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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010112

Date: 09 March 2022

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)
Rules 2010 – Rule 17**

**Application by Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm project**

Requests for further information and written comments

The Examining Authority (ExA) have reviewed responses to their third written questions [PD-017] and other information received at previous Deadlines. We have decided to seek further information from the Applicant and the Welsh Government to support consideration of the Proposed Development. Questions under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) (R17Qs) are set out in Annex A. They are only addressed to the Applicant and the Welsh Government; however, any other interested party or other person who wishes to respond may do so.

The deadline for the submission of the information sought is **Deadline 8, 15 March 2023**. The Applicant or IPs wishing to comment on responses to this request must do so before the deadline for the close of the Examination at **23:59 on 20 March 2023**. Any submissions received after the Examination has closed cannot be considered by the ExA when preparing its report and recommendations to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

Yours faithfully

Jon Hockley

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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R17Q	Question to:	Question
3.1	Welsh Government	<p>Community Linguistic Statement</p> <p>Noting the response to ExQ3.18.6 the ExA is aware that the Welsh Government has been unable to access the update to the Community Linguistic Statement (CLS) made by the Applicant at D6.</p> <p>In order to assist, the two relevant examination library references are [REP6-023] which is a clean version of the CLS and [REP6-024] which is a tracked version of the CLS and indicates where changes to the document have been made.</p> <p>Please confirm whether you are satisfied with the amendments made to the CLS by the Applicant at D6 [REP6-023]. If not, please list your specific concerns.</p>
3.2	The Applicant	<p>Outline Invasive Non-Native Species Management Plan (oINNSMP)</p> <p>The ExA notes that the oINNSMP [REP2-047] provides detail of mitigation measures and best practice handling techniques to minimise the potential for INNS to be spread by construction activities. It is further acknowledged that the D7 outline Soil Management Plan makes reference to weed control measures for soil storage and the D7 outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan refers to the management of weeds in reinstated habitats.</p> <p>Please confirm the INNS management approach in respect of other areas of land owned by the Applicant or that the Applicant has rights to during the operation and decommissioning phases. Should such measures be contained within the oINNSMP? If so, please amend.</p>

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3.3	The Applicant	<p>National Grid connection The submission from National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC at Deadline 7 indicates that the Proposed Development could connect to the existing substation at Bodelwyddan. Does this have any implications for the amount of land needed to deliver the Proposed Development?</p>
3.4	The Applicant	<p>Schedule 13 of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) Please update Schedule 13 of the dDCO as necessary to ensure all documents listed have the correct reference numbers and dates to clearly identify the versions to be certified (this includes those under Items 1-3 and 5-15 as well as in Table 5 under Item 4).</p>