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11<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Ms Lancaster

**Response to the Planning Inspectorate on the Application by Awel y Môr Offshore Windfarm Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm**

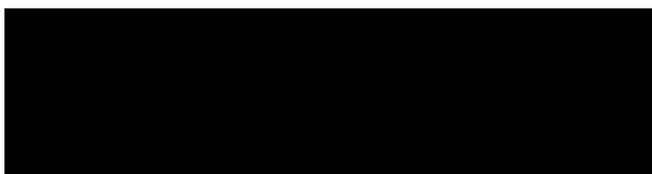
After a lengthy and considered discussion at a meeting of the Town Council's Planning & Transportation Committee held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, the Committee were unanimous in objecting to this proposal for another extension of the Windfarm for the reasons below:

- 1) It would be a further industrialisation of this area of outstanding natural beauty, which is listed as an area for Special Conservation - a Heritage Coast.
- 2) It would have a considerable detrimental effect on the views from Llandudno, which is a tourist resort in the top ten in danger as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak, and it needs as much support for tourists as possible, not something that will degrade its appeal as a holiday destination.
- 3) Concern for the damage caused to the marine environment during construction and the effects of that damage in the long term.
- 4) The Awel y Mor, Rhyl Flats, Constable Bank area has for generations, acted as a natural barrier that takes the considerable force out of winter storms, in so doing acting as a "guardian" or "watchman" that protects the communities of Llandudno, Rhos-on-Sea and Colwyn Bay. Any further erosion of this area of natural coastal protection would lead to an increased flood risk.

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- 5) As awareness and understanding of flood risks has grown. The consequences of interfering with natural flood protection are now better understood, therefore we
- 6) would urge great caution before any decisions are made to build more wind turbines in this area.
- 7) The Committee voiced grave concerns about the previous construction of the 'Gwynt Y Mor' windfarm, which led to a profound detrimental effect on the natural sea defences of Llandudno. This was due to the dredging of thousands of tonnes of sand off the Constable Bank, which led to an increased flood risk. This meant that thousands of tonnes of beach nourishment (rocks) had to be placed onto North Shore Beach in order to counteract the risk.  
The Committee fear that the proposal to build more wind turbines in the area proposed, will be detrimental to the public, and the Town Council's fight to have the rocks removed off North Shore beach and the replenishment of sand onto it.
- 8) The Committee are concerned that if this proposal prevents the rocks being removed off North Shore beach and the replenishment of sand back onto it, that it would have a further detrimental impact on our vital tourism business. We need to restore our beach now more than ever if we are to attract greater tourism footfall to our town. This proposal could thwart our every effort.
- 9) Concerns were raised about the impact on sailing and shipping and the loss of the town's vista across the bay. This proposal would see the entire bay hemmed in by turbines from the Great Orme to the Little Orme.
- 10) Any extension of the windfarm would potentially prevent the possible creation of a tidal lagoon in the area, which is/was a potential alternative long-term option currently being investigated.
- 11) Should what is happening with Wylfa, the turbines in that area and, the possibility of building a tidal lagoon at the Port of Mostyn, become reality. There would be no requirement or need for any turbines at Awel y Mor.

Yours sincerely



Louise Morris  
Deputy Town Clerk

