



# **Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm**

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# 1 Landscape Enhancement Package

## 1.1 Progress since Issue Specific Hearing 4

- 1 Further to the update provided at Issue Specific Hearing 4 on offshore environmental effects and the dDCO (ISH4), the Applicant has continued to liaise 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 landscape enhancement fund.
- 2 The Applicant provided the North Wales Local Planning Authorities (the NW LPAs) with a proposed Joint Position Statement on 9 March 2023 to be submitted to the examination and met with the group on 10 March 2023.
- 3 The Joint Position Statement sets out the £5,000,000 of funding available for landscape enhancement measures, the key principles for the scheme (to be provided through a Section 106 planning agreement) and a draft DCO (dDCO) requirement for review.
- 4 Requirement 26 of the dDCO (Document 8.9 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission) refers to the Landscape Enhancement Scheme Principles (Document 8.78 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission). This includes the key principles agreed with the North Wales Authorities and has been added as a document to be certified under Article 40 of the DCO by the Secretary of State.
- 5 Position Statements have now been agreed separately with IoACC, ENP and CCBC and these are contained within Document 8.74 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission.
- 6 The parties have signed slightly different versions of the Position Statement due to late amendments that were made to the Statement following ENP's signature. The Applicant was unable to contact ENP to arrange for the amended version to be signed in time for the Deadline 8 submission and therefore, Document 8.74 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission contains the three Position Statements separately for completeness.

- 7 The Landscape Enhancement Scheme Principles document has been agreed with IoACC, ENP and CBCC and is submitted at Document 8.78 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission. NRW have also confirmed that they are in broad agreement with these principles and the Applicant understands NRW will be making a submission in relation to this at Deadline 8.

## 1.2 Draft Section 106 planning agreement

- 8 The draft Section 106 planning agreement that will secure the landscape enhancement scheme is under negotiation between the parties. NRW has provided comments on the drafting for review and comments from the NW LPAs are still awaited from their legal advisors. It is for this reason that the Applicant does not consider it appropriate to provide the draft Section 106 planning agreement to the Examination.
- 9 Therefore, in lieu of the agreement being finalised prior to the close of Examination, a Requirement has been agreed with the NW LPAs for inclusion in the dDCO as described in Section 1.1.
- 10 The Applicant and the NW LPAs will continue to work together to agree the wording of the Section 106 planning agreement in order that it can be provided to the Secretary of State in advance of the decision on the AyM DCO application.

## 2 Tourism Agreement

- 11 Further to the matters discussed at ISH4 on offshore environmental effects and the dDCO, the Applicant has been liaising with CCBC regarding a potential Tourism Fund.
- 12 The Applicant provided an updated financial offer to CCBC and is awaiting comments on the drafting of the agreement.



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