



# Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm

## Applicant's Response to the Rule 17 Letter Dated 09.03.2023

### Deadline 8

**Date: 15 March 2023**

**Revision: A**

Document Reference: 8.5

Application Reference: N/A



REVISION	DATE	STATUS/ REASON FOR ISSUE	AUTHOR	CHECKED BY	APPROVED BY
A	March 2022	Deadline 8	GoBe	RWE	RWE

[Redacted]

RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited

Windmill Hill Business Park  
Whitehill Way  
Swindon  
Wiltshire SN5 6PB  
T +44 (0)8456 720 090

[Redacted]

Registered office:  
RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited  
Windmill Hill Business Park  
Whitehill Way  
Swindon

# Contents

1	Introduction.....	4
2	The Applicant's Response to the Rule 17 Letter.....	5

# Tables

Table 1: The Applicant's response to the questions asked within the Rule 17 letter dated 09 March 2023.....	5
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---

# 1 Introduction

- 1 On 09 March 2023, Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited (the Applicant) received a Rule 17 letter from the Examining Authority (ExA) requesting further information and written comments from the Applicant.
- 2 The Applicant's responses to these questions are tabulated in Table 1 below.

## 2 The Applicant's Response to the Rule 17 Letter

Table 1: The Applicant's response to the questions asked within the Rule 17 letter dated 09 March 2023.

QUESTION REFERENCE	QUESTION TO	QUESTION	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE
R17Q3.1	Welsh Government	<p><b>Community Linguistic Statement</b></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>	<p>It is acknowledged that this question is not directed at the Applicant, however the Applicant has contacted Welsh Government to signpost them directly to the documents referred to in R17Q3.1 to assist their response. The Applicant understands that Welsh Government will be submitting a response at Deadline 8 in relation to this request.</p>
R17Q3.2	The Applicant	<p><b>Outline Invasive Non-Native Species Management Plan (oINNSMP)</b></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</p>	<p>The Applicant has updated the oINNSMP (Document 8.27 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission) to confirm that although details surrounding the decommissioning phase are yet to be fully clarified, specific requirements with regards to the management of INNS within areas affected by decommissioning activities would be discussed with DCC, NRW and any other relevant statutory consultees at the time.</p> <p>The decommissioning methodology would be finalised nearer to the end of the lifetime of AyM, to be in line with current guidance, policy and legislation. Any such methodology would be agreed with the relevant authorities and statutory consultees. Requirement 22 of the DCO requires the Applicant to submit a written scheme of decommissioning 6 months before decommissioning starts which must include a Code of Construction Practice that would consider management of INNS.</p> <p>The oINNSMP, has also been updated to clarify which aspects of the oINNSMP would apply during any construction related activities during operation of AyM (such as repair or replacement of onshore infrastructure).</p>

QUESTION REFERENCE	QUESTION TO	QUESTION	APPLICANT'S RESPONSE
		be contained within the oINNSMP? If so, please amend.	
R17Q3.3	The Applicant	<p><b>National Grid connection</b></p> <p>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>	<p>At present the Applicant has a signed grid agreement with National Grid for a connection to the Bodelwyddan substation. At present National Grid have not consented the proposed connection point offered to the Applicant, and there is still a reasonable possibility that the connection point for AyM could move into the planned expansion of that substation.</p> <p>Therefore, no certainty over exactly how the project will connect to the substation and its configuration can be stated at this time. Therefore all the land proposed in the Works Plans is required.</p>
R17Q3.4	The Applicant	<p><b>Schedule 13 of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)</b></p> <p>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>	<p>The dDCO submitted at Deadline 8 (Document 8.9 of the Applicant's Deadline 8 submission) includes in Schedule 13 the up-to-date reference numbers and dates for all documents to be certified under Article 40. This includes application reference numbers (where relevant) and Examination Library references (where these have been defined for all documents submitted prior to Deadline 8). For documents submitted at Deadline 8, the Applicant's document references have been used, and would be updated with the relevant REP8 Examination Library references in the final Order as made.</p>



RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited

Windmill Hill Business Park  
Whitehill Way  
Swindon  
Wiltshire SN5 6PB  
T +44 (0)8456 720 090

Registered office:  
RWE Renewables UK Swindon Limited  
Windmill Hill Business Park  
Whitehill Way  
Swindon