



Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm

Applicant's Update on the Marine Licence Submission and Progress

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- 1 The Applicant and Natural Resources Wales Marine Licensing Team (NRW-MLT) have continued to liaise with regards timescales for, and alignment of, the DCO and Marine Licence processes. Since the last update (Revision C, at Deadline 4 on 30 January 2023), key events are summarised as follows:
 - 2 **30 January 2023** – DCO Deadline 4. The Applicant submitted to NRW-MLT the following documents (also submitted into the DCO Examination at Deadline 4):
 - ▲ An updated Marine Licence Principles document (REP4-023; Application reference 5.4.1)
 - ▲ Draft contents of the Emergency Response Cooperation Plan, Dropped Objects Plan, Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, Lighting and Marking Plan, Cable Burial Risk Assessment, Offshore Construction Method Statement, Vessel Traffic Management Plan, Project Environmental Management Plan (and Alternative), Cable Specification and Installation Plan, Scour Protection Management Plan, and UXO Specific Marine Mammal Mitigation Plan – all contained within the Applicant's Response to R17Q1.1 (REP4-008).
 - 3 **3 February 2023** – the Applicant and NRW-MLT met to discuss:
 - ▲ Representations received in response to the consultation (on the Applicant's response to NRW-MLT's request for further information) which closed on 26 January 2023. The Applicant had no questions on the representations, the majority of which comprised “no further comment” from the stakeholders concerned, with no responses received from the public.
 - ▲ The materials submitted on 30 January 2023 (listed above). NRW-MLT had no questions on the submissions.
 - ▲ Next steps/AOB, in which NRW-MLT requested sight of all relevant completed Statements of Common Ground being submitted to the DCO process (e.g. those agreed with the RSPB, Isle of Man and NRW Advisory). The Applicant committed to sharing these as soon as they are available.

- ▲ Further, NRW-MLT advised that a draft Water Framework Directive (WFD) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) were currently in consultation under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
- 4 **15 February 2023** – following on from the meeting, NRW-MLT wrote to the Applicant confirming it is satisfied that all matters in the request for further information (dated 8 September 2023) have been responded to, and that NRW-MLT does not expect to make a second such request (while reserving the right to do so should it become necessary for determination of the Mariner Licence application). NRW-MLT offered the opportunity to respond to the consultation representations in table form, which the Applicant intends to do in parallel with DCO Deadline 7 on 8 March 2023. NRW-MLT highlighted the representation received from Trinity House proposing Marine Licence conditions which have been incorporated into the revised Marine Licence Principles document submitted at Deadline 6 (Document 6.8 of the Applicant’s Deadline 6 submission).



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