



## Planning Act 2008 – section 91

**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)**

**Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) dealing with the proposed onshore substation site and related matters.**

**Thursday 8 December 2022 at 10:00am.**

Notification of the date, time, location and attendance instructions for ISH3 was provided in the [Examining Authority's \(ExA's\) letter](#) dated 11 November 2022.

### Agenda

#### 1. Welcome, introductions and arrangements for the hearing

#### 2. Good design

- National Policy Statement EN-1 section 4.5
- Design Review and Design Champions
- The choice of Gas Insulated or Air Insulated Substation
- Design Principles Statement [REP3-013] and Requirement 6 of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [REP3-006]

#### 3. Landscape and visual

- Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (oLEMP) [REP2-010] - planting / landscape proposals and management matters
- Related provisions of the dDCO [REP2-014]
- Landscape effects - physical and character
- Visual effects (including from Glascoed Nature Reserve and Faenol Broper)
- Substation design to minimise visual effects

#### 4. Biodiversity, ecology and the natural environment

- Mitigation, aftercare and monitoring
- Pre-commencement, construction and programme
- Management plans (including oLEMP [REP2-010], Outline Code of Construction Practice [REP2-043] & Outline Construction Method Statement [REP2-018]) and related requirements in the dDCO [REP2-014]
- Resilience of ecological networks and ecosystems

#### 5. Public health and nuisance

- Working hours
- Noise and vibration during construction and operation
- Lighting strategy during construction and operation

## **6. Traffic and transport**

- Site Access

## **7. Review of issues and actions arising**

- The ExA will address how any actions placed on the Applicant are to be met

## **8. Any other matters**

## **9. Closure of the hearing**

### **Notes on participation, conduct and management of the hearing**

All Interested Parties (IPs) are invited to attend ISH3. The event will also be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the event date.

Each IP is entitled to make oral representations at ISH3. However, this is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing.

The ExA would find it helpful for the following attendees to participate in ISH3:

- **Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited** (the Applicant) - including representatives of the Applicant who are in a position to discuss the matters on the agenda
- **Denbighshire County Council**
- **Natural Resources Wales**
- **Any other Interested Parties** - with an interest in the proposed substation site and related matters

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 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.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the issues will be discussed on the day that they are scheduled for. The hearing will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and that all matters have been covered. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, it may be necessary to prioritise matters and defer others to written questions.

The agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them. Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does

not preclude further examination of this issue, including the asking of further written questions.

All Examination documents are provided with a unique identification number for referencing purposes shown in square brackets [].

The evidence presented orally at ISH3 should be included in post-hearing submissions and submitted by **Deadline 3a, Friday 16 December 2022**.

### **Purpose of ISH3**

The main purpose of ISH3 is to undertake an examination of various environmental matters. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to:

- Good design
- Landscape and visual effects
- Biodiversity, ecology and the natural environment
- Public health and nuisance
- Traffic and transport

### *Contingencies*

The ExA will endeavour to hear all participants. If the ISH, or parts of it, is unable to proceed, for example for technical reasons, then the ExA may adjourn incomplete business to reserved hearings later in the Examination Timetable. Notice of any adjournments will be provided on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

### **Microsoft Teams**

The ISH will take place in person and virtually using Microsoft Teams. Further information about virtual events in relation to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects can be found in the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.6: Virtual examination events:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>

Further information, including a short video regarding taking part in a Planning Inspectorate virtual event, can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-virtual-events-guide-to-participating>

Please contact the Case Team if you have any questions about using Microsoft Teams or if you would like to test your access arrangements:

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