

Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm

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Response by National Trust (EN010112-000627-AYMO) to Question 17.9 of the Examining Authority ExQ1 [PD-009]

1 QUESTION

1.1 NRW and National Trust - NRW [RR-015] and National Trust [RR-029] suggest that enhancement of designated landscapes should be considered. Please explain what is meant by this and how you envisage this might be achieved?

1.2 The Applicant - Is this something that you have considered or are willing to consider?

2. RESPONSE BY NATIONAL TRUST

2.1 National Trust (NT) consider there is potential for a Section 106 Agreement to bring forward a scheme for off-site landscaping associated with the Awel y Mor (AyM) submission.

2.2 This was an issue raised by NT during the pre-application consultation, and as part of the Landscape Seascape Expert Topic Group.

2.3 A scheme could bring forward off-site mitigation associated with long distance views into the offshore array. A scheme could also bring forward compensation and enhancement of designated landscapes, associated with identified visual effects within the submission. The scheme could encompass all land or identified areas within the Ynys Mon AONB, Snowdonia National Park, identified Registered Park and Gardens and also the Heritage Coast at Great Orme.

2.4 The project might follow the strategic aims of the National Grid Landscape Enhancement Initiative (link via [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] Given the remaining timescale for AyM DCO consideration, a fixed capital figure might be established within a similar enhancement initiative based around the defined Study Area of AyM and limited to landscape enhancement works within the identified designated landscapes.

2.5 A generic enhancement fund might take the form of that brought forward in draft for the Wylfa Newydd DCO Section 106 Agreement. An environmental enhancement fund was identified with a capital value, identified potential projects and a decision-making mechanism. Schedule 11 of the draft DCO provides the detail on the generic enhancement fund brought forward for the Wylfa DCO (link via

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010007/EN010007-003043->

[29%20Horizon%20Nuclear%20Power%20-%20Draft%20DCO%20s.106%20Agreement%20\(R%20Rev%203.0\).pdf](#)

2.6 Reference might usefully be made with the recently established Section 106 Agreement for Sizewell C, and a Landscape Fund bringing forward enhancement projects within the designated AONB, but also extending to identified areas outside the AONB. Sections 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 of the approach to a Landscape Fund might be useful context to a AyM landscape enhancement fund. Details on this via Appendix H Summary Note Natural Environment

[https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010012/EN010012-002576-SZC Bk8 8.4JAd Planning Statement Appx 8.4J Addendum Update on Section 106 Agreement.pdf#:~:text=Section%20106%20Agreement%20Update%29%20is%20to%20provide%20further,subject%20of%20the%20Development%20Consent%20Order%20%28DCO%29%20Application.](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010012/EN010012-002576-SZC_Bk8_8.4JAd_Planning_Statement_Appx_8.4J_Addendum_Update_on_Section_106_Agreement.pdf#:~:text=Section%20106%20Agreement%20Update%29%20is%20to%20provide%20further,subject%20of%20the%20Development%20Consent%20Order%20%28DCO%29%20Application.)

2.7 The scale and significance of works brought forward by AyM, alongside the identified landscape/visual effects, and visitor sensitivity are such that a landscape-based Section 106 Agreement should form part of the decision.

2.8 The three examples listed above provide sufficient detail that might enable an appropriate scheme to be brought forward for AyM.

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