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The Applicant, All Interested Parties,
Affected Persons, and Other Persons.

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010112

Date: 07 February 2023

Dear Sir/ Madam

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

**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

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 28 February and 1 March 2023. Important details about both are set out at Annex A to this letter.

Hearings

In the interests of fairness and completeness we have decided to hold a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH). An Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) on specific issues will also be held. Details of and arrangements for these hearings are set out at Annex A. Please note that the start time for these hearings will be at **9:30am**, as opposed to 10:00am when previous events have commenced.

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 6, 20 February 2023**. 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 the [project page](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days before the events. Confirmation of details to be considered in the hearings will be confirmed at this point.

Please note that if any of the events scheduled at Annex A 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

Annexes

A Notification of Hearings

Annex A: Notification of Hearings

The Compulsory Acquisition Hearing and further Issue Specific Hearing will be held as follows:

Date	Hearing	Start Time	Venue	Access and parking
Tuesday 28 February 2023	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH)	9:30am Seating available/ Arrangements Conference from: 09:00am	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, from which it is then free of charge.
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Issue Specific Hearing (ISH4) on offshore environmental effects (if necessary) and the draft Development Consent Order	09:30am Seating available/ Arrangements Conference from: 09:00am		

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 6, Monday 20 February 2023, 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 30 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 (9.00am). 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 CAH or ISH 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 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.

COVID-19

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