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1 Landscape Enhancement Package

1.1 Progress since Issue Specific Hearing 2

- 1 Further to the matters discussed at Issue Specific Hearing 2 on seascape, landscape and related matters (ISH2), the Applicant has been liaising with Natural Resources Wales (NRW), Eryri National Park (ENP) (formerly Snowdonia National Park (SNP)), Isle of Anglesey County Council (IoACC), Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC), Denbighshire County Council (DCC) and other Interested Parties (IPs), regarding a potential landscape enhancement fund.
- 2 The Applicant provided the group with a set of key principles for a fund on 15 December 2022.
- 3 The principles set out a proposal for a s106 agreement to be agreed between the Applicant and DCC with the approval of the other parties listed above, providing funds through the operational lifetime of the project for enhancement projects within areas of Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), ENP and Great Orme Heritage Coast, where landscape related significant effects from the project may occur.
- 4 The Applicant and the group met on 11 January 2023 to discuss the proposed key principles.

Table 1: Principles for the Landscape Enhancement Package.

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL	STATUS OF AGREEMENT
Mechanism for delivery	Proposed to be a section 106 agreement, bound to land within Denbighshire that is within the control of the Applicant.	Principle agreed
	Alternative agreement to be arranged if no land is within the Applicant's control by the end of Examination.	
	Agreement to be put in place with Denbighshire County Council (DCC) as the host authority, but to set out involvement of other relevant parties in steering group.	
	Final agreement to be signed by DCC but only with the approval of all other parties.	
Spatial Scope	Focused on Anglesey AONB, ENP and Great Orme Heritage Coast.	Principle agreed
	'Preliminary Enhancement Areas' based on overlap between the LANDMAP Visual and Sensory Evaluation areas and the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm (AyM) Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV), in those designated areas where significant effects are predicted to occur in order to tie enhancements to areas of significant effect within the affected designations.	

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL	STATUS OF AGREEMENT
	<p>Preliminary Enhancement Areas would form the areas of focus for potential enhancement projects to ensure enhancement is material to the effects of the scheme, whilst also allowing flexibility in the delivery of wider projects.</p>	
	<p>Whilst the Preliminary Enhancement Areas would be the areas of focus for potential enhancement projects, these are not representative of the extent of significant effects and are not limited to areas where only the Applicant considers there to be significant effects.</p>	
Project scope	<p>To be based on long-list of projects provided by the group (which is not duplicated here). The Applicant is supportive of the principle of projects being in the control of the group, provided they support the goal of landscape enhancement.</p>	Principle agreed
	<p>The final project scope is to be confirmed.</p>	
Fund timings	<p>Annual payments - commencing on full operation.</p>	Principle agreed
	<p>Payments annually until commencement of decommissioning.</p>	
	<p>Options to taper funds from initial setup to ongoing maintenance costs over time, subject to ongoing commercial negotiations.</p>	Under review
Fund size	<p>To be determined, subject to ongoing commercial negotiations.</p>	Under review

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Steering Group	Representatives from IoACC, ENP, CCBC, NRW and DCC	Principle agreed
	Terms of Reference (ToR) to be developed to define how group assigns funds	
	To consult other parties where relevant – Gwynedd Council, Gwynedd Archaeological Planning Service (GAPS) and National Trust. The Applicant has met with National Trust and GAPS separately to communicate this.	

1.2 Draft section 106 agreement

- 5 The draft agreement is under negotiation between the parties.
- 6 On 24 January 2023, the Applicant provided a draft s106 agreement for review by DCC, CCBC, IoACC, ENP and NRW.
- 7 The Applicant met with a representative of the group on 1 February 2023. It was communicated that a review of the drafting was being undertaken by the group, with a view to providing feedback in the near future.
- 8 An email exchange between the Applicant and CCBC on 2 February 2023 confirmed that the draft agreement is with their Legal Section for review, as well as the legal teams from the other local planning authorities. Helpfully CCBC Legal Section has engaged with their counterparts in DCC to request their input and review of the document as they will be signatories.
- 9 The Applicant recognises that it may be challenging to reach agreement before a decision is made on the DCO application. In the event that no agreement is reached, the Applicant will consider including a requirement in the DCO to secure the agreement.

2 Tourism Agreement

- 10 Further to the matters discussed at ISH2 (Seascape, landscape and related matters), the Applicant has been liaising with CCBC regarding a potential Tourism Fund.
- 11 The Applicant provided CCBC with a set of key principles on 9 January 2023.

Table 2: Principles for the Tourism agreement.

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL	STATUS OF AGREEMENT
Mechanism for delivery	To be confirmed – A direct agreement with CCBC could be used (similar to GyM).	Agreed
Spatial Scope	Llandudno and the Great Orme.	Agreed
Project scope	Information and interpretation boards/ signage with a focus on renewable energy and the environment.	Agreed
	Destination marketing and promotion.	
	Part-funding of a tourism officer to deliver the above.	
Fund size	To be determined subject to ongoing negotiations.	Under review
Fund timings	Two annual payments.	Under review
	Year 1 payment one month from installation of first turbine.	
	Year 2 payment 1 year from Year 1 payment.	
Governance	CCBC.	Agreed
	In consultation with other relevant bodies (e.g. National Trust for Great Orme).	Under review

- 12 The proposal is to establish a contract between the Applicant and CCBC for tourism-related activities in Llandudno and the Great Orme for the period of construction ending and operation commencing, given the identification of the potential for short-term impacts on tourism in these locations.
- 13 The Applicant and CCBC met on 16 January 2023 to discuss the principles and, following the call, a draft agreement was issued for review by CCBC on 25 January 2023.
- 14 The Commercial agreement is under negotiation between the Applicant and CBCC.



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