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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)
Rules 2010 – Rule 13 and Rule 16**

**Application by Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm project**

Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

We write to all Interested Parties and Other persons to provide notice of the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings which will be held on 7 and 8 December 2022. We also write to provide notice of the date, time and meeting place for an Accompanied Site Inspection on 6 December 2022. Important details about both are set out at Annex A, Annex B, and Annex C to this letter.

Hearings

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our Rule 8 letter dated 27 September 2022, those Interested Parties who wish to speak at a further Open Floor Hearing (OFH) or at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) were asked to notify the Planning Inspectorate by 24 October 2022 (Deadline 1).

No specific requests were received from an Affected Person to be heard at a CAH or from parties wishing to speak at an OFH, and so such hearings will not feature in this week. We have however decided to hold hearings on specific issues. Details of and arrangements for these hearings are set out at Annex A.

The hearings will be held as blended events. This means that they will take place as virtual events using Microsoft Teams as well as physical 'in-person' events. We

would be grateful if you could inform us if you plan to attend any of the hearings, physically or virtually (even if you do not wish to speak) no later than **Deadline 3, 23 November 2022**. It would also assist us if you could notify the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team of any special requirements you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc).

An agenda for each of the hearings will be published on our website at least five working days before the events.

Accompanied Site Inspection

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our Rule 8 letter, those Interested Parties who wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) were asked to notify the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 1.

Capacity on the minibus that will be used for the ASI is strictly limited. Priority attendance must be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate, the Applicant, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties. Any other Interested Parties who expressed a wish to attend the ASI for its duration will be contacted by the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team to discuss the option of meeting us at relevant locations in the itinerary.

Further details for the ASI are included at Annex B. The final itinerary for the ASI has been published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and is also available at Annex C to this letter.

Please note that if any of the events scheduled at Annex A or Annex B are no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided to parties of our decision to cancel them.

If you have any further queries, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

Jon Hockley

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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- A** Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection
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Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Visit

The Accompanied Site Visit and further Issue Specific Hearings will be held as follows:

Date	Hearing	Start Time	Venue	Access and parking
Tuesday 6 December 2022	Accompanied Site Inspection	9:00am	Various – see Annex B and C	See Annex B and C
Wednesday 7 December 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH2) on seascape and related issues	10.00am Seating available/ Arrangements Conference from: 09:15am	Virtual event (Microsoft Teams) and the Hall A Room, Venue Cymru, Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1BB	Venue Cymru operates a Pay and Display car park at the rear of the building, with designated disabled parking bays to the left of the main entrance. Parking is also available on the Promenade which is Pay and Display until 4pm, to which then it is free of charge.
Thursday 8 December 2022	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH3) on the proposed substation site	10.00am Seating available/ Arrangements Conference from: 09:15am	Virtual event (Microsoft Teams) and the Hall A Room, Venue Cymru, Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1BB	

Information about hearings is included in the [Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Note 8.5: The examination: hearings and site inspections'](#).

If you wish to attend any of these hearings, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter no later than Deadline 3, Wednesday 23 November 2022, stating:

- whether you wish to speak at the hearing and the issues about which you wish to make oral representations; and

- notifying us of any special needs you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Seating will be available at the venue 45 minutes prior to the start of the hearing to enable a prompt start. For those joining virtually an arrangements conference will begin at the same time (9.15am). The hearing will finish as soon as the Examining Authority (ExA) deems that all those present have had their say and all matters have been covered. Depending on the numbers wishing to speak at the hearing, it may be necessary for the ExA to limit the time allocated to each speaker.

Hearing agendas

Please note that generally for Issue Specific Hearings the ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

General information

All IPs are invited to attend the hearings and each IP is entitled to make oral representations at the hearing.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the hearing will be conducted to ensure that legal representation is not required. Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provide that it is the ExA that will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations at hearings. Questioning at the hearing will be led by the ExA.

Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Details

Date	Hearing	Start Time	Meeting Place
Tuesday 6 December 2022	Accompanied Site Inspection	9:00am	Rhyl Golf Club, Rhyl Coast Road, Rhyl, LL18 3RE

No comments were received at Deadline 1 on the itinerary for the ASI submitted by the Applicant at Procedural Deadline A. However, the representation from Rostons on behalf of Mrs H and Mr R Proffitt [REP1-106] kindly inviting the Examining Authority (ExA) to view their land was welcomed, and the ExA would like to visit this site as part of the itinerary.

Subject to the above additional visit, the Examining Authority (ExA) agrees with the itinerary proposed by the Applicant at Procedural Deadline A from items 1 to 8 (Work 6A to Work 40). Other suggestions from the Applicant under items 9 to 13 (night time views, SLVIA Viewpoints 4, 13, 22, 60 and 61) will be visited by the ExA as part of a forthcoming unaccompanied site inspection (USI). For the Applicant's suggestions 14 and 15 (Beumaris and Conwy Castles), while acknowledging that not all the viewpoints from the Castles were accessible, the ExA consider that they have seen what they need to see from these viewpoints in their [second USI](#).

Please note that the ExA inspection of sites is not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Joining the site inspection

Anyone wishing to attend the ASI should already have notified us of their intention at Deadline 1 on 24 October 2022. Representations were received in this respect from Natural Resources Wales and from Richard Fearnall on behalf of the GBL and IB Kerfoot Discretionary Trust. Because of the private nature of much of the Order land, it is only possible to allow access to a limited number of people at any one time. If you have not already notified us of your wish to attend please contact the Case Team at the details above. However, please note that your request may not be granted at this stage.

Attendees must arrive at the meeting place by 9.00am to receive a compulsory safety briefing by the Applicant and introductory remarks from the Planning Inspectorate. The ASI will commence as soon as possible after these statements have been made. If weather conditions make the inspection unviable, attendees will be notified as soon as possible by the Case Team.

The inspection may include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the

weather, and sturdy footwear.

COVID-19

Please do not attend any hearings if you have been experiencing any symptoms or tested positive, or have been in contact with anyone testing positive. Please advise the Case Team if you test positive after the event.

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Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Itinerary

Location	Stopping Point	Work Area	Time	Comments and reasons
1	Rhyl Golf Club, Rhyl Coast Road, Rhyl, LL18 3RE	N/A	09:00	Attendees must arrive at Rhyl Golf Club by 9.00am to receive a compulsory safety briefing by the Applicant and introductory remarks from the Planning Inspectorate.
2	Landfall Temporary Construction Compound (TCC) (Option Site 1) Garford Road	Work 6A	09:15	To view the location and its proximity to residential receptors and East Rhyl Coastal Defence Works.
3	Landfall Temporary Construction Compound (Option Site 2) Ferguson Avenue and North Wales Bowls Centre	Work 7A	10:00	To view the location and its proximity to commercial properties at Ffrith Beach and within an 'open space'.
4	Transition Joint Bay Location Land south of the railway and north of Dyserth Road	Work 8A	10:45	Meet at the farm track adjacent to Rhydorddwy Farm, Dyserth Road. Any attendees are requested to take extra precautions when parking and traveling to this location due to dangerous road configuration in this area. To view the location in relation to potential receptors.

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5	Land south of Dyserth Road and The Flash	Work 11 (part)	11:15	<p>Meet on the farm track directly west of the cable crossing point to review Export Cable Corridor (ECC) and associated ecological mitigation areas.</p> <p>Any attendees are requested to take extra precautions when parking and traveling to this location due to dangerous road configuration in this area.</p> <p>To view the location in relation to potential receptors.</p>
6	Lunch break Sainsbury's at Rhuddlan	N/A	12:00	Sainsbury's, Rhyl Rd, Rhuddlan, Rhyl LL18 2TJ.
7	Fferm, Bodelwyddan Road Land north of Bodelwyddan Road	Work 22A, 21 (part), and 41 (part)	13:00	<p>To review the ECC and TCC and to include a visit as requested by Rostons on behalf of Mrs H and Mr R Proffitt.</p> <p>To view the location in relation to potential receptors.</p>
8	A55 Crossing Land north of the A55	Work 23 (part)	13:45	<p>Meet at the entrance to Tyddan Isaf, St. Asaph Road.</p> <p>Parking is available on the slip road off Ffordd William Morgan.</p> <p>To view the location in relation to potential receptors.</p>

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9	<p>Substation Site</p> <p>Land at Faenol Bropor and north of Glascoed Road</p>	Work 31A	14:30	<p>Meet at the entrance to Faenol Bropor, St. Asaph Road.</p> <p>Parking is available on the slip road off Ffordd William Morgan.</p> <p>To view the location in relation to potential receptors, including Faenol Broper, residential receptors, and Bodelwyddan Castle.</p>
10	<p>National Grid Substation Connection Point</p> <p>Land south of St Asaph Business Park</p>	Work 40	15:30	<p>Parking on unnamed road south of Glascoed Road, west of St Asaph Business Park.</p> <p>To view the location in relation to potential receptors and consider the proposed cable route and NG substation.</p>
11	<p>Conclusion of site inspection itinerary</p>	N/A	16:15	

Please be aware that all confirmed attendees may be required to take reasonable bio-security precautions prior to entering any agricultural land. It is therefore essential that any attendees rendezvous with the Applicant at the designated meeting location in order to ensure that the required precautions are taken ahead of continuing with the inspection.

Plans of the proposed locations can be found in the Applicant's response to Procedural Deadline A [[PDA-002](#)]