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Your ref: EN010112

cc: Any Interested Party

Date: 14 August 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm (“the Proposed Development”)

Request for Information

1. Following the completion of the Examination on 20 March 2023, the Examining Authority submitted a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings and conclusions on the above application to the Secretary of State on 20 June 2023. In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has three months to determine the application.
2. There are issues on which the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) would be grateful if the Applicant could provide updates or information as appropriate.

Compulsory Purchase Order

3. The Secretary of State notes that during the examination formal objections were raised as to the Compulsory Purchase Order of land (both Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession) by the Proposed Development. Without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s decision on the Proposed Development, the **Applicant** is asked to provide an update on the negotiations with:
 - Mr JB & Mrs E Evans;

- Wilson Fearnall o.b.o GBL and IM Kerfoot.

Landscape Enhancement Scheme

4. The **Applicant** is requested to provide an update on whether the draft section 106 agreement, regarding a landscape enhancement scheme, has been finalised with the relevant parties.

Book of Reference and Crown Land Plan

5. The Secretary of State notes that in the Crown Land Plan, the legends on Sheets 4 and 5 name The Crown Estate as having an interest in the land, whereas the Book of Reference names the Welsh Government. The **Applicant** is requested to clarify this inconsistency.

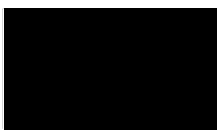
North Hoyle Wind Farm (NHWF)

6. The **Applicant** is requested to provide an update on whether a cable crossing agreement has yet been entered into with NFHW.
7. Alternatively, the **Applicant** is requested to confirm if they are content with NHWF's proposed protective provisions in the rDCO, included by the Examining Authority.

Additional Cumulative Effects

8. **Interested Parties** are invited to review the Applicant's updated environmental assessment and provide comments on its adequacy and conclusions.
9. Responses should be submitted by email only to:
awelymor@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **23.59 on 28 August 2023**.
10. Responses will be published on the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after the deadline:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/awel-y-mor-offshore-wind-farm/>
11. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



John Wheadon
Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning