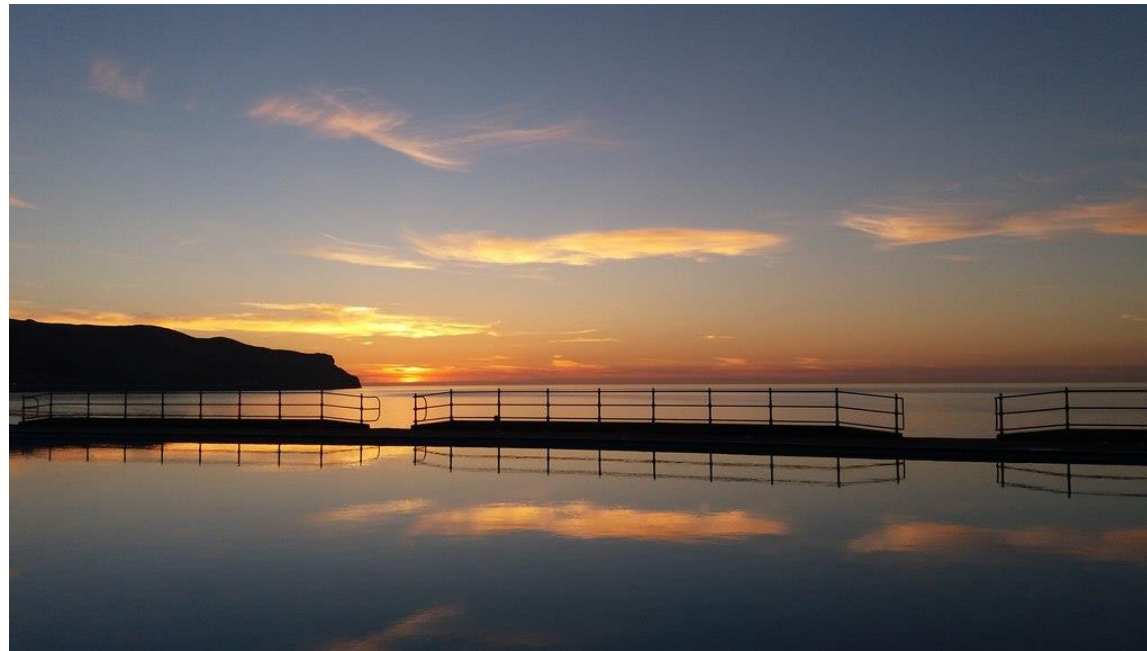


Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Project
Conwy County Borough Council's response to the Examiners' third set of written questions



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No.	Question	Response
17.3	<p>Landscape Enhancement Please:</p> <p>a) provide an update on discussions / negotiations around the potential landscape enhancements to designated areas; and b) confirm whether the intention is to submit a completed legal agreement in respect of this into the Examination and, if so, when?</p>	<p>a) CCBC is in discussion with other local authorities on the potential landscape enhancements to designated areas (including the Great Orme Heritage Coast) and on how those contributions are to be secured. CCBC reiterates that these discussions do not prejudice its objection to the proposal on the basis of seascape, landscape and visual impacts.</p> <p>b) CCBC has received a draft Section 106 agreement from the applicant and is in discussions with neighbouring local authorities on the matter.</p>
19.2	<p>Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) and EIA Baseline Characterisation</p> <p>The comments made in your draft SoCG [REP4-013] regarding baseline characterisation and assumptions are noted. Are you aware of any additional information/evidence which has become available since the drafting of the ES which would alter the tourism and recreation baseline? If so, please provide further detail</p>	<p>No further evidence has become available. The STEAM data from 2019 is the most recent set of data we have to identify a tourism baseline pre Covid-19. As the sector is still recovering from the pandemic, it's difficult to determine an up to date baseline. The 2022 STEAM data may provide a better indication but this will not be available until Autumn 2023. Data from 2021 is available but this will still be skewed by the effects of the pandemic on tourism. This reiterates how much the tourism sector was affected by the Covid19 Pandemic.</p>
19.3	<p>Llandudno and the Great Orme – Visitor Economy Noting the comments made in your SoCG [REP4-013] regarding Llandudno and the Great Orme visitor economy, please confirm the level significance CCBC consider to be correct.</p>	<p>It's not necessarily the level of assessment we are querying so much as the timescale given for each assessment level. Is there any evidence to suggest that the impact for to the Great Orme would be low for only two years? Would it not be longer? Two years is quite a specific timeframe and we feel that if negative impacts occurred they would impact tourism for much longer than two years.</p>

End of responses