## Section 91 Planning Act 2008 RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 NOTICE OF OPEN FLOOR HEARINGS AND ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS THE PROPOSED WALNEY EXTENSION OFFSHORE WIND FARM ORDER (Application Reference: EN010027)

Notice is given that two open floor hearings and two issue specific hearings will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application by DONG Walney Extension (UK) Limited (**the Applicant**) of 15 Appold Street, London, EC2A 2HB for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm (**the Application**).

The Application was made on 28 June 2013 and accepted for examination on 22 July 2013 (reference: EN010027).

The hearings will be held as indicated in the table below:

Hearing	Date and Time	Location
<ul> <li>Issue Specific Hearing relating to:</li> <li>Air Navigation*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tuesday 18 March 2014 (Start: 10:00, doors open: 09:30)</li> </ul>	Villa Marina, Harris Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 2HJ
Open Floor Hearing	<ul> <li>Tuesday 18 March 2014 (Start: 14:00, doors open: 13:30)</li> </ul>	Villa Marina, Harris Promenade, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 2HJ
Open Floor Hearing	<ul> <li>Thursday 20 March 2014 (Start: 10:00, doors open: 09:30)</li> </ul>	Millom Network Centre, Salthouse Road, Millom, Cumbria LA18 5AB
<ul> <li>Issue Specific Hearing relating to all outstanding issues including:</li> <li>Transport</li> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Draft Development Consent Order</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wednesday 26 March 2014 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Start 10:00, doors open 09:30)</li> </ul>	Lancaster City Council, Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PJ

\*The Air Navigation hearing is considered as a contingency if outstanding issues have not been resolved. If the Examining Authority decides to cancel this hearing, this will be notified as soon as possible on the Planning Inspectorate website at the link: <u>http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/walney</u>.

Agendas for the hearings at the Planning Inspectorate website at the link, and may be subject to change at the discretion of the Examining Authority: <u>http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/walney</u>.

The Application relates to the construction and operation of an offshore wind farm located approximately 19km westsouthwest from the Isle of Walney in Cumbria, 26km southwest from the Millom coast, 35km northwest from the Fleetwood and Blackpool coast and 31km southwest from the Isle of Man, being an extension to the existing Walney Offshore Wind Farm located on the bed of the Irish Sea (the Project).

The Application comprises up to 207 wind turbine generators (WTGs) with a maximum tip height of up to 222 metres above mean high water spring tides (MHWS), up to three offshore substations, inter-array cables that collect and transfer power generated by the WTGs to the offshore substations and up to 5 export cables that take the electricity generated by

the WTGs to the new onshore substation, located to the east of the proposed National Grid Electricity Transmission (NEGT) Middleton Substation to connect the offshore wind farm to the National Grid.

A copy of the Application form and accompanying plans, maps and other documents may be inspected free of charge at the following public locations and during the opening hours set out below:

- Barrow Library, Ramsden Square, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 1LL; Monday and Wednesday, 09:30 to 19:00, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 09:30 to 17:00, Saturday, 10:00 to 16:00 and Sunday, 12:00 to 16:00.
- Copeland Borough Council, The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7SJ; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 08:45 to 17:15, Wednesday,10:00 to 17:15 and Friday, 08:45 to 16:30.
- Heysham Library, 396-398 Heysham Road, Heysham, Morecambe, Lancashire LA3 2BJ; Monday, Wednesday and Friday 09:00 to 17:00, Tuesday and Thursday 09:00 to 19:00 and Saturday 09:00 to 16:00 (alternative location due to ongoing refurbishment works at Morecambe Library for 8-10 weeks from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014).
- Henry Bloom Library, 10 Victoria Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2LH; Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 09:15 to 17:30, Wednesday, 10:00 to 17:30, Thursday, 09:15 to 19:30 and Saturday, 09:15 to 16:00.

Copies of the documents are available online at The Planning Inspectorate website at the link: http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/walney