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Dear Sir / Madam

# Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm

# Procedural Deadline A – Joint submission from Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council

I formally write on behalf of Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council. At present a lead officer has not been selected for the handling of the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). Further correspondence will be forthcoming in due course regarding this.

## **Examination Procedure (Draft Examination Timetable)**

Having reviewed the draft Examination Timetable it is noted that two Issue Specific Hearings and an Open Floor Hearing are to be held prior to Deadline 1 which requires the submission of Local Impact Reports (LIRs) from any Local Authorities, and any written representation.

Given that the Examination will principally be a written process supplemented by hearings, it is requested that further explanation is provided regarding this scheduling. Accepting that any work upon LIRs would likely be well underway by the date of the proposed issue specific hearings, but not yet completed, more detail regarding the agenda topics for those hearings is requested. Previous NSIP schemes have provided further information regarding the decision to have any early Issue Specific Hearings at this stage.

#### **Preliminary Meeting**

Officer(s) representing Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council will attend the Preliminary Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 either virtually or in person.

Officers request the opportunity to comment upon Items 3, 4 and 5 as set out in the Appendix A.

### Issue Specific Hearings (16, 17 and 18 July 2024) & Open Floor Hearing (19 July 2024)

Notwithstanding the above comments regarding uncertainty over the content of the hearings, it is requested that Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council may participate. However, given the uncertainty of the content of the meetings due to a lack of agenda provided at this stage by the Examining Authority, progress of the LIR and resourcing in the respective Local Authorities, there may not be a representative in

attendance at the Issues Specific Hearings or Open Floor Hearing that are scheduled to take place in July, however it is more likely that the respective Local Authorities will have representatives in attendance at the hearing sessions scheduled later in the year in October, should they take place.

I trust that the above is helpful to the Examining Authority in preparation for the Examination of the Mona Offshore Wind Farm NSIP Development Consent Order Application.

On behalf of:

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