



# Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm

## **Planning Statement Appendix 2:**

### **Welsh National Marine Plan policy checklist**

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GEN_01	Planning policy There is a presumption in favour of the sustainable development of the plan area in order to contribute to Wales' well-being goals.	Yes.	Paragraph 46 et seq of the Planning Statement (application ref: 8.1) describes how the project has considered the well-being goals.  The AyM project has sought to apply the well-being goals wherever practicable, including consideration of the Welsh language, and ensuring there is no impediment to the resilient Wales goal being reached, in the context of ecological resilience. Further to this, the investment associated with AyM is anticipated to contribute to a prosperous Wales through job creation, and creation of opportunities for the supply chain in Wales.
GEN_02	Planning policy Relevant public authorities should take a proportionate, risk-based approach to application of relevant marine planning policies in decision making.	Yes.	Whilst aimed at public authorities, the Applicant has sought to take a risk based approach to the relevant planning policies and has considered the risks associated with the project on all relevant technical areas.  The Environmental Statement (application ref: 6 et seq ) provides a detailed technical assessment of the likely environmental impacts, and the interaction with WNMP and National marine policies wherever relevant.
ECON_01	Sustainable economic growth Proposals for economically sustainable activities are encouraged, particularly where they contribute to: • the sustainable management of natural resources thereby supporting ecosystem resilience; • a more resilient economy; • employment opportunities particularly for coastal communities; • protecting and creating employment at all skill levels; • maintaining communities with a high-density of Welsh speakers; and/or • tackling poverty by supporting deprived coastal communities.	Yes.	Paragraph 46 et seq of the Planning Statement presents a summary of how the AyM project contributes towards these goals, with further consideration given in the technical ES chapters and associated documentation.  Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7 of Volume 2, and Chapter 5 of Volume 3 of the ES present the potential interaction of the AyM project with ecosystem resilience, in the context of: offshore ornithology, benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology, fish and shellfish ecology, and onshore biodiversity and conservation respectively.
ECON_02	Coexistence Proposals should demonstrate how they have considered opportunities for coexistence with other compatible sectors in order to optimise the value and use of the marine area and marine natural resources.	Yes.	The Applicant has agreed a fisheries co-existence plan with the local fishing community and included it at application ref: 8.5.
SOC_01	Access to the marine environment Proposals that maintain or enhance access to the marine environment are encouraged.	Yes.	The Applicant has agreed a fisheries co-existence plan with the local fishing community. The Applicant has assumed temporary safety zones may be required during construction and major maintenance works, but access through the array and cable areas are maintained during all other times.  The Applicant has agreed a fisheries co-existence plan with the local fishing community and included it at application ref: 8.6. The Commercial Fisheries Chapter (application ref: 6.2.8) and Shipping and Navigation Chapter (application ref: 6.2.9) consider the implications of temporary limits to access during the construction and major maintenance works.
SOC_02	Well-being of coastal communities Proposals that contribute to the well-being of coastal communities are encouraged.	Yes.	The Tourism and Recreation Chapter of the ES (Volume 3, Chapter 4, application ref: 6.3.4) considers the potential impacts on well-being and health as a result of the AyM project. Commitments have been made to ensure public rights of ways and key coastal paths are managed in such a way as to allow continued use, and benefit from the associated well-being.
SOC_03	Marine pollution incidents Proposals should demonstrate how they minimise their risk of causing or contributing to marine pollution incidents.	Yes.	The AyM project has committed to the provision of a Project Environmental Management Plan (PEMP) and associated marine pollution contingency plan in advance of construction commencing. The PEMP is captured within the Schedule of Mitigation, and the Marine Licencing Principles document (application refs: 8.11 and 5.4.1 respectively). The PEMP and MPCP will provide the necessary project requirements which will include inter alia all fuels and chemical storage bunds to be 110% of stored volume.

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SOC_04	Welsh language and culture	Proposals that contribute to the promotion and facilitation of the use of the Welsh language and culture are encouraged.	Yes	AyM supports this policy by managing impacts such that there will be no negative impact on the Welsh language. Notwithstanding this, the Applicant has committed to ensuring non-technical public signage is bilingual to promote the Welsh language in order to positively promote the Welsh language. As such, there will be no significant harm to the Welsh character or language balance of the community, and as such there is no impediment to the policy target being met. The Applicant has also submitted a Community Linguistic Statement (application ref: 8.16) which supports this conclusion.
SOC_05	Historic assets	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on historic assets and their settings have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on historic assets and their settings; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Opportunities to enhance historic assets are encouraged.	Yes.	The Applicant has, wherever practicable, avoided interaction with significant historic assets, through the site selection process presented in Volume 1, Chapter 4 (Site Selection and Alternatives).  The mitigation measures have been designed to protect any marine archaeological receptors of interest (see section 11.10 et seq of the Historic Environment Chapter of the ES (application ref: 6.2.11). The Applicant has also included an outline Written Scheme of Investigation which details how the Applicant will use ongoing data gathering to inform avoidance and mitigation following consent (application ref: 8.3).
SOC_06	Designated landscapes	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on the purposes and special qualities for which National Parks or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty have been designated have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on designated landscapes; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Opportunities to enhance designated landscapes are encouraged.	Yes.	Paragraph 437 et seq of the Planning Statement, and Chapter 10 of Volume 2 of the ES (Seascape, Landscape, Visual Impact Assessment (application ref: 6.2.10)) demonstrate how the AyM project has provided consideration of the special qualities of National Parks (NPs) and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Chapter 4 of Volume 1 of the ES (Site Selection and Alternatives (application ref: 6.1.4)) demonstrates how the project has iteratively refined the project to mitigate and minimise negative impacts.  The effects on the Isle of Anglesey AONB, Snowdonia NP and the Clwydian Hills and Dee Valley AONB, as a result of AyM being located within part of their settings, is assessed in Sections 10.11.3, 10.11.5 and 10.11.7 of the SLVIA Chapter respectively and takes into account the landscape and scenic beauty identified by certain special qualities.
SOC_07	Seascapes	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on seascapes have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on seascapes; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Opportunities to enhance seascapes are encouraged.	Yes.	Paragraph 439 et seq of the Planning Statement, and Chapter 10 of Volume 2 of the ES (Seascape, Landscape, Visual Impact Assessment (application ref: 6.2.10)) consider impacts on seascapes.  The effects on seascapes as a result of AyM is assessed in Sections 10.10 and 10.11 of the SLVIA Chapter.  A description of how the effects have been avoided, minimised and mitigated is included in Volume 1, Chapter 4 and Section 10.9 of the SLVIA Chapter.
SOC_08	Resilience to coastal change and flooding	Proposals should demonstrate how they are resilient to coastal change and flooding over their lifetime.	Yes.	An assessment of the physical implications of the project on coastal change and flood risk is presented in Volume 2, Chapter 2: Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (application ref: 6.2.2). An assessment of fresh water resources and quality is presented in Volume 3, Chapter 7: Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Flood Risk (application ref: 6.3.7). Further to this, in the context of flood resilience of the proposed infrastructure, Flood Consequences Assessments for the onshore cable infrastructure and substation are presented at application ref: 6.5.7.1 and 6.5.7.2 respectively.

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SOC_09	Effects on coastal change and flooding	Proposals should demonstrate how they: avoid significant adverse impacts upon coastal processes; and minimise the risk of coastal change and flooding; Proposals that align with the relevant Shoreline Management Plan(s) and its policies are encouraged.	Yes.	An assessment of the physical implications of the project on coastal change and flood risk, including consideration of Shoreline Management Plan(s) is presented in Volume 2, Chapter 2: Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (application ref: 6.2.2). Chapter 4 of Volume 1 (Site Selection and Alternatives) presents the process the Applicant has taken in defining a project design that minimises interaction with coastal defences such as the commitment to use horizontal directional drilling at landfall.
SOC_10	Minimising climate change	Proposals should demonstrate how they, in order of preference: a) avoid the emission of greenhouse gases; and/or b) minimise them where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate them where they cannot be minimised. Where significant emission of greenhouse gases cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals for regulated activities must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Yes.	The proposed AyM project seeks to contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales by producing electricity for the equivalent of approximately 500,000 homes. Offshore renewable energy is seen as a key policy focus to address climate change, with the April 2022 target identified as 50GW of offshore wind to be achieved by 2030.
SOC_11	Resilience to climate change	Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered the impacts of climate change and have incorporated appropriate adaptation measures, taking into account Climate Change Risk Assessments for Wales. Proposals that contribute to climate change adaptation and/or mitigation are encouraged.	Yes.	The proposed AyM project seeks to contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales by producing electricity for the equivalent of approximately 500,000 homes. The project has also undertaken flood consequence assessments for the onshore works associated with the project (application ref: 6.5.7.1 and 6.5.7.2).
ENV_01	Resilient marine ecosystems	Proposals should demonstrate how potential impacts on marine ecosystems have been taken into consideration and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Proposals that contribute to the protection, restoration and/or enhancement of marine ecosystems are encouraged.	Yes.	Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7 of Volume 2, and Chapter 5 of Volume 3 of the ES present the potential interaction of the AyM project with ecosystem resilience, in the context of: offshore ornithology, benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology, fish and shellfish ecology, and onshore biodiversity and conservation respectively.  Volume 1, Chapter 4 (Site Selection and Alternatives) provides further detail on the process the Applicant has taken in defining a project which has been iteratively designed to minimise impacts on marine ecosystems wherever practicable. This includes avoidance of the potential Annex I Constable Bank feature, as requested during consultation with NRW, and a reduction in interaction with the Special Areas of Conservation to the west of the proposed AyM project.
ENV_02	Marine Protected Areas	Proposals should demonstrate how they: avoid adverse impacts on individual Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and the coherence of the network as a whole; have regard to the measures to manage MPAs; and avoid adverse impacts on designated sites that are not part of the MPA network.	Yes.	Volume 1, Chapter 4 (Site Selection and Alternatives) provides further detail on the process the Applicant has taken in defining a project which has been iteratively designed to minimise impacts on marine ecosystems wherever practicable. This includes avoidance of the potential Annex I Constable Bank feature, as requested during consultation with NRW, and a reduction in interaction with the Special Areas of Conservation to the west of the proposed AyM project. Adverse impacts on MPAs have been avoided by the project, as detailed in the Applicant's Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (application ref: 5.2).
ENV_03	Invasive non-native species	Proposals should demonstrate how they avoid or minimise the risk of introducing and spreading invasive non-native species. Where appropriate, proposals should include biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of introducing and spreading of invasive non-native species.	Yes.	The AyM project has committed to the provision of a Project Environmental Management Plan (PEMP) and associated biosecurity management plan in advance of construction commencing. The PEMP is captured within the Schedule of Mitigation, and the Marine Licencing Principles document (application refs: 8.11 and 5.4.1 respectively). The PEMP and biosecurity management plan will provide the necessary project measures to minimise introduction of non-native species wherever practicable.  The implications of invasive non-native species are considered in Volume 2, Chapter 5 (benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology) (application ref: 6.2.5).

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ENV_04	Marine litter Proposals should demonstrate how they: avoid the deliberate introduction of litter into the marine plan area; and minimise the risk of accidental release of litter.	Yes.	The AyM project has committed to the provision of a Project Environmental Management Plan (PEMP) and associated marine pollution contingency plan in advance of construction commencing. The PEMP is captured within the Schedule of Mitigation, and the Marine Licencing Principles document (application refs: 8.11 and 5.4.1 respectively). The PEMP will provide the necessary project requirements which will include management of waste in the marine environment.
ENV_05	Underwater noise Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered man-made noise impacts on the marine environment and, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts; and/or b) minimise impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Yes.	Chapters 6 and 7 of Volume 2 of the ES present the potential underwater noise associated with the AyM project, in the context of: fish and shellfish ecology and marine mammals respectively. The Applicant's RIAA (application ref: 5.2) considers the potential impact of underwater noise on designated sites.  The marine mammals chapter of the ES and the RIAA introduce the need for mitigation to manage underwater noise. The measures are secured within the marine mammal mitigation protocol, an outline of which is provided at application ref: 6.4.7.2. The requirement for the MMMP is captured in the Schedule of Mitigation and the Approach to Marine Licencing (application ref: 8.11 and 5.4.1 respectively).
ENV_06	Air and water quality Proposals should demonstrate that they have considered their potential air and water quality impacts and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts; and/or b) minimise adverse impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Yes.	Sections 3.10 to 3.14 of the Marine Water and Sediment Quality Chapter of the ES (application ref: 6.2.3) present the assessment of the proposed development on water quality. An assessment of the physical characteristics is presented in Volume 2, Chapter 2: Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (application ref: 6.2.2).  Volume 1, Chapter 4 (Site Selection and Alternatives) provides further detail on the process the Applicant has taken in defining a project which has been iteratively designed to minimise impacts on marine ecosystems including air and water quality wherever practicable.
ENV_07	Fish species and habitats Proposals potentially affecting important feeding, breeding (including spawning & nursery) and migration areas or habitats for key fish and shellfish species of commercial or ecological importance should demonstrate how they, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse impacts on those areas; and/or b) minimise adverse impacts where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised; If significant adverse impacts cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding.	Yes.	Chapter 6 of Volume 2 of the ES (application ref: 6.2.6) presents the potential interaction of the AyM project with fish and shellfish ecology, including breeding and migration areas.  Volume 1, Chapter 4 (Site Selection and Alternatives) provides further detail on the process the Applicant has taken in defining a project which has been iteratively designed to minimise impacts on marine ecosystems including important fish and shellfish habitats wherever practicable.
GOV_01	Cumulative effects Proposals should demonstrate that they have assessed potential cumulative effects and should, in order of preference: a) avoid adverse effects; and/or b) minimise effects where they cannot be avoided; and/or c) mitigate effects where they cannot be minimised. If significant adverse effects cannot be avoided, minimised or mitigated, proposals must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Proposals that contribute to positive cumulative effects are encouraged.	Yes.	All technical chapters of the ES, notably Volume 2, Chapters 2 to 12 inclusive, consider potential cumulative effects. Volume 1 Chapter 3 and the associated annex (application ref: 6.1.3.1) presents the Applicant's approach to undertaking cumulative effects assessment, including the long- and shortlist of projects considered.

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GOV_02	Cross-border and plan compatibility Relevant public authorities, in making their decisions, should have regard to: any applicable policy in a relevant marine plan; any applicable policy in relevant terrestrial development plans or related documents; the Natural Resources Policy; any relevant local well-being plan(s) (including the local well-being assessment); and evidence in any relevant Area Statement(s) produced by Natural Resources Wales (NRW).	Yes.	Whilst aimed at public authorities, the Applicant has sought to have regard to all relevant policies across the terrestrial and marine technical areas, and has considered the risks associated with the project on all relevant technical areas, including well-being.
SCI_01	Using sound science responsibly Relevant public authorities should make decisions using sound evidence and a risk-based, proportionate approach. Where appropriate they should apply the precautionary principle and consider opportunities to apply adaptive management.	Yes.	Whilst aimed at public authorities, the Applicant has sought to use sound evidence, agreeing evidence and data sources with stakeholders through the EIA Evidence Plan (application ref: 8.2) before using them within the EIA.
AGG_01a	Aggregates (supporting) Proposals for new aggregate extraction will be supported, within any tonnage limits, where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has minimised interaction with aggregate extraction through iterative and appropriate site selection processes (application ref: 6.1.4). The Applicant has considered potential interaction with aggregate extraction activities within the EIA (application ref: 6.2.12).
AGG_01b	Aggregates (supporting) Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities: for the sustainable use of wider marine aggregate natural resources; to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for aggregates in order to support the sustainable development of the aggregate sector through marine planning.	Yes.	Whilst aimed at public authorities, the Applicant has minimised interaction with aggregate extraction licence areas and strategic resource areas through iterative and appropriate site selection processes (application ref: 6.1.4). The Applicant has considered potential interaction with aggregate extraction activities within the EIA (application ref: 6.2.12).
AQU_01a	Aquaculture (supporting) Proposals for new aquaculture developments will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has minimised interaction with aquaculture development through iterative and appropriate site selection processes (application ref: 6.1.4). The Applicant has considered potential interaction with aquaculture activities within the EIA (application ref: 6.2.8 and 6.2.12).
AQU_01b	Aquaculture (supporting) Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of aquaculture resources including the identification of: natural resources that provide aquaculture potential opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for aquaculture in order to support the sustainable development of the aquaculture sector through marine planning.	Yes.	Whilst aimed at public authorities, the Applicant has minimised interaction with aquaculture areas and strategic resource areas for aquaculture through iterative and appropriate site selection processes (application ref: 6.1.4). The Applicant has considered potential interaction with aquaculture activities within the EIA (application ref: 6.2.8 and 6.2.12).
D&D_01	Dredging and disposal (supporting) Proposals that maintain navigable channels and long term access to open at-sea disposal sites for appropriate material will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered disposal sites in the context of potential disposal activities associated with the AyM project (application ref: 8.9) and in the context of minimising interaction with wider marine users of the sea including disposal (application ref: 8.2.12).

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ELC_01a	Low carbon energy (supporting) wind	Proposals for offshore wind energy generation will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations. Proposals for wind >350MW will be considered by UK Government in accordance with relevant national policy. In determining an NSIP for a wind proposal, the decision maker will have regard to this plan. Any determination in relation to energy developments of any scale will be taken in accordance with this plan alongside any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The proposed AyM project seeks to contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales by producing electricity for the equivalent of approximately 500,000 homes. The project capacity is in excess of 350MW, and has been considered in the context of national policies (application ref: 8.1) and the Welsh National Marine Plan.
ELC_01b	Low carbon energy (supporting) wind	In order to understand future opportunities for offshore wind development, including floating technologies, this plan supports strategic planning for the sector. Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of wind energy resources including identification of: • natural resources that provide potential opportunity for future use; • evidence to de-risk consenting for the sector; and • opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for offshore wind energy resource safeguarding; in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so.	Yes.	Whilst aimed at public authorities, the proposed AyM project seeks to contribute significantly towards the national renewable energy targets for Wales by producing electricity for the equivalent of approximately 500,000 homes. The Applicant has worked alongside public authorities, under the auspices of the EIA Evidence Plan (application ref: 8.2) to utilise appropriate evidence throughout the EIA in order to support the decision-making process.
ELC_02a	Low carbon energy (supporting) wave	Proposals for wave energy generation will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional wave and tidal energy projects in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects throughout all relevant chapters, notably offshore ES chapters (application ref: 6.2.1-6.2.15), and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and tidal energy developments are minimised.

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ELC_02b	Low carbon energy (supporting) wave	In order to understand future opportunities for wave energy development, relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of wave energy resources including identification of: • natural resources that provide potential opportunity for future use; • evidence to de-risk consenting for the sector; and • opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for wave energy resource safeguarding; in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional wave and tidal energy projects in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, notably offshore ES chapters (application ref: 6.2.1-6.2.15), and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and tidal energy developments are minimised.
ELC_03a	Low carbon energy (supporting) tidal stream	Proposals for tidal stream energy generation will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional wave and tidal energy projects in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, notably offshore ES chapters (application ref: 6.2.1-6.2.15), and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and tidal energy developments are minimised.
ELC_03b	Low carbon energy (supporting) tidal stream	In order to understand future opportunities for tidal stream energy development, relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for the sustainable use of tidal stream energy resources including identification of: • natural resources that provide potential opportunity for future use; • evidence to de-risk consenting for the sector; and • opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for tidal stream energy resource safeguarding; in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional wave and tidal energy projects in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and tidal energy developments are minimised.

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ELC_04	Low carbon energy (supporting) tidal range	In order to understand future opportunities for tidal range development, strategic planning for the sector is encouraged. Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to: • collect evidence to support understanding of environmental constraints and opportunities for the sustainable use of the tidal range resource; • support understanding of the optimal siting of tidal lagoon developments across Wales as part of a wider, UK perspective; and • identify opportunities to define and, once in place, further develop and refine Strategic Resource Areas for tidal lagoon safeguarding purposes. Relevant public authorities should make appropriate evidence available to support planning and decision making in order to support the sustainable development of the sector through marine planning, where it is appropriate to do so.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional wave and tidal energy projects in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, notably offshore ES chapters (application ref: 6.2.1-6.2.15), and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and tidal energy developments are minimised.
O&G_01a	Oil and gas (supporting)	Proposals that maximise the economic recovery of oil and gas sustainably will be supported where they comply with the objectives of this plan, and fully meet the environmental safeguards contained within the statutory processes of awarding production licences and subsequent activity-specific approvals. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional oil and gas developments in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and O&G developments are minimised (application ref: 6.2.12).
O&G_01b	Oil and gas (supporting)	Welsh Government policy is to avoid the continued extraction of fossil fuels in intertidal areas and estuaries and coastal inlet waters that fall within the Welsh onshore licence area. Applications for new petroleum licenses in these areas should not be supported, unless required for mine safety or scientific purposes. Proposals for the development and extraction of oil and gas in these areas with land based elements must provide robust and credible evidence to demonstrate how they conform to the Planning Policy Wales Energy Hierarchy for Planning, including how they make a necessary contribution towards decarbonising the energy system.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional oil and gas developments in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and O&G developments are minimised (application ref: 6.2.12).
O&G_02	Oil and gas (supporting)	Proposals that support the long-term development of carbon capture and storage technology will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional carbon capture and storage developments in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and CCS developments are avoided or minimised (application ref: 6.2.12).

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FIS_01a	Fisheries (supporting) Proposals that support and enhance sustainable fishing activities will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has agreed a fisheries co-existence plan with the local fishing community.  The Applicant has assumed temporary safety zones may be required during construction and major maintenance works, but access through the array and cable areas are maintained during all other times.  The Applicant has included a fisheries co-existence plan with the local fishing community and included it at application ref: 8.6. The Commercial Fisheries Chapter (application ref: 6.2.8) considers the implications of temporary limits to access during the construction and major maintenance works.
FIS_01b	Fisheries (supporting) Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities to develop a strategic evidence base to improve understanding of opportunities for the sustainable development of fisheries in order to support the sustainable development of the fisheries sector through marine planning.	No.	Not applicable.
P&S_01a	Ports and shipping (supporting) Proposals for ports, harbours and shipping activities will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional shipping in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and shipping, port and harbour developments are minimised (application ref: 6.2.9).
P&S_01b	Ports and shipping (supporting) Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities to support the sustainable development of the ports and shipping sector through marine planning.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional shipping in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and shipping, port and harbour developments are minimised (application ref: 6.2.9).
P&S_02	Ports and shipping (supporting) Proposals that provide for the maintenance, repair, development and diversification of port and harbour facilities will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional shipping in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and shipping, port and harbour developments are minimised (application ref: 6.2.9).
CAB_01	Subsea cabling (supporting) Proposals that facilitate the growth of digital communications networks and/or the optimal distribution of electricity will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered digital communications networks in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects both onshore and offshore, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and other infrastructure is minimised (application ref: 6.2.9).
T&R_01a	Tourism and recreation (supporting) Proposals that demonstrate a positive contribution to tourism and recreation opportunities and policy objectives (for the sector) around the Welsh coast will be supported where they contribute to the objectives of this plan. Proposals should comply with the relevant general policies and sector safeguarding policies of this plan and any other relevant considerations.	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional tourism and recreation in the context to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and tourism receptors offshore and onshore is minimised (application ref: 6.3.4).

## 8.1.2

## Welsh National Marine Plan Compliance checklist

WNMP Policy No.	WNMP Policy	Does the project have the potential to impact the Policy?	How Does the Proposed Project Comply with the Policy?
T&R_01b	<p>Tourism and recreation (supporting)</p> <p>Relevant public authorities and the sector are encouraged, in liaison with other interested parties, to collaborate to understand opportunities for sustainable tourism and recreation around the Welsh coast, including: a) developing a strategic evidence base to improve understanding of current and potential tourism and recreation activities, including eco-tourism and other low impact activities; and b) opportunities to define areas of future opportunity for tourism and recreation; in order to support the sustainable development of the tourism and recreation sector through marine planning.</p>	Yes.	The Applicant has considered regional tourism and recreation in the context to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and tourism receptors offshore and onshore is minimised (application ref: 6.3.4).
SAF_01	<p>Safeguarding existing activity</p> <p>a: Proposals likely to have significant adverse impacts upon an established activity covered by a formal application or authorisation must demonstrate how they will address compatibility issues with that activity. Proposals unable to demonstrate adequate compatibility must present a clear and convincing case for the proposal to progress under exceptional circumstances. b: Proposals likely to have significant adverse impacts upon an established activity not subject to a formal authorisation must demonstrate how they will address compatibility issues with that activity. Proposals unable to demonstrate adequate compatibility must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Under SAF 01 a and b, compatibility should be demonstrated through, in order of preference: a. Avoiding significant adverse impacts on those activities, and/or b. Minimising significant adverse impacts where these cannot be avoided; and/or c. Mitigating significant adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised.</p>	Yes.	The Applicant has considered other activities in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects both onshore and offshore, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and other infrastructure is minimised (application ref: 6.2.12).
SAF_02	<p>Safeguarding strategic resources</p> <p>Proposals which may have significant adverse impacts upon the prospects of any sector covered by this plan to engage in sustainable future strategic resource use (of resources identified by an SRA) must demonstrate how they will address compatibility issues with that potential resource use. Proposals unable to demonstrate adequate compatibility must present a clear and convincing case for proceeding. Compatibility should be demonstrated through, in order of preference: a. Avoiding significant adverse impacts on this potential strategic resource use, and/or b. Minimising significant adverse impacts where these cannot be avoided; and/or c. Mitigating significant adverse impacts where they cannot be minimised.</p>	Yes.	The Applicant has considered other activities in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects both onshore and offshore, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and other infrastructure is minimised (application ref: 6.2.12).
DEF_01	<p>Defence (safeguarding)</p> <p>Proposals that: • potentially affect Ministry of Defence (MOD) Danger Areas, Exercise Areas or strategic defence interests; and/or • potentially interfere with communication, surveillance and navigation facilities necessary for defence and national security; should only be authorised with the agreement of MOD.</p>	Yes.	The Applicant has considered MOD activities in the context of in-combination and cumulative effects both onshore and offshore, and to ensure that any interaction between the AyM development and MOD activities and radar use is minimised (application ref: 6.2.13).



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