



Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm

Joint Position Statement with Isle of Anglesey County Council, Eryri National Park, Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council

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1 Joint Position Statement Between the Applicant and Isle of Anglesey County Council, Eryri National Park, Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council

1.1 Background

- 1 Since Awel y Môr Offshore Wind farm Ltd.'s (the Applicant's) last update at Deadline 6, (REP6-022), the Parties (the North Wales Local Planning Authorities (NW LPAs) and the Applicant) have agreed on the provision of a Landscape Enhancement Fund to the NW LPAs, comprising:
 - ▲ Isle of Anglesey County Council (IACC);
 - ▲ Eryri National Park (ENP); and
 - ▲ Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC).
- 2 The land falls within Denbighshire County Council area so they will be signatories to the Section 106.

1.1.1 Key Principles

- 3 The key principles of the Landscape Enhancement Fund package are as follows in Table 1.

Table 1: Principles of the Landscape Enhancement Fund.

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL
Mechanism for delivery	A section 106 planning agreement, bound to land within Denbighshire that is within the control of the Applicant. Agreement to be put in place with Denbighshire County Council (DCC) as the host authority, but to provide for the involvement of other relevant parties in steering group.

PRINCIPLE	DETAIL
	Final agreement to be signed by DCC but only with the approval of all other parties.
Spatial Scope	<p>Focused on the Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), (including Anglesey Heritage Coast) Eryri National Park (ENP) and the Great Orme Heritage Coast.</p> <p>‘Preliminary Enhancement Areas’ have been identified 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.</p> <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 ((indicatively set out in Annex 1). 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> <p>The Final project scope is to be determined by the Steering Group.</p>
Fund timings	Annual payments- commencing on full operation of AyM.

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	Payments annually until commencement of decommissioning of AyM.
Fund size	£5,000,000
Payment profile	<p>50% of fund to be paid through equal annual payments for operational years 1-20.</p> <p>50% of fund to be paid through equal annual payments for operational years 21-30.</p> <p>The fund is to be split amongst the three impacted designated landscapes and this split is to be based on the significance of the impacted as confirmed in the ES that supports the planning application. The NW LPAs are in the process of agreeing the split and an updated position paper will be submitted before the Inspectors Report to confirm the agreed split.</p> <p>Any funding not spent within five years of payment is to be returned to AyM.</p>
Fund start and index	<p>First payment in first year of full operation.</p> <p>Consumer Price Index (CPI) applies from date of signing until the date on which it is due or paid (if earlier)</p>
Steering Group	<p>Representatives from IACC, SNP, CCBC, NRW and DCC.</p> <p>Terms of Reference (ToR) to be developed to define how group assigns funds.</p> <p>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.</p>

1.2 DCO Requirement

- 4 The parties agree that a Requirement should be included within the DCO as follows:

(1) Work No. 1 must not be commenced until a scheme for the provision of landscape enhancement in accordance with the landscape enhancement scheme principles document has been submitted and approved by the relevant planning authority [following consultation with NRW, The Isle of Anglesey County Council, Eryri National Park Authority and Conwy County Borough Council.]

(2) The landscape enhancement scheme shall set out appropriate measures to compensate for the impact of the authorised development on the protected landscapes of Eryri National Park, the Isle of Anglesey Area of Outstanding natural Beauty and Great Orme Heritage Coast.

(3) The landscape enhancement scheme shall be implemented as approved.

(4) In this requirement "landscape enhancement scheme principles document" means the document certified as such by the Secretary of State under article 40.

1.3 Conclusion

- 5 The landscape enhancement fund will enable significant benefits to Eryri National Park and the Isle of Anglesey Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (including Anglesey Heritage Coast) and Great Orme Heritage Coast to be accrued over the long-term.
- 6 On the basis of this commitment by the Applicant, Isle of Anglesey County Council and Eryri National Park agree that the net balance of the AyM proposal in relation to its effects on these designated landscapes is acceptable. The landscape fund will adequately compensate for any adverse impacts and provide benefits in line with paragraphs 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 of NPS EN-1.
- 7 On the basis of this commitment by the Applicant, Conwy County Borough Council agree that the net balance of the AyM proposal in relation to its effects on these designated landscapes is less harmful. The landscape fund will compensate for any adverse impacts and provide benefits in line with paragraphs 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 of NPS EN-1.

Annex 1

- ▲ Surveys of hedges, stone walls and cloddiau to identify the extent and condition of traditional field boundaries;
- ▲ Measures for the restoration of traditional field boundaries;
- ▲ Measures for the restoration and enhancement of important habitats, such as limestone grassland, woodland, hedgerows, roadside verges and red squirrel habitats and to improve the connectivity between habitats;
- ▲ Measures for the control of non-native invasive species;
- ▲ Drainage management measures for ditches and surface water courses, to enhance water quality for habitats and species;
- ▲ Measures in relation to public rights of way, conservation areas, historic buildings, archaeology, ancient monuments linked to the aims and objectives of the designated Landscapes' Management Plans;
- ▲ Manage car parks and points of access to conserve tranquillity and avoid visual intrusion;
- ▲ Manage people access to spread the load over a wider geographical area to limit pressure on 'honey pot' sites;
- ▲ Support the conservation and understanding Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS)
- ▲ Measures to address ash dieback recovery and climate adaptation;
- ▲ Proposals to bury overhead cables underground, in conjunction with statutory undertakers;
- ▲ Proposals to screen or improve the appearance of unsightly structures e.g. electricity substations, visitor centres;
- ▲ Support for Rural Skills Programmes including events, recreational activities and environmental improvement measures that benefit from and promote The Anglesey Geopark (GeoMôn) and The Dark Skies Initiative;
- ▲ Improving accessibility to and promotion of the Wales Coast Path;
- ▲ Installing information/interpretation boards on or near the Wales Coast Path which give information about the local area including its history and ecology; and
- ▲ Additional signage and directional signage for the Wales Coast Path; and other matters which will improve the Wales Coast Path as agreed between the Parties.



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