
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 800

The Hornsea Four Offshore Wind Farm Order 2023

PART 2

PRINCIPAL POWERS

Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance

7.—(1) Where proceedings are brought under section 82(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990⁽¹⁾ (summary proceedings by persons aggrieved by statutory nuisances) in relation to a nuisance falling within paragraph (g) of section 79(1) of that Act (noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance) no order is to be made, and no fine is to be imposed, under section 82(2) of that Act if—

- (a) the defendant shows that the nuisance—
 - (i) relates to premises used by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction, maintenance or decommissioning of the authorised project and that the nuisance is attributable to the carrying out of the authorised project in accordance with a notice served under section 60 (control of noise on construction sites), or a consent given under section 61 (prior consent for work on construction sites) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974⁽²⁾; or
 - (ii) is a consequence of the construction, maintenance or decommissioning of the authorised project and that it cannot reasonably be avoided; or
- (b) the defendant shows that the nuisance—
 - (i) relates to premises used by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the use of the authorised project and that the nuisance is attributable to the use of the authorised project which is being used in compliance with requirement 22 (control of noise during the operational phase); or
 - (ii) is a consequence of the use of the authorised project and that it cannot reasonably be avoided.

(2) Section 61(9) of the control of Pollution Act 1974 does not apply where the consent relates to the use of premises by the undertaker for purposes of or in connection with the construction, maintenance or decommissioning of the authorised project.

(1) 1990 c. 43. Section 82 was amended by section 107 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 17 to, the Environment Act (c. 25) and section 103 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16) and section 5(2) of the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 (c. 40), and section 79 was amended by sections 101 and 102 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16), and by section 120 and paragraph 89 of Schedule 22 to the Environment Act 2005. There are other amendments to this Act which are not relevant to this Order.

(2) 1974 c. 40. Section 61 was amended by Schedule 7 to the Building Act 1984 (c. 55), paragraph 15 of Schedule 15 to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43) and Schedule 24 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25). There are other amendments to the Act which are not relevant to the Order.