



# Planning Inspectorate Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

Environmental Services  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Bristol  
BS1 6PN

Customer Services: 0303 444 5000  
e-mail: [ossiantransmission@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:ossiantransmission@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

---

Ms. Guro Sylling  
Senior Adviser  
Norwegian Environment Agency

Your Ref:

By Email: [guro.sylling@miljodir.no](mailto:guro.sylling@miljodir.no)

Our Ref: EN0210006

Date: 01 July 2025

---

Dear Ms Sylling

## **Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – regulation 32**

### **Proposed Application by Ossian Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the applicant) for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Ossian Transmission Infrastructure Project (the proposed development)**

### **Notification under The EIA Regulations that the proposed development is likely to have significant effects on the environment in an EEA State**

This is the formal notification under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (The EIA Regulations) that the proposed development requires an environmental impact assessment and that the Secretary of State is of the view that it is likely to have significant effects on the environment in your State. This is based on the current information provided by the applicant, and applying the precautionary approach. The Secretary of State's transboundary screening document is available at:

[EN0210006-000004-EN0210006 Regulation 32 Transboundary Screening Ossian Transmission Infrastructure Project.pdf](#)

The application is at the early stage of the process known as pre-application, and is for the transfer of electricity from Scotland to England via offshore and onshore cabling and converter station.

### **Participating in the regulation 32 procedure**

Your State can participate in the application procedure by providing comments to the Secretary of State on the potential significant effects of the proposed development on the environment in your State through the procedure explained below.

If the application is accepted for examination, your State would have an opportunity to make representations on the application and its transboundary impacts.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Page, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Transboundary Impacts and Process, sets out in detail a two stage approach to consultation that the Secretary of State will follow to meet the requirements of regulation 32 of The EIA Regulations.

The two stage approach is broadly as follows:

- **Stage 1**, this notification letter, which is primarily to make you aware of the proposed development and to enable you to notify the Secretary of State whether your State wishes to participate in the procedure under regulation 32 in relation to this application or confirm that your State does not wish to participate, or just wishes to be kept informed about this application.
- **Stage 2**, if your State responds to this notification informing the Secretary of State that it wishes to participate in the procedure under regulation 32 in relation to this application, you will be consulted on the application for the proposed development, including the Environmental Statement.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Page, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Transboundary Impacts and Process sets out more detailed information on the transboundary consultation process and is available at the link provided below:

['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Transboundary Impacts and Process'](#).

### **Description of the proposed development**

For your information the proposed development consists of an electrical transmission link in the North Sea, from the boundary with Scottish territorial waters to landfall on the northeast coast of England. The proposed development does not include any electricity generation itself, but would transmit electricity generated by the Ossian Array in Scottish waters to landfall in Lincolnshire.

The proposed development consists of approximately 464km of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) export cables in the North Sea, between the southern edge of Sandilands and Anderby Creek, south of Mablethorpe on the northeast coast of England to where it meets the marine boundary between English and Scottish waters. The onshore aspects of the proposed development will comprise onshore HVDC cables, High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cables, transition joint bays and onshore converter stations.

Further 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 on our website available at the link below:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0210006>

### **Information about the application procedure under the Planning Act 2008 and EIA Regulations and the nature of the decision**

The Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) established that nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs)<sup>1</sup> such as this proposal require development consent in the form of an Order granted by the relevant Secretary of State.

Where an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) is accepted for examination, under statute there is a maximum of six months for the examination. The Examining Authority appointed to undertake the examination makes a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State as decision-maker. The relevant Secretary of State, having taken the environmental information into consideration, may refuse or grant development consent. If development consent is granted, this

---

<sup>1</sup> As defined in s14 and ss15-30 of the PA 2008

may be subject to requirements which, if necessary, will secure measures to avoid, reduce or remedy the likely adverse effects of the proposed development.

A detailed explanation of the process may be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Page Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say, available at the link provided below:

['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say'](#).

The applicant has notified the Secretary of State that an application for a DCO for the proposed development is intended to be submitted in 2027. Therefore, the proposed development is currently at the pre-application stage of the DCO process.

### **Responding to this notification**

We would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this notification and indicate whether your State intends to participate in the EIA procedure under regulation 32 in relation to this proposed development. Your reply to the relevant Secretary of State should be sent electronically to **ossiantransmission@planninginspectorate.gov.uk** and arrive no later than 6 weeks from the date of this letter.

Please note that if no response is received by 12 August 2025, then the Secretary of State will assume that your State does not wish to participate in the procedure under regulation 32 in relation to this application and will not undertake Stage 2 consultation, unless you subsequently inform the Secretary of State that your State wishes to take part in the regulation 32 process.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at [ossiantransmission@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:ossiantransmission@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

*Helen Lancaster*

**Helen Lancaster**  
**Operations Lead – Environmental Services Team, on behalf of the Secretary of State**

This communication does not constitute legal advice.  
Please view our [Privacy Notice](#) before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

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

