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Our Ref: 0206je/D3444.05

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Dear Mr Stephens,

**EN010112 Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm  
Deadline 5 - Response to ExQ2 (EN010112-001149-AYMO)**

The Examining Authority's second round of questions (23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023) includes two questions directed to us, to which answers are supplied below.

*ExQ2.0.8 The ExA are aware of the imminent re-routing of the Wales Coast Path through the Penrhyn Estate. Will this change to the route of the footpath have any implications for effects upon landscape, seascape, and Penrhyn Hall and its registered Park and Garden?*

We do not have any information about the intended change to the route. Its possible relevance to the archaeology and cultural heritage impact assessment would stem from the nature of the visitor experience, and the ability to understand and appreciate the connection of the estate with the sea, aesthetically and historically. The value of setting is not dependent upon public access, but theoretically an increase in awareness and the opportunity to experience this connection could slightly increase its contribution to the significance of the estate. In practice, even if the new route opens up new sea views, it is felt unlikely that this would result in a change to the scale of impact. In contrast to the intentional, framed outlook from the terrace, any new views along the new route would be incidental. Such fortuitous views can be significant, but here are unlikely to enhance appreciation to such a degree as to affect our overall assessment of the impact on the Grade I Penrhyn Castle as *Negligible* or the Grade II\* Registered Historic Park and Garden as *Medium, moderate adverse*.

*ExQ2.8.1 Please provide any comments, should you wish to, on the Applicant's summary of your views from ISH2 [REP3a-004].*

Paragraph 3.1 states that we agree with their meaning of 'negligible' in the ES as 'no effect'. We consider 'negligible' to mean a very small or imperceptible effect, that has no implications for the significance of the asset in question and merits no further consideration in the context of the scheme.



Other references to GAPS simply acknowledge points of agreement and disagreement which have been set out in full in our respective representations throughout the examination. We have no comments on these observations.

Yours sincerely

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