

NOTICE OF OPEN FLOOR AND ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARINGS in relation to THE PROPOSED KENTISH FLATS EXTENSION ORDER

Sections 91 and 93 Planning Act 2008 and Rule 13(6) Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

IPC Application Reference: EN010036

Notice is hereby given that the following open floor and issue-specific hearings will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application by Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd for a development consent order for the proposed extension to the Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm. The application was made under sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 14 October 2011 and accepted by the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) on 10 November 2011. The function of the IPC was taken over by the Planning Inspectorate on 1 April 2012.

Vattenfall seeks authorisation to extend the existing Kentish Flats Offshore Wind Farm by constructing and operating additional offshore wind turbines with a maximum installed capacity of 51MW together with associated development (the "Project"). The proposed development would be constructed in English territorial waters, approximately 7.8 kilometres off the north Kent coast. The export cables from the turbines will come ashore close to Hampton Pier, Herne Bay, Kent.

In summary, the Project comprises 10 to 17 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 145 metres, monopile foundations, and underwater cabling to connect the turbines together and to export the electricity generated. The export cables will connect to underground electricity cables in a transition pit located at Hampton Pier.

There are a number of issue-specific hearings and an open floor hearing which will be held on the following dates, at the times and locations indicated below:

Date	Time	Issue	Venue
30 May 2012	Register 09:30 Start 10:00	Development Consent Order (DCO), requirements, related Local Impact Report matters and Deemed Marine Licence	Marine Hotel 33a Marine Parade Tankerton, Whitstable CT5 2BE
30 May 2012	Register 13:30 Start 14:00	Biological environment, ecology and fishing	Marine Hotel 33a Marine Parade Tankerton, Whitstable CT5 2BE
31 May 2012	Register 09:30 Start 10:00	Habitats Regulations aspects and information to support the Appropriate Assessment	Marine Hotel 33a Marine Parade Tankerton, Whitstable CT5 2BE
31 May 2012	Register 13:30 Start 14:00	Radar effects and damage to property around cable landfall and transition pit	Marine Hotel 33a Marine Parade Tankerton, Whitstable CT5 2BE
12 June 2012	Register 09:30 Start 10:00	Open Floor Hearing	Marine Hotel 33a Marine Parade Tankerton, Whitstable CT5 2BE
12 June 2012	Register 13:30 Start 14:00	Development Consent Order (DCO), requirements and Local Impact Report matters	Marine Hotel 33a Marine Parade Tankerton, Whitstable CT5 2BE

Wednesday 13 June 2012 has been reserved for any additional hearings that may be required.

At each open floor hearing, each interested party is entitled (subject to the Examining Authority's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the application. The oral representations must be based on either the relevant or written representation made by the interested party to the Examining Authority. Interested parties include any person that has made a relevant representation to the Examining Authority in accordance with section 102(4) of the Planning Act 2008, as well as the applicant, various persons and bodies prescribed by statute.

Directions for those who wish to attend and speak at any of the hearings have been given in the Examining Authority's letter of 24 April 2012 available on the Planning Inspectorate's website at: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010036/2.%20Post-Submission/Procedural%20Decisions/120424%20EN010036%20KFE%20rule%2013%20and%2017%20letter.pdf>

Copies of the application documents and the written representations can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/kentish-flats-extension/>

Copies of the application documents and the written representations can also be inspected free of charge at the Planning Inspectorate's office and the following public locations:

Venue	Opening hours
Whitstable Harbour Office, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 1AB	0900 to 1300
Canterbury City Council Offices: Herne Bay, Herne Bay, CT6 5NX	0900 to 1500
Canterbury City Council Offices: Canterbury, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW	0900 to 1500
Medway Council, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4TR	0900 to 1500
Swale Borough Council, Swale House, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME103H	0900 to 1500
Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ	0900 to 1500
Rochford District Council, 3-19 South Street, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1BW	0900 to 1500
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, 12th Fl, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ER	0900 to 1500
Castle Point Borough Council, Kiln Road, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 1TF	0900 to 1500