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Date: 15 November 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)
Rules 2010 – Rule 17**

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

Requests for further information and written comments

The Examining Authority (ExA) have reviewed responses to their first written questions [PD-009] and other information received at Deadline 1. We have decided to seek further information from the Applicant and National Resources Wales (NRW) to support consideration of the Proposed Development. Questions under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) (R17Qs) are set out in Annex A. They are only addressed to the Applicant and NRW; however, any other interested party or other person who wishes to respond may do so.

The deadline for the submission of the information sought is **Deadline 3a, 16 December 2022**. The Applicant or IPs wishing to comment on responses to this request may do at **Deadline 4, 30 January 2023**.

Yours faithfully

Jon Hockley

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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| R17Q | Question to: | Question |
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| 1.1 | The Applicant | <p>The Marine Licence (ML) and the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO).</p> <p>The Applicant's Deadline 1 Update on the ML Submission and Progress [REP1-014] states that:</p> <p><i>“The ExA is able to rely on Marine Licence conditions which are not within the control of the DCO (e.g. for securing mitigations offshore) provided the Secretary of State (SoS, as the DCO decision-maker) is confident that matters will be dealt with appropriately under a separate decision-making regime. This position is endorsed by NRW-MLT” (Para 2)</i></p> <p>To help ensure that the ExA (and the SoS) have this confidence, please provide the following documents or a deadline for when they can be provided which would allow sufficient time for comments from other parties within the Examination process:</p> <p>Templates to be used for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Response Co-operation Plan 2. Dropped Objects Plan <p>A draft Table of Contents for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marine Pollution Contingency Plan 2. Lighting and Marking Plan 3. Cable Burial Risk Assessment 4. Construction Method Statement 5. Vessel Traffic Management Plan <p>An Outline for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project Environmental Management Plan 2. Cable Specification and Installation Plan |

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| | | <p>3. Scour Protection Management Plan 4. UXO specific Marine Mammal Mitigation Protocol.</p> |
| 1.2 | The Applicant, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) | <p>The Marine Licence Principles document [REP1-025]</p> <p>The ML Principles document provides a tabulation of the proposed principles which are anticipated to inform the MLs for the project. While noting that this document should not be considered prejudicial to the Licensing process, please provide your views on whether this document should be a certified document within Schedule 13 of the DCO.</p> |
| 1.3 | The Applicant | <p>Plans</p> <p>Alterations at Deadline 1 removed Plot 26 from the proposed Order Limits. Please update the following plans to replicate this removal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory / Non-statutory Sites or Features or the Historic Environment Plan [AS-004] • Street Works and Access Plan [AS-008] • Temporary Stopping Up of Public Rights of Way Plan [AS-009] • Water Bodies in a River Basin Management Plan [AS-012] • Hedgerow and Protected Tree Plan [AS-013] • Land Plan (Offshore) [APP-007]. In addition, this plan still refers to Her Majesty – please amend. <p>Please also provide a schedule of changes to all plan revisions after submission. This will assist the ExA and Interested Parties in understanding changes to plans and was highlighted in advice given under s51 of the Planning Act 2008 [PD-002].</p> |

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| 1.4 | NRW, The Applicant | Marine Licence Application A letter submitted to the Examination addressed to the Applicant by NRW (Ref ORML2233, dated 8 September 2022) [REP1-080] refers to various consultation responses received during determination of the ML application. To NRW : Please submit such responses to the Examination To the Applicant : Please provide a copy of your response to this letter. |
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