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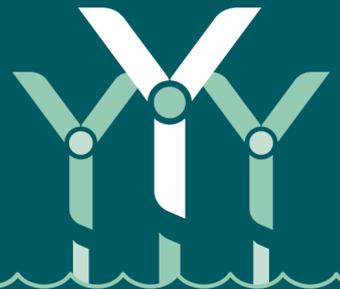
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Glossary of terms

TERM	DEFINITION
The Applicant	Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited.
The array	The area where the wind turbines will be located.
AyM	The Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm.
Design envelope/ Maximum Design Scenario (MDS)	The maximum design parameters of the combined project assets that result in the greatest potential for change in relation to the impacts assessed.
Development Consent Order (DCO)	An order made under the Planning Act 2008 granting development consent for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) from the relevant Secretary of State (SoS).
Export Cable Corridor (ECC)	The area(s) where the export cables will be located.
Marine Licence	A licence under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for marine works in Welsh waters which is administered by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Marine Licensing Team (MLT) on behalf of the Welsh Ministers.
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report. The PEIR was written in the style of a draft Environmental Statement (ES) and formed the basis of statutory consultation. Following that consultation, the PEIR documentation was updated into the final ES that accompanies the

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	applications for the Development Consent Order (DCO) and Marine Licence.
Order Limits	The extent of development including all offshore and onshore works areas.

Abbreviations and acronyms

TERM	DEFINITION
AA	Appropriate Assessment
AyM	Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm
CCBC	Conwy County Borough Council
CEA	Cumulative Effects Assessment
CoS	UK Chamber of Shipping
CPAT	The Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust
CRM	Collision Risk Modelling
DCC	Denbighshire County Council
DCO	Development Consent Order
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
ECC	The Export Cable Corridor
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMF	Electromagnetic Field
ES	Environmental Statement
ETG	Expert Topic Group
ExA	Examining Authority
FCC	Flintshire County Council

TERM	DEFINITION
GAT	Gwynedd Archaeological Trust
GyM	Gwynt y Môr Offshore Wind Farm
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
IoACC	Isle of Anglesey County Council
JNCC	Joint Nature Conservation Committee
LVIA	Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
MCA	Maritime and Coastguard Agency
MDS	Maximum Design Scenario
MIEU	Major Infrastructure Environment Unit
MMMP	Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol
NHS	National Health Service
NMWTRA	North and Mid-Wales Trunk Road Agent
NRA	Navigational Risk Assessment
NRW	Natural Resources Wales
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
NWWT	North Wales Wildlife Trust
OSP	Offshore Substation Platform
PEA	Preliminary Ecological Appraisal
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
PINS	The Planning Inspectorate
PRoW	Public Right of Way
PTS	Permanent Threshold Shift

TERM	DEFINITION
RCAHMW	Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales
RIAA	Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
SAB	Sustainable Drainage Approval Body
SLVIA	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment
SNCB	Statutory Nature Conservation Body
SNP	Snowdonia National Park
SoCG	Statement of Common Ground
SSC	Suspended Sediment Concentration
SPA	Special Protection Area
THLS	Trinity House Lighthouse Service
ToR	Terms of Reference
TWT	The Wildlife Trusts
UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
WDC	Whale and Dolphin Conservation
WFD	Water Framework Directive
WTG	Wind Turbine Generator

1 Introduction

1.1 Project background

- 1 On 11 June 2020, the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the Applicant) submitted a Scoping Report (innogy, 2020) for the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm (AyM) to the Secretary of State (SoS) and received a formal Scoping Opinion (PINS, 2020) on 22 July 2020. Prior to Scoping, and since, the Applicant has engaged in consultation with both statutory and non-statutory consultees (including via the Evidence Plan process; a series of regular consultation meetings with key stakeholders on technical matters).
- 2 On 31 August 2021, the Applicant published its Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which formed the basis of statutory consultation. This consultation period ran for six weeks, concluding on 11 October 2021. Since then, the Applicant has reviewed the feedback received, sought further engagement with stakeholders on that feedback, and implemented changes in response (including design changes) in preparation for the final application, including via the Evidence Plan process described by this document.
- 3 AyM is a proposed sister project to the operational Gwynt y Môr (GyM) off the northeast coast of Wales. GyM consists of 160 Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) and supplies electricity to approximately 400,000 homes annually. At AyM, offshore WTGs will be connected via subsea cables to Offshore Substation Platforms (OSPs) that will transform the voltage and transmit the power generated via subsea cables within the offshore Export Cable Corridor (ECC) to shore east of Rhyl. Connection to the National Grid will be made at Bodelwyddan in Denbighshire via export cables installed underground between the landfall and the grid connection within the onshore ECC. The onshore ECC is a working construction corridor within which the onshore cable circuits will be routed. A new onshore substation will be constructed near to the National Grid's existing substation at Bodelwyddan. More information on the project design is provided in Volume 2, Chapter 1: Offshore Project Description (application ref: 6.2.1) and Volume 3, Chapter 1: Onshore Project Description (application ref: 6.3.1).

1.2 Purpose of this report

- 4 The purpose of this report is to summarise the processes and outcomes of the AyM Evidence Plan, which was developed as a mechanism for consultation and agreement between the Applicant and key stakeholders on the information and evidence required for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) processes.
- 5 This report describes the background to the Evidence Plan process, the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved, and the activities that took place in order to complete the process prior to the Development Consent Order (DCO) and Marine Licence applications being made.
- 6 Documents 8.2.1: Evidence Plan Report Appendices A to C and 8.2.2: Evidence Plan Appendices D to F (application refs: 8.2.1 and 8.2.2, respectively) contains numerous appendices that support and evidence the process, including the Terms of Reference (ToR), agreements logs and the minutes from all meetings held under the Evidence Plan. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of the appendices to this report

Table 1: Evidence Plan Report appendix list.

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Appendix B: Agreements logs (application ref: 8.2.1)	
B1	ETG 1: Shipping and Navigation
B2	ETG 2: Offshore Ornithology
B3	ETG 3: Marine Mammals
B4	ETG 4: Marine Ecology
B5	ETG 5: Onshore Ecology

APPENDIX	TITLE
B6.1	ETG 6a: Onshore Hydrology
B6.2	ETG 6b: Geology and Ground Conditions
B7.1	ETG 7a: Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA)
B7.2	ETG 7b: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)
B8.1	ETG 8a: Onshore Archaeology
B8.2	ETG 8b: Offshore Archaeology
B9.1	ETG 9a: Noise and Vibration
B9.2	ETG 9b: Traffic and Transport
B9.3	ETG 9c: Socioeconomics, Tourism and Recreation
B9.4	ETG 9d: Health
Appendix C: Meeting minutes (application ref: 8.2.1)	
C1	ETG 1: Shipping and Navigation
C2	ETG 2: Offshore Ornithology
C3	ETG 3: Marine Mammals (note: marine mammal matters were usually included within ETG 4: Marine Ecology)
C4	ETG 4: Marine Ecology
C5	ETG 5: Onshore Ecology
C6	ETG 6: Onshore Hydrology and Flood Risk
C7	ETG 7: SLVIA
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C9	ETG 9: Human Environment

APPENDIX	TITLE
Appendix D: Documents submitted via the Evidence Plan (application ref: 8.2.2)	
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D4	ETGs 3 and 4: Marine Ecology and Marine Mammals
D5	ETG 5: Onshore Ecology
D6	ETG 6: Onshore Hydrology and Flood Risk
D7	ETG 7: SLVIA
D8	ETG 8: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage
D9	ETG 9: Human Environment
Appendix E: Correspondence (application ref: 8.2.2)	
E	Record of notable email correspondence with ETGs
Appendix F: ETG feedback (application ref: 8.2.2)	
F1	ETG 2: Offshore Ornithology
F2	ETGs 3 and 4: Marine Ecology and Marine Mammals
F3	ETG 5: Onshore Ecology
F4	ETG 7: SLVIA

1.3 The Evidence Plan process

- 7 The Evidence Plan process was initially developed by the Major Infrastructure Environment Unit (MIEU) of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) to provide a formal mechanism for applicants and statutory bodies to agree what information and evidence an applicant for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) should submit. Originally, this process was focused on HRA matters, however in practice, the MIEU advised that the topic areas covered by an Evidence Plan can be expanded to include EIA issues as well.
- 8 Guidance on the preparation of Evidence Plans is provided within the Defra Guidance Note 'Habitats Regulations: Evidence Plans for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' (Defra, 2012). Under this guidance, applicants are expected to:
 - ▲ Engage with Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCBs), the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), and other consenting bodies throughout the project's development;
 - ▲ Collect evidence and analyse it using agreed methodologies; and
 - ▲ Be accepting that evidence requirements may change throughout the course of the project's development.
- 9 Under the Defra guidance, SNCBs are expected to:
 - ▲ Seek pragmatic solutions;
 - ▲ Take a proportionate approach;
 - ▲ Only change evidence requirements under specified conditions; and
 - ▲ Provide clear guidance and advice.
- 10 Typically, the Evidence Plan process is divided into technical panels established to discuss and agree the evidence and assessment requirements for each topic area identified. The Evidence Plan is intended to be a working process that is developed by the parties involved on an ongoing basis throughout the development of the EIA, continuing up until the point of application.
- 11 The process followed in preparation of the Evidence Plan is aimed at producing a non-legally binding agreement between applicants and the relevant statutory authorities on:

- ▲ The matters to be addressed in the EIA and the HRA (the scope);
- ▲ The baseline data that will be used to support the assessments (the evidence);
- ▲ The methods applied to the assessments (the methodology); and
- ▲ If possible, the outcomes of the assessments and any requirements for further mitigation and/ or monitoring (the conclusions).

1.4 The AyM Evidence Plan

- 12 An Evidence Plan process was adopted by the Applicant to ensure that key stakeholders were consulted on a regular and formalised basis. The process for AyM commenced in November 2019 during the scoping process.
- 13 The primary objective of the Evidence Plan process has been to seek agreement with key stakeholders on the data and information to be included in the EIA and HRA. The process has also been used to communicate key project information, including the regular updates regarding consultation events throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. The Evidence Plan has been a voluntary process that has provided a record of agreements and disagreements between the Applicant and key stakeholders. This is intended to inform the Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) between the Applicant and those stakeholders which will commence following application.
- 14 The Terms of Reference (ToR) (Appendix A) for the AyM Evidence Plan was provided at the outset of the process and discussed at the introductory meetings in November and December 2019. The ToR were initially provided in draft format for comment and were subsequently updated and agreed with members of the Evidence Plan.
- 15 This report presents the final outcomes of the Evidence Plan, reflecting the discussions and agreements made with its members throughout the pre-application process.

1.5 Outputs of the Evidence Plan

- 16 The outputs of the Evidence Plan are intended to make an important contribution to:

- ▲ The Applicant's final ES and Report to Inform Appropriate Assessment (RIAA) that accompany the DCO and marine licence applications;
- ▲ Identifying and agreeing any mitigation and/ or monitoring in respect of the issues considered, where likely significant effects are identified;
- ▲ Identifying, by way of Agreement Logs (contained in Appendix B), those areas of agreement relating to the sufficiency of the evidence provided and the assessment methods employed (and any disagreements that remain). The agreement logs are intended to form the basis of SoCGs between the Applicant and those statutory and non-statutory bodies involved;
- ▲ The examination of the application by the Examining Authority (ExA) for those topics and issues addressed by the Evidence Plan process; and
- ▲ The final determination of the applications, including any Appropriate Assessment (AA) undertaken by the competent authority.

2 Roles and responsibilities

17 The roles and responsibilities of the organisations included in the Evidence Plan process for AyM were presented at the kick-off meetings in November and December 2019 and subsequently agreed through the ToR. The roles of the parties involved are briefly summarised in the sections below. Broadly, the Evidence Plan process included the Applicant and a series of Expert Topic Groups (ETGs) which covered key topic areas.

2.1.1 The Applicant

18 The Applicant team comprised RWE as lead developer of the AyM project and its appointed advisors for HRA and EIA matters. The Evidence Plan process has been overseen by the Applicant, whose role it was to define the aims of the project, to develop the programme, and to ensure that this programme was adhered to.

19 In relation to the Evidence Plan process, the role of the Applicant can be summarised as follows:

- ▲ Draft and maintain the Evidence Plan report, agreement logs and meeting minutes;

- ▲ Collect, analyse and assess the evidence;
- ▲ Coordinate meetings and other consultation activities with the Steering Group and ETGs;
- ▲ Ensure that documents are provided in a timely manner to allow review/comment within agreed periods as set out in the ToR;
- ▲ Work with the relevant authorities to resolve as many issues as possible at the pre-application stage, and to record the matters that are agreed (or not agreed); and
- ▲ Finalise the ES and RIAA in accordance with the evidence agreed through the Evidence Plan.

2.1.2 The consenting and other regulatory authorities

- 20 The decision-maker for DCO applications under the Planning Act 2008 is the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (SoS for BEIS), who is also a competent authority for the AA. PINS is the UK Government agency responsible for dealing with procedural aspects of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).
- 21 Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is the statutory body responsible for marine licensing in Welsh waters and also a competent authority for the AA.

2.1.3 The Evidence Plan Steering Group

- 22 The Steering Group's main intended function was to oversee the development of the AyM Evidence Plan process and ensure continual progress. The Steering Group would be required to:
- ▲ Oversee the resolution of issues that may arise during the development of the Evidence Plan and through the ETG discussions as recorded in the agreement logs, which may ultimately be used as the basis for SoCGs with each interested party;
 - ▲ Ensure that discussions taking place within the individual ETGs were consistent in their approach to EIA and HRA;
 - ▲ Ensure that decisions made by either the Steering Group or individual ETGs were circulated to all participants in the Evidence Plan process.

23 The Steering Group membership is described below in Table 2. PINS and NRW Marine Licensing Team (NRW-MLT) were invited to chair the group but were unable to commit to doing so, offering instead to attend and observe. Due to good progress on the ETGs, no Steering Group meetings were necessary or convened. PINS and NRW-MLT were kept informed of progress on the ETG at appropriate intervals throughout the pre-application process.

Table 2: Membership of the AyM Evidence Plan Steering Group.

TITLE	DESCRIPTION
PINS and NRW-MLT	Considered as independent, impartial and objective bodies to chair the Evidence Plan process, though the need did not arise.
The Applicant	The project team, together with its appointed advisors, administered the Evidence Plan process, drafted technical documents required, collated minutes and maintained the agreement logs.
NRW Advisory (NRW-A)	Supported the aims of the steering group in relation to relevant onshore and offshore aspects.
Cadw	Supported the aims of the steering group in relation to onshore and offshore archaeological and cultural heritage aspects.
The local planning authorities	Supported the aims of the steering group in relation to onshore aspects. Until the post-scoping design freeze, this included Denbighshire County Council (DCC) and Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC), however this was reduced to just include DCC once the final onshore cable route selection was made to only use land within DCC's administrative area.

2.1.4 The Expert Topic Groups

24 The ETGs comprised the Applicant and experts from relevant organisations with a clear statutory role or non-statutory interest in the topics to be considered. The roles of the ETGs were to:

- ▲ Agree the scope of the EIA;
- ▲ Agree the scope and methods for data collection where necessary;
- ▲ Following collection of data, discuss and agree the appropriateness and sufficiency of data for the purposes of characterising the baseline environment;
- ▲ Agree realistic worst-case parameters in the design envelope approach;
- ▲ Discuss and agree the assessment and analysis method, including appropriate assessment thresholds and the terms for interpretation of impacts and the levels of significance attributed to them; and
- ▲ If significant effects are identified following the assessment, discuss and agree the mitigation or management requirements to reduce or avoid significant adverse effects.

25 The ETGs and the membership of each of these groups are described in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Membership of the topic-specific ETGs.

ETG	MEMBERSHIP
ETG 1: Shipping and Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA); ▲ Trinity House Lighthouse Service (THLS); ▲ UK Chamber of Shipping (CoS); ▲ Port of Mostyn; ▲ Dee Harbour Conservancy; ▲ The Cruising Association; ▲ P&O; ▲ Peel Ports; ▲ Liverpool Pilots Association; and ▲ Briggs Marine.
ETG 2: Offshore Ornithology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ NRW; ▲ Natural England; ▲ Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC); ▲ CCBC; ▲ DCC;

ETG	MEMBERSHIP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Sefton Council; ▲ North Wales Wildlife Trust (NWWT); and ▲ Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).
ETG 3: Marine Mammals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ NRW; ▲ NE;
ETG 4: Marine Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ JNCC; ▲ The Wildlife Trusts (TWT); ▲ NWWT; ▲ Whale and Dolphin Conservation (WDC); and ▲ DCC.
ETG 5: Onshore Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ NRW; ▲ CCBC; ▲ NWWT; ▲ RSPB; ▲ DCC.
ETG 6: Onshore Hydrology and Flood Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ NRW; ▲ DCC; ▲ CCBC; ▲ Flintshire County Council (FCC);
ETG 7: SLVIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ NRW; ▲ Cadw; ▲ CCBC; ▲ FCC; ▲ Sefton Council; ▲ Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC); ▲ Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT); ▲ Snowdonia National Park (SNP); ▲ National Trust; and

ETG	MEMBERSHIP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW).
<p>ETG 8: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ NRW; ▲ Cadw; ▲ CCBC; ▲ IoACC; ▲ GAT; ▲ Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust (CPAT); ▲ RCAHMW; and ▲ DCC.
<p>ETG 9: Human Environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The Applicant; ▲ NRW; ▲ North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent (NMWTRA); ▲ National Health Service (NHS); ▲ CCBC; ▲ DCC; ▲ IoACC; ▲ FCC; ▲ Ambition North Wales (Uchelgais Gogledd Cymru); and ▲ Aura Wales.

3 Approach to completing the Evidence Plan

3.1 Introduction

26 This section presents the working arrangements and the timetable for drafting and finalising the Evidence Plan process for AyM, as well as relevant EIA and HRA consultation. The Applicant has sought to reach agreement with all parties on the Evidence Plan process in line with key project milestones agreed with the member organisations.

3.2 Evidence Plan programme

3.2.1 Recording the Evidence Plan process

27 A record has been maintained of all Evidence Plan consultation that has been undertaken with consultees. In addition, agreement logs (which are contained within Appendix B, broken down for each of the individual ETGs) were developed for each ETG to document areas of agreement and disagreement. The agreement logs were kept up to date and shared with the relevant ETGs at key points in the AyM programme.

28 The agreement logs are proposed to be used as a basis for the SoCGs with consultees as required by PINS, as the project moves into the DCO examination phase, enabling a clear audit trail of discussions and decision-making with the intention that this should limit the need for any reiteration of previous discussion on matters considered and agreed previously through the Evidence Plan process. It is stated within the Evidence Plan ToRs (Appendix A) that:

“All parties reserve the right to change their/any position in response to a material change in the application (such as a design change) and/or publication of new scientific literature or evidence. However, the process will be entered into in good faith by all parties and as such it is the intention that all agreements made are upheld throughout the process (both pre- and post-application.)”

- 29 The ETG membership and the Applicant have been responsible for agreeing the minutes which have been used to record statements of agreement and disagreement in the agreement logs. Meeting participants have been required to review, comment on, and agree the final minutes in an iterative review process as defined in the ToR.
- 30 The reports and draft documents issued as part of the Evidence Plan process as well as details of stakeholder feedback on those documents submitted are described in Appendix D. These were supplied to the relevant ETG members as electronic copies via email. Appendix D1 provides a list of all substantive documents provided to the ETGs for information and/ or review. Where a document has been included with the application, Appendix D1 provides a reference to where that document can be found within the suite of application documents, rather than a duplication within the Evidence Plan appendices.

3.2.2 Evidence Plan programme

- 31 Table 4 sets out the key stages and milestones involved with developing and completing the Evidence Plan process.

Table 4: Key stages and milestones of the AyM Evidence Plan.

STAGE	KEY DATES	DESCRIPTION
1	November and December 2019	Kick-off meetings with ETGs to introduce the project, the Evidence Plan process and to introduce the draft ToR. Feedback was sought on the proposed approach to the Evidence Plan, key topic areas and the programme.
2	January 2020 – March 2020	Provision of technical information to ETGs regarding the scoping process and the development of the Scoping Report, including characterising the receiving environment, communicating the scope of the EIA and the methodologies proposed for assessment.

STAGE	KEY DATES	DESCRIPTION
3	September and October 2020	Follow-up meetings with ETGs to discuss the formal feedback on the Scoping Report received through the Scoping Opinion.
4	November 2020 – June 2021	Further meetings as required to discuss topic-specific technical aspects of the EIA and HRA processes in development of the PEIR.
5	October and November 2021	Follow-up meetings with ETGs to discuss the formal feedback on the PEIR received during the statutory consultation period under the Planning Act 2008.
6	December 2021 – February 2022	Further ETG meetings as required to continue discussion on technical aspects of developing the ES and RIAA
7	March 2022	Finalisation of the Evidence Plan prior to submission of the DCO and Marine Licence applications.

4 Evidence Plan progress, status and next steps

4.1 Introduction

32 The status of issues relevant to each of the topic areas covered by the ETGs and informed by information provided by the Applicant, are summarised in the sections below and are set out in detail in the agreement logs (Appendix B), as maintained throughout the Evidence Plan process.

33 Table 5 below provides details on all AyM Evidence Plan meetings and their associated key discussion points. The specific discussions of these meetings are contained within the meeting minutes (Appendix C).

4.2 Cumulative effects assessment

- 34 The Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) is presented throughout the ES on a topic-by-topic basis within the relevant chapters of the ES. The topic-specific CEAs draw on a full list of plans and projects that might act cumulatively with AyM. For certain topics, agreement on the plans, projects and activities to be included in the CEA was sought via the Evidence Plan process, in addition to via the statutory consultation process.
- 35 The development of the CEA process, including descriptions of consultation via the Evidence Plan process relevant to the CEA is described in detail within Volume 1, Annex 3.1: Cumulative Effects Assessment (application ref: 6.1.3.1)

4.3 Transboundary assessment

- 36 A Transboundary Screening Opinion (PINS, 2020) was produced by PINS on the basis of a transboundary screening exercise undertaken by the Applicant, which concluded:

Under Regulation 32 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations) and on the basis of the current information available from the Applicant, the Inspectorate is of the view that the Proposed Development is likely to have a significant effect on the environment in an EEA state.

In reaching this view the Inspectorate has applied the precautionary approach (as explained in its Advice Note Twelve: Transboundary Impacts) and taken into account the information currently supplied by the Applicant.

37 Transboundary effects have been assessed consistently within the topic-specific chapters of the ES and in line with the Transboundary Screening Opinion received from PINS (PINS, 2020) and the Applicant's own screening exercise which accompanies the ES in Volume 1, Annex 3.2: Transboundary Screening (application ref: 6.1.3.2). Whilst no transboundary consultees were included within the Evidence Plan process, bi-lateral consultation has been undertaken with the Isle of Man (IoM) Government. These consultation activities are described within the Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1).

4.4 HRA matters

38 Like the EIA process, the HRA process covers a variety of technical topics, which are often intertwined with the EIA topics. As such, rather than develop a separate ETG for HRA, HRA matters were incorporated into the relevant EIA ETGs.

39 The Applicant's Scoping Report (innogy, 2020), consulted on from March 2020, included a HRA Screening Report. For onshore ecology, fish and shellfish ecology and marine mammals, the HRA Screening was agreed during post-scoping ETG meetings in September 2021. However, for ornithology, further consultation on the screening of designated sites, the features of those sites, was required in order that the final screening be agreed. This process is described in detail in the RIAA (application ref: 5.2).

40 The draft RIAA was prepared as the next step of the HRA process and was consulted on as part of the statutory consultation under the Planning Act 2008 from 31 August 2021 to 11 October 2021. Consultation via the Evidence Plan process has continued on offshore ornithology and marine mammals as related to HRA in developing the final RIAA (application ref: 5.2) that accompanies the final application.

Table 5: Summary of pre-application meetings carried out under the Evidence Plan process.

DATE	SUMMARY OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	REFERENCES
ETG 1: Shipping and Navigation		
19/11/2019	<p>Introductory meeting with MCA and THLS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Kick-off meeting introducing the project, the Applicant and the Evidence Plan process; and ▲ A presentation of the navigational features in the vicinity of AyM was given along with the data sources proposed to inform the scoping process for shipping and navigation and the Navigational Risk Assessment (NRA). 	<p>Appendix C1. ES Volume 2, Chapter 9: Shipping and Navigation (application ref: 6.2.9).</p>
26/02/2020	<p>Project update meeting with MCA and THLS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Provided a general project update in terms of the scoping process, environmental surveys and the project programme; and ▲ Proposed methodology for the marine vessel traffic surveys for agreement. 	<p>ES Volume 4, Annex 9.1: Navigational Risk Assessment (application ref: 6.4.9.1).</p>
28/09/2020	<p>A series of meetings with UK CoS, Port of Mostyn, the Dee Conservancy, the Cruising Association, P&O, Peel Ports, Liverpool Pilots and Briggs Marine to introduce the project following scoping. The meetings provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Details of the proposed AyM scheme; ▲ A summary of the scoping process and Scoping Opinion; ▲ The data sources used, including marine vessel traffic surveys; and 	<p>Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1).</p>
29/09/2020		
01/10/2020		
01/10/2020		
02/10/2020		

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08/10/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The NRA methodology. 	
24/11/2020		
06/12/2021	<p>Post-PEIR meeting with MCA and THLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Provided a project update; ▲ Discussed the post-PEIR layout changes and layout commitments; and ▲ Discussed the proposed location of the meteorological mast. 	
ETG 2: Offshore Ornithology		
25/11/2019	<p>Introductory meeting with the marine mammal and offshore ornithology ETGs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Kick-off meeting introducing the project, the Applicant and the Evidence Plan process; and ▲ Outline of scoping and the data sources used to inform the process, including aerial surveys and existing data from adjacent projects. 	<p>Appendix C2. ES Volume 2, Chapter 4: Offshore Ornithology (application ref: 6.2.4).</p>
18/09/2020	<p>Project update meeting with the offshore ornithology ETG post-scoping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Project update in terms of the ongoing site selection process and environmental surveys, including the digital aerial surveys; and ▲ Summary of feedback received in relation to offshore ornithology in the Scoping Opinion; 	<p>RIAA (application ref: 5.2).</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Discussion of key aspects of the Scoping Opinion feedback, including flight height estimation, Collision Risk Modelling (CRM) parameters and the seabird displacement assessment; and ▲ In the context of HRA, discussion on the screening of designated ornithological sites in relation to the use of mean-maximum foraging ranges defined by Woodward <i>et al.</i> (2019). 	<p>Consultation Report (application ref: 5.1).</p>
13/11/2020	<p>Follow-up meeting with the offshore ornithology ETG regarding the HRA process and the screening of designated sites. Discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The use of survey data for screening purposes; ▲ Screening in relation to the mean-maximum foraging ranges defined by Woodward <i>et al.</i> (2019); ▲ Screening in relation to receptor/ impact ranges; ▲ Confirmation of the use of up-to-date site information; and ▲ Approach to the assessment of migratory non-seabirds. 	
25/03/2021	<p>Project update on the progress of the PEIR and HRA and to discuss stakeholder feedback on the ornithology assessment position paper previously circulated to the ETG. Discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The evidence base for HRA screening, including incorporation of the mean-maximum foraging ranges plus one standard deviation and the precautionary nature of screening; ▲ The screening of specific Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and species; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Update on the digital aerial surveys and the analysis of the first 18 months of data for the purposes of PEIR; ▲ Confirmation of the approach to CRM; and ▲ The buffers and approach applied to the disturbance assessment. 	
29/03/2021	Recap of the meeting above on 25/03/2021 with RSPB and JNCC who did not attend that meeting.	
29/07/2021	<p>Project update meeting prior to the publication of the PEIR. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an update on the baseline data collection via digital aerial surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The full 24 months of data had been collected and would be presented in the PEIR, but that analysis on that data would only be complete for the first 18 months, with the full analysis completed at the ES stage; and ▲ An overview of the full 24-month dataset was presented for each species identified. 	
12/11/2021	<p>Project update meeting post-PEIR to discuss comments received during the statutory consultation period on the EIA and HRA from members of the ETG. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Project update and programme; ▲ Screening of species for CRM and displacement assessments; ▲ The assessment of red-throated diver displacement; ▲ Approach to CRM of migratory species; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Correction factors for auk species and collision avoidance rates; ▲ The use of 95% confidence intervals and the use of regional Biologically Defined Minimum Population Scale (BDMPS) populations; and ▲ Overview of ornithology feedback on the HRA, noting a separate HRA meeting was arranged subsequently on 17/12/2021. 	
17/12/2021	<p>Project update meeting to discuss the HRA process and ETG feedback on clarification notes provided to ETG members, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Presentation of the final project boundary and design envelope for application; ▲ Discussion of feedback from stakeholders on the draft RIAA and the apportioning note provided to ETG members prior to the meeting; ▲ Assessment of red-throated diver displacement and vessel disturbance; ▲ Approach to apportioning in the RIAA; and ▲ Assessment of migratory species. 	
23/02/2022	<p>RSPB meeting</p> <p>Project update meeting to discuss the s42 feedback and other EIA matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Presentation of the final project boundary and design envelope for application; ▲ Discussion of feedback from stakeholders; ▲ Assessment of red-throated diver displacement and vessel disturbance; ▲ Population Viability Analysis; and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Cumulative and in-combination assessment. 	
ETGs 3 and 4: Marine Mammals and Marine Ecology		
21/11/2019	<p>Kick-off meeting to introduce the AyM project, the Applicant and the Evidence Plan process. The meeting also touched on the topic-specific scoping assessments of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Physical processes; ▲ Marine water and sediment quality; ▲ Benthic subtidal and intertidal ecology; ▲ Fish and shellfish ecology; and ▲ Coastal flood risk. 	<p>Appendices C3 and C4.</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 2: Marine Geology, Oceanography and Physical Processes (application ref: 6.2.2).</p>
03/03/2020	<p>Meeting with the marine mammal ETG to discuss the results of marine mammal aerial surveys to date and gain ETG feedback on the marine mammal density estimates note circulated to the ETG prior to the meeting. Following the meeting, further supplementary data was requested from Sea Watch Foundation and SEACAMS.</p>	<p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 3: Marine Water and Sediment Quality (application ref: 6.2.3)</p>
10/03/2020	<p>Project update meeting focused on the offshore site selection process. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Provision of information on the site selection process and data sources; and ▲ Stakeholder feedback on the site selection process and its initial outcomes. 	<p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 5: Benthic Subtidal and Intertidal Ecology</p>

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21/09/2020	<p>Post-scoping follow-up meeting to discuss the outcomes of feedback received through the Scoping Opinion. Key areas discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The data sources and modelling used to inform the baseline and assessments; ▲ The key areas of focus for the assessment stage; and ▲ The next steps, including the provision of technical notes and position papers to give further detail. 	<p>(application ref: 6.2.5)</p> <p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 6: Fish and Shellfish Ecology (application ref: 6.2.6)</p>
25/09/2020	<p>Follow-up of the meeting above on 21/09/2020 with the NRW marine and estuarine fish advisor who was unable to join that meeting. The next step from this meeting was to circulate a desk-based characterisation of the fish and shellfish ecological baseline.</p>	<p>ES Volume 2, Chapter 7: Marine Mammals (application ref: 6.2.7).</p>
10/11/2020	<p>Post-scoping meeting on non-ornithological HRA matters regarding marine ecology. This meeting was focused on discussing key points from feedback on the HRA screening and to agree on changes to the HRA screening conclusions where appropriate. Following this meeting, an updated screening conclusions note was circulated to ETG members.</p>	<p>RIAA (application ref: 5.2).</p>
30/11/2020	<p>Meeting with the NRW marine and estuarine fish advisor to discuss feedback on the previously circulated desk-based characterisation of the fish and shellfish ecological baseline.</p>	
31/03/2021	<p>Project update meeting including:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ An update on the site selection and route refinement processes; ▲ An outline of the design envelope approach and how the Maximum Design Scenario (MDS) had been defined for each technical EIA topic; ▲ An overview of the EIA-wide CEA process and updates to it following ETG feedback on the CEA methodology and long list circulated to the ETG prior to the meeting; and ▲ Scope of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) Assessment. 	
01/11/2021	<p>Project update meeting post-PEIR to discuss the feedback received on the PEIR during the statutory consultation period on marine ecological matters. Key discussion points were. As a result of the meeting, several clarification notes on the marine mammal and fish ecology assessments were subsequently provided, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ A clarification note on the fish spawning potential calculations; ▲ A clarification note on the fish noise sensitivity assessments; ▲ An updated marine mammal baseline report; ▲ An updated outline Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol (MMMP); ▲ A clarification note on marine mammal sensitivity to Permanent Threshold Shift (PTS); and ▲ A clarification note on the approach to UXO assessment. <p>Further ETG meetings to address points specific to HRA and WFD matters were also arranged.</p>	

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01/12/2021	<p>Meeting specifically on the WFD compliance assessment and feedback received on the draft assessment included with the PEIR. Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The bathing waters assessment; ▲ The measured contaminant concentrations; ▲ Predicted Suspended Sediment Concentrations (SSCs); and ▲ Inputs of sediments from the terrestrial environment into the marine environment. 	
01/02/2022	<p>HRA meeting focused on marine mammals to discuss ETG feedback on the clarification notes provided in December 2021 and to discuss initial feedback on the revised Outline MMMP. The agenda included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ A reminder of the refined design envelope for application; ▲ Marine mammal feedback on the RIAA; ▲ Cumulative PTS and the updates to the Outline MMMP; ▲ Further ETG feedback on the Outline MMMP; and ▲ The UXO disturbance assessment. 	
09/03/2022	<p>HRA meeting with NRW focused on the final outcomes of the RIAA, with primary focus on marine mammal mitigation and the potential for ornithology in-combination effects.</p>	<p>Appendix C4. Note that at the time of submission,</p>

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		minutes from this meeting are in draft.
ETG 5: Onshore Ecology		
10/12/2019	<p>Kick-off meeting introducing the project to members of the onshore ecology and onshore hydrology ETGs. The purpose of the meeting was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Introduce the AyM project, the Applicant and the Evidence Plan process; ▲ Outline the ongoing site selection activities as the project progresses towards submitting its Scoping Report; ▲ Outline the approach to ecological surveys; and ▲ Outline the approach to hydrology, hydrogeology, ground conditions and flood risk. 	Appendix C5. ES Volume 3, Chapter 5: Onshore Biodiversity and Nature Conservation (application ref: 6.3.5).
09/03/2020	<p>Project update meeting prior to the submission of the Scoping Report to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Provide an update on the site selection process, as well as the guidance and data sources used to inform it; ▲ Discuss feedback on the initial outcomes of the site selection process; and ▲ Discuss the methods, data sources and approach to assessment proposed to be put forward at scoping. 	
21/09/2020	Project update meeting post-scoping to provide an update on the ongoing site selection process, progress of ecological surveys and to discuss key	

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	<p>feedback received on the Scoping Report via the Scoping Opinion. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Air quality impacts to designated sites; ▲ An update on the progress of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA); and ▲ Onshore ornithology and the approach to the wintering bird survey. 	
26/02/2021	Update on the scope of the PEA following NRW advice on the proposed scope circulated previously.	
24/11/2021	<p>Post-PEIR meeting to provide a project update and to discuss key areas of feedback based on the comments received during the statutory consultation period. Key points discussed were:</p> <p>A summary of the feedback received and the proposed approach to addressing it;</p> <p>A summary of recent survey findings that were not reported in the PEIR; and</p> <p>Proposals for mitigation in the onshore substation zone.</p>	
26/11/2021	Follow-up meeting of the meeting above on 24/11/2021 to discuss Great Crested Newt (GCN) mitigation specifically.	

ETG 6: Onshore Hydrology, hydrogeology, Flood Risk, Geology and Ground Conditions

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01/10/2020	<p>Post-scoping project update meeting to provide an update on the ongoing site selection process and to discuss feedback received on the Scoping Report via the Scoping Opinion. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The approach to the WFD Assessment; ▲ The scope of the hydrology, hydrogeology and flood risk assessments following the Scoping Opinion; and ▲ The approach to the geology and ground conditions assessment following the Scoping Opinion 	<p>Appendix C6. ES Volume 3, Chapter 6: Ground Conditions and Land Use (application ref: 6.3.6)</p>
22/03/2021	<p>Project update meeting with the onshore hydrology ETG, providing an update on the site selection work and stakeholder feedback on that process. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Onshore water resources and flood risk (noting that the WFD Assessment was covered through the marine ecology ETG); ▲ Drainage at the proposed onshore substation site; and ▲ Permits associated with drainage and dewatering from the Sustainable Drainage Approval Body (SAB). 	<p>ES Volume 3, Chapter 7: Hydrology and Flood Risk (application ref: 6.3.7).</p>
11/10/2021	<p>Project update meeting to provide further information on the project design and an update on the hydrology, hydrogeology and flood risk assessments. Key areas discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Stakeholder feedback on the PEIR received during the statutory consultation period; and 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The WFD Assessment. <p>Following this meeting, a specific meeting was arranged to discuss WFD matters on 01/12/2021.</p>	
ETG 7: SLVIA and LVIA		
10/12/2019	<p>Kick-off meeting introducing the SLVIA and LVIA ETG to the AyM project, the Applicant and the Evidence Plan process. An introduction was given to the Planning Act process, the purpose of the Scoping Report and the ongoing site selection process. Key discussion points on the SLVIA and LVIA topics were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The study area; ▶ The baseline data sources that would be used to characterise the receiving environment; ▶ The proposed methodology, including the use of photography from representative viewpoints to be agreed; and ▶ The appointment of an independent consultancy to advise the local authorities on LVIA and SLIVA matters. 	<p>Appendix C7. ES Volume 2, Chapter 10: SLVIA (application ref: 6.2.10). ES Volume 3, Chapter 2: LVIA (application ref: 6.3.2)</p>
01/10/2020	<p>Project update meeting to update ETG members after receiving the Scoping Opinion. The aims of the meeting were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Update stakeholders on the ongoing site selection and project refinement process; ▶ Discuss the scope of the SLVIA and the MDS approach taken; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ discuss feedback on the proposed representative viewpoint locations; ▲ Outline the approach to the night-time lighting assessment; and ▲ How the archaeology and cultural heritage technical topic relates to the SLVIA. 	
25/01/2021	<p>Meeting with the aim of providing a project update in the site selection, with a focus on the offshore array area and gaining feedback on the refinement options available. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The refinement off the array area from the initial Area of Search identified at the Crown Estate extensions leasing round stage; ▲ The options available for reduction of the array area; ▲ Development of MDS layouts for consideration in the SLVIA; ▲ The proposed viewpoint locations; and ▲ Presentation of comparative wirelines from selected viewpoints. 	
29/01/2021	<p>Follow up of the meeting above on 25/01/2021 with the archaeology and cultural heritage sub-group. Further discussion was had around the viewpoints proposed in key cultural heritage sites, including Beaumaris, Bangor Peir, Colwyn Bay and Llandudno.</p>	
10/02/2021	<p>Follow up with the SLVIA ETG on the comparative wireline images circulated previously. The aim of the meeting was to present and discuss the</p>	

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	<p>alternative MDSs identified for assessment and to gain ETG feedback on these alternatives in terms of which comprises the worst-case for SLVIA.</p>	
04/11/2021	<p>Project update meeting following the receipt of stakeholder comments on the PEIR received during the statutory consultation and to propose how the Applicant proposed to address this feedback in the final ES. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The assessment methodology, including viewpoints and the assessment of the MDS; ▲ Seascape and landscape character areas; ▲ Designated landscapes and their special qualities; ▲ The cumulative assessment; and ▲ Mitigation. 	
14/12/2021	<p>Meeting to present the final project boundary that would form the basis of the application, and to review the list of final viewpoints. Key discussion points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Agreement of the viewpoints list; ▲ Presentation of the final proposed boundary for application; ▲ Presentation of the final design envelope; and ▲ Discussion of mitigation measures. 	

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27/01/2022	<p>Meeting to discuss stakeholder feedback in terms of further mitigation for SLVIA effects. Key points discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Summary of the design rationale for the application; ▲ Presentation, discussion and feedback on proposed mitigation measures; ▲ Adaptive lighting to mitigate night-time effects; and; ▲ Stakeholder suggestions of further mitigation and compensation measures. <p>At the meeting, it was agreed that ETG members would provide written feedback on proposals for further mitigation and compensation at a further ETG in February 2022.</p>	
ETG 8: Archaeology and Cultural Heritage		
10/12/2019	<p>A kick-off meeting as an introduction to the AyM project, the Applicant and the Evidence Plan process. The discussion was focused on the following aspects of offshore and onshore archaeology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The study areas and baseline environment data sources; ▲ Surveys; and ▲ The scope of the impact assessments proposed. 	<p>Appendix C8. ES Volume 2, Chapter 11: Offshore Archaeology and Cultural Heritage (application ref: 6.2.11).</p>
27/01/2021	<p>Meeting with the onshore and offshore archaeology ETG members. The aims of the meeting were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Provide a project update; ▲ Present and discuss the approach to baseline data characterisation; and 	<p>ES Volume 3, Chapter 8: Onshore Archaeology and</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Discuss initial feedback in terms of key areas of interest and the techniques proposed; and ▲ The approach to mitigation through a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI). 	Cultural Heritage (application ref: 6.3.8)
ETG 9a: Human Environment – Noise		
31/03/2021	Meeting to provide a project update and to discuss the proposed content of the noise and vibration assessments.	Appendix C9. ES Volume 3, Chapter 10: Noise and Vibration.
ETG 9b: Human Environment – Traffic and Transport		
09/12/2019	<p>Kick-off meeting to introduce the AyM project, the Applicant and the Evidence Plan process to ETG members. Feedback was also sought on technical notes provided to the ETG prior to the meeting on traffic, noise, air quality and socioeconomics. These topics were discussed in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The data sources and surveys (if relevant) proposed to characterise the baseline environment; and ▲ The scope of the proposed assessments. 	Appendix C9. ES Volume 3, Chapter 9: Traffic and Transport.
14/01/2020	Pre-scoping project update call to discuss the proposed scope of the traffic and transport and noise and vibration assessments.	

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25/03/2021	<p>An update of the traffic and transport assessment, including presentation of information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ Construction and operational access requirements; ▲ PRowS; ▲ The MDS in terms of vehicle movements; ▲ Survey requirements; and ▲ Provision of data for the air quality and noise assessments. 	
12/11/2021	<p>Meeting to discuss DCC feedback on PRowS and to seek agreement on whether additional detail would be required for the ES. Discussions included the measures proposed to be included in the Public Access Management Plan.</p>	
ETG 9c: Human Environment – Socioeconomics, Tourism and Recreation		
05/05/2021	<p>Meeting to discuss socioeconomic aspects of the EIA for AyM. Key points discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The data sources used to inform the baseline and assessment; ▲ The local economy; ▲ Community facilities; and ▲ Local health services. 	<p>Appendix C9. ES Volume 3, Chapter 3: Socioeconomics (application ref: 6.3.3).</p>

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29/04/2021	<p>Meeting to discuss the tourism and recreational aspects of the EIA for AyM. Key points discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The data sources that would be used to establish baseline conditions within the identified study area; ▲ The scope of impacts to be included within the EIA; ▲ The methodological approach to the tourism and recreation assessment; and ▲ Stakeholder feedback on the tourism and recreation topic guide that was provided prior to the meeting. 	ES Volume 3, Chapter 4: Tourism and Recreation (application ref: 6.3.4)
ETG 9d: Human Environment – Health		
02/11/2021	<p>A project update was provided, before discussions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▲ The potential impacts on the tourism economy; ▲ Impacts on Public Rights of Way (PROWs); ▲ The local socioeconomic benefits of the proposed scheme; ▲ Traffic and transport and potential disruptions to the A55; ▲ Noise from cable installation at the landfall; and ▲ Air quality, Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) and waste. <p>Note: This ETG covered a range of multi-disciplinary human environment topics, including noise, traffic, socioeconomics and tourism.</p>	Appendix C9. ES Volume 3, Chapter 12: Public Health (application ref: 6.3.12).

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