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017
NOTIFICATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT DEVELOPMENT
LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT
IN AN EEA STATE**

Morgan Offshore Wind Limited has formally notified the Secretary of State, of its intention to submit an Environmental Statement.

The proposals are for development of an offshore wind farm with an approximate capacity of 1500MW in the Irish Sea approximately 22.3km from the Isle of Man and 36.3km from the northwest coast of England, awarded as part of the Round 4 Offshore Wind Licensing Arrangements

Information about the Proposed Development and about its likely significant effects is available in the scoping report and the Secretary of State's scoping opinion which are available electronically on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/morgan-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=docs>

Based on the current information provided by the Applicant to the Secretary of State, and applying a precautionary approach, the Secretary of State is of the view that the Proposed Development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in the Republic of Ireland and Belgium. In accordance with Regulation 32 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations) the Secretary of State has provided information to the above mentioned EEA States about the Proposed Development and its likely significant effects, and these States have been asked to indicate by 21 November 2022 whether or not they wish to participate in the procedure for examining and determining the application under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) and Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations.

The Proposed Development is currently at the pre-application stage of the process. The Applicant has not yet submitted an application to the Secretary of State. If the application is accepted for examination, the application will be examined in public and, subject to the provisions of the PA 2008, the examination must be completed within a period of six months. Further information about how to participate in the examination procedure under the PA 2008 and the way in which the Secretary of State will notify and consult EEA States in accordance with Regulation 32 of the EIA Regulations is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website: www.planningportal.gov.uk/infrastructure.

Following examination of the application and having taken the environmental information into consideration, the decision maker may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or offset the major adverse effects of the Proposed Development.

Date: 10 October 2022

Signed by the Planning Inspectorate for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

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**HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS - CREWE) ACT 2021
COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981
TO: PERSONS HAVING A RELEVANT INTEREST IN THE LAND
DESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO**

1. The High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 ("the High Speed Rail Act") received Royal Assent on 11 February 2021.

2. The Secretary of State for Transport (the "Acquiring Authority") is authorised under section 4 of the High Speed Rail Act to exercise powers under section 4(1) of the High Speed Rail Act to acquire compulsorily so much of the land within the limits of the High Speed Rail Act as may be required for Phase 2a purposes¹.

3. By virtue of section 4(4) of the High Speed Rail Act, the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") applies as if the High Speed Rail Act were a compulsory purchase order.

4. By virtue of paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 7 to the High Speed Rail Act, Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 2 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (exception of minerals from compulsory purchase and regulation of working of mines or minerals underlying an authorised undertaking) have effect in relation to land to which section 4(1) of the High Speed Rail Act applies as if it were comprised in a compulsory purchase order providing for the incorporation with that order of those Parts of that Schedule.

5. Paragraph 2(1) of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 provides that an acquiring authority shall not be entitled to any mines under the land comprised in the compulsory purchase order unless they have been expressly purchased, and all mines under the land are to be deemed to be excepted out of the conveyance of that land unless expressly named and conveyed. Paragraph 3 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 makes provision where the owner of any mines or minerals in the land desires to work them.

6. Pursuant to section 3A of the 1981 Act² before making a general vesting declaration ("GVD") under section 4 of the 1981 Act the Acquiring Authority must, in a notice which is (a) given to every person with a relevant interest in the land with respect to which a GVD is to be made (other than a mortgagee who is not in possession); and (b) published in the London Gazette, include the particulars in section 3A(3) of the 1981 Act³.

7. Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 3A of the 1981 Act⁴.

8. Pursuant to section 3A(3) of the 1981 Act, a Statement of the Effect of Parts 2 and 3 of the 1981 Act is contained in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to this notice, which provides an explanation of the process for and the effect of a GVD in respect of the land described in Schedule 1 hereto. Part 1 of Schedule 2 to this notice also invites any person who would be entitled to claim compensation if a GVD were executed under section 4 of the 1981 Act to give the Acquiring Authority information about the person's name, address and interest in the land using the form set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2.

9. For the avoidance of doubt, the Acquiring Authority intends to purchase the Land and the freehold mines and minerals comprised in the land described in Schedule 1 hereto and, if so, will expressly name them in the GVD.

**SCHEDULE 1
BOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME**

(1) Plot No.	(2) Description
125219	All those interests in 16760.98 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land, copse, hedgerow, public footpath (Madeley 33) and river, bed and banks thereof (River Lea), (Station Road) including all those mines and minerals beneath being part of HM Land Registry title number SF420123