

Application by Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Project (Ref: EN010112)

Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI)

Inspection 3: Environs of the application site and wider area – 5 September to 7 September 2022

This note is a brief record to inform the Applicant, Interested Parties and any other parties of the actions taken by the Examining Authority (ExA).

The ExA (or a combination of its members) undertook a USI on Monday the fifth, Tuesday the sixth and Wednesday the seventh of September 2022. The inspections took place by car or on foot, from public roads and public rights of way (PRoW). The routes were planned having regard to the Applicant's application documents and the USI enabled the ExA to obtain views of, and to become familiar with, the application site and surrounding area.

Viewpoints (VP) referred to relate to those identified in the Applicant's Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (SLVIA) [AS-027]. The Applicant's visualisations were used to assist with the visualisation of the Proposed Development from these viewpoints.

The ExA (or a combination of its members) may undertake further USIs in due course when and where necessary.

DAY 1 - Monday 5 September 2022

Weather: Clear and sunny

Visibility: Good

The inspection was attended by ExA panel member Alex Hutson. He visited SLVIA **VP 35** (Blackpool Tower), **VP 33** (Southport pier), **VP 32** (Formby Lifeboat Station (Formby Point)), **VP 31** (Crosby) and **VP 30** (Hilbre Point), in that order, driving between the viewpoints and walking along PRoW to reach the viewpoints where necessary.

Mr Hutson observed that the location of VP 35, plotted to the south of Central Pier on Figure 62a of [APP-264], does not appear to accurately correlate with the location of Blackpool Tower which is located to the north of Central Pier.

DAY 2 - Tuesday 6 September 2022

Weather: Cloudy with sunny intervals.

Visibility: Good

The inspection was attended by ExA panel members Alex Hutson and Jason Rowlands. Firstly, they visited SLVIA **VP 34** (Snowdon Summit). The route taken to the summit was along the Snowdon Ranger Path.

Secondly, Mr Hutson and Mr Rowlands visited **VP 39** (North Wales Path at Garreg Fawr) and **VP 60** (Foel Lus), in that order, driving between the viewpoints and walking along PRoW to reach the viewpoints where necessary.

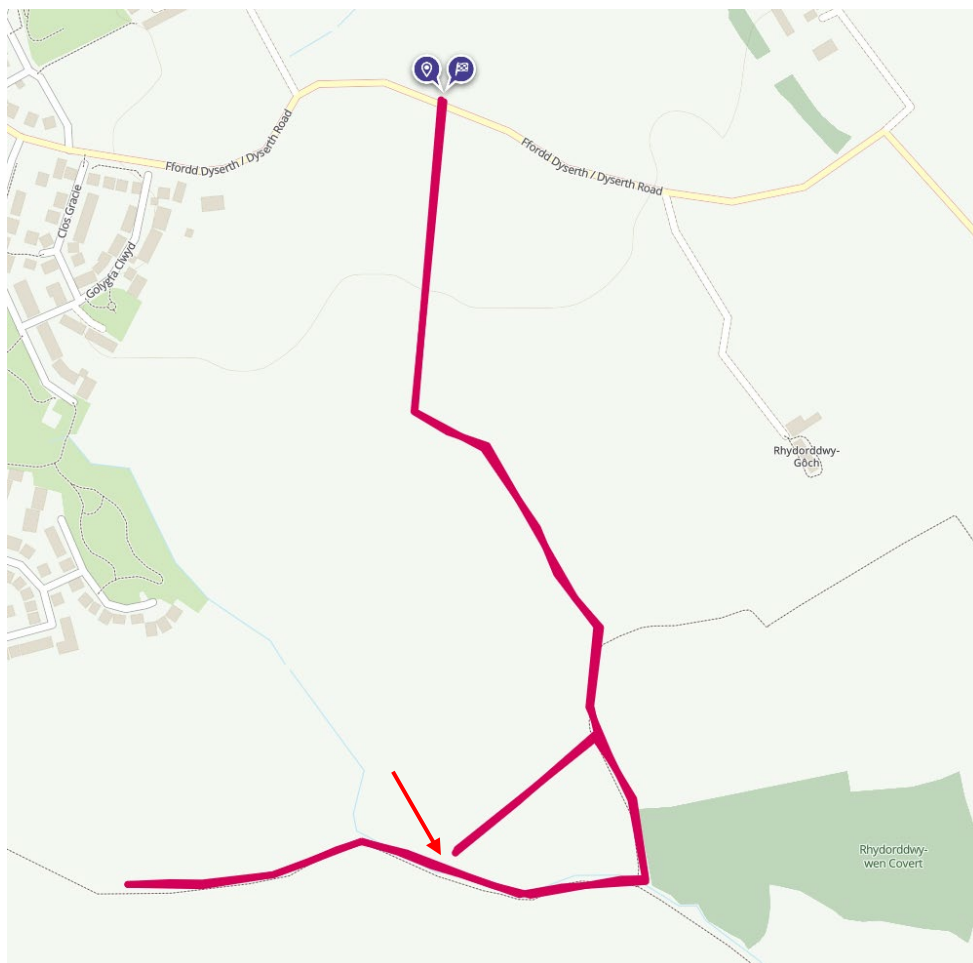
DAY 3 – Wednesday 7 September 2022

Weather: Clear and sunny

Visibility: Good

The inspection was attended by ExA panel members Alex Hutson and Jason Rowlands. They travelled by car to Rhyl to view parts of the proposed cable route corridor. The route walked is shown in the image¹ below. They also observed views encompassing listed buildings associated with Rhydorddwy Fawr Farm and Rhydorddwy Goch from along Dyserth Road (B5119) to gain an appreciation of these heritage assets and their settings.

Mr Hutson and Mr Rowlands observed that the route linking the footpath identified by the Applicant as DE/206/4 with footpaths DE/206/11 / DE/206/3 was overgrown and obstructed at the point of the red arrow.



End of USI3

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