



## Meeting note

<b>Project name</b>	Morgan and Mona Offshore windfarm
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<b>Author</b>	The Planning Inspectorate
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<b>Meeting with</b>	BP/EnBW
<b>Venue</b>	Microsoft Teams meeting
<b>Meeting objectives</b>	Induction meeting
<b>Circulation</b>	All attendees

### ***Summary of key points discussed and advice given***

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

The Inspectorate explained that the publication of the meeting note could be delayed up to six months, or until a formal scoping request had been submitted (if requested by an Applicant for commercial reasons).

### ***Details of the proposed development***

The two sites were auctioned on 60-year leases in the "Round 4" by The Crown Estate and are located in the Irish Sea, 30 km from the north coast of Wales. With a capacity of 1.5 GW each, the projects will be delivered by the partnership of bp and EnBW that aim to deliver Morgan and Mona by Q3 2028 and 2029, respectively. The Applicant confirmed that RPS will be part of the team responsible for undertaking the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and preparing the Environment Statement (ES).

The intention was to bid for Contract for Difference (CfD) contract in 2025, but this has yet to be confirmed. The Inspectorate enquired on whether there were any considerations to the need for a derogation case. The Applicant commented that this would be kept under review.

### ***Onshore grid connection***

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that the base case is a separate grid connection for each Project. However, it could not confirm cable routes as Points of Interconnection

(PoI) have not yet been confirmed by National Grid (NG). Nevertheless, the Applicant has carried out optioneering work for each possible PoI under consideration. This has included conducting over wintering bird surveys. It also confirmed that an Evidence Plan Process (EPP) will be used through the application process.

The Applicant stated that the Project is awaiting the recommendations of the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR), but was assessing potential options to collaborate with other developments to connect to the electric grid and that these connections might be in Wales or England. One of the other outcomes from the OTNR is the possibility of an offshore connection.

### ***Consenting plan***

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that a Plan Level Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) has been commenced by The Crown Estate. Each project will have its own application for a development consent order (DCO), anticipated to be submitted in Q4 2023 for Mona and Q1 2024 for Morgan. The Applicant communicated that a Marine License (ML) will be submitted for each project.

### ***EIA, HRA and Marine Licence***

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that it was aiming to submit its Scoping request in Q1 2022, as well as the EIA Scoping as part of the DCO and ML. The Inspectorate advised the Applicant on using the Advice Note Seven in order to understand the role of the preliminary environmental information. The Inspectorate highlighted that the Habitat Regulations are currently being reviewed.

The Applicant informed the Inspectorate that a meeting has been set up with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regarding the application for a ML. The Applicant commented that it understood the need to engage proactively with NRW about a separate ML and discussed the potential to have a DML for generation and an NRW licence for transmission.

The Applicant has completed Geophysical, benthic and shallow geotechnical survey and is planning to start Metocean buoy deployment in Q4 2021.

### ***Statutory consultation***

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant on consulting the relevant Isle of Man representative bodies. The Applicant confirmed that it is commencing conversations with Isle of Man's airport and several fisheries stakeholders. The Applicant highlighted that the area is also constrained by shipping.

The Applicant communicated that they will start engaging with the relevant local authorities and the local communities in Q1 2022. It plans to obtain a Statement of Community Consultation by 2022.

The Inspectorate advised that a Welsh translation would be needed for the Mona project as it was mainly in Welsh Waters. This was likely to be needed in respect of the summary of Scoping report, Non-Technical Summary of the ES, websites and newsletters.

### ***Compulsory Acquisition***

The Applicant confirmed that any compulsory acquisition powers sought will be made clear in the DCO application for both projects. At the current time, it is not anticipated that they will seek access powers for survey purposes under s.53 of the Act.

### ***Future consultation***

The Applicant and the Inspectorate agreed that going forward we would have separate meetings for each project but it obviously made sense to have them concurrent on the same day.

The Applicant asked if quarterly meetings are appropriate, to which the Inspectorate responded that one before submitting the Scoping would help the EIA team and thereafter after key milestone events during the pre-application process, for example, after consultation activity.

### ***AOB***

The Inspectorate will set up a project mailbox for each project and confirm to the Applicant.

