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Dear Caroline Jones,

Please see attached Natural England's response to the Planning Inspectorates Rule 6 letter under the Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.

If you have any questions relating to any of the points in our letter, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Kathleen Bealby Senior Marine Advisor Cheshire to Lancashire Area Team



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Dear Caroline Jones,

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 4, 6 and 9 and 13

Application by Mona Offshore Windfarm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Morgan Generation Offshore Wind Farm Project – Rule 6 Letter

Other Person Reference Number: MNOW-OP003

Thank you for your consultation dated 07 June 2024. The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response to the Rule 6 Letter.

Natural England have not registered as an Interested Party (IP) within the examination of the Mona Offshore Wind Farm Project.

Attendance of the Preliminary Meeting

Thank you for your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting on the 16th July 2024. We note that Natural England are not registered as an IP within the examination of Mona Offshore Wind Farm Project and therefore the ExA have invited us to the Preliminary Meeting as 'Other Persons'. Natural England can confirm we will not be attending, we hope this letter will suffice in providing our input into this meeting.

Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), Statement of Commonality of Statements of Common Ground (Statement of Commonality of SoCGs)

We note that in Appendix F of the Rule 6 letter, the ExA has requested the submission of SoCGs between the Applicant and Natural England. We are not registered as an IP and therefore Natural England do not currently plan on engaging with or submitting SoCGs for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm Project.

Statutory Nature Conservation Body (SNCB) approach to Mona and Morgan OWF Examinations Whilst not an IP for the Mona OWF Examination, given the proximity of the Mona and Morgan OWF (the latter being in English waters) and the potential for cumulative effects, we are working closely with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) to ensure integrated and consistent advice across both projects.

For clarification of any points in this letter, please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

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