



Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm (Case Reference: EN010137)

Examining Authority’s note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection 1 (USI1) undertaken on 18, 19, and 20 June 2024.

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook its first Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1) on 18, 19, and 20 June 2024 to support its preparation for the forthcoming Examination of the application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for the Mona Offshore Wind Farm. The inspections were undertaken by car or on foot on public roads, public rights of way, and one minor private road. On 18 and 19 June, the following members of the ExA were present: Graham Hobbins, Caroline Jones, Jessica Powis, and Jason Rowlands. On 20 June, Graham Hobbins was present.

A route was planned having regard to issues raised in relevant representations to date and matters arising from the application documents, enabling the ExA to become familiar with the onshore application site and surrounding areas. The ExA obtained views of the location of the proposed Onshore Substation, areas along the proposed onshore cable route, the location of the proposed landfall area, and the approximate location of the Mona Offshore Windfarm array site relative to land.

Regard was also given to the viewpoints (VP) contained in the Environmental Statement (ES), for both the landscape and seascape assessments undertaken.

Viewpoints relevant to the landscape assessment are identified in the ES in Figure 6.4, *F3.6 Landscape and visual resources*, [APP-069](#). This hyperlink is provided for the relevant viewpoints in the table below.

Viewpoints relevant to the seascape assessment are identified in the ES in Figure A.4, *F2.8 Seascape and visual resources*, [APP-060](#). This hyperlink is provided for the relevant viewpoints in the table below.

Unless otherwise stated, all visits were undertaken on foot.

It is anticipated that further USIs will be undertaken by members of the ExA before and/or during its examination of the Application. A summary note will be published following any inspection.

Date	ES VP if applicable	Location	Weather
18 June 2024 AM	-	Glascoed Road - junction between Glascoed Road and Cwttir Lane	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	6 (APP-069)	Minor road adjacent to Tyn y Ffordd Fawr. View towards site for proposed Onshore Substation.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	2 (APP-069)	Minor Road adjacent to Hendy Farm. View towards site for proposed Onshore Substation.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	3 (APP-069)	Public footpath 105/6 to the southeast of Pentre-mawr. View towards site for proposed Onshore Substation.	Overcast, visibility good

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		Location of proposed onshore cable route.	
18 June 2024 AM	1 (APP-069)	Minor road to Tyddyn Meredydd. View towards site for proposed Onshore Substation.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	4 (APP-069)	Public footpath 105/7 to the southwest of Waen-Meredydd. View towards site for proposed Onshore Substation.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	5 (APP-069)	Junction of farm track and minor road at Waen-Meredydd. View towards site for proposed Onshore Substation.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	Junction of Glascoed Road and Roman Road B5381	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	Track near Roman Road B5381, west of Blue Earthworm Art Studio. View towards site for proposed Temporary Construction Compound TCC5.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	Roman Road, east of Meriford Lodge, by car. Location of proposed Temporary Construction Compound TCC4.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	Minor access road from Roman Road towards Talgrwn Bach and properties to the south.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	Roman Road at Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery, by car.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	A548, south of Penrefail Crossroads, leading to minor road heading southeast. Location of Temporary Construction Compound TCC3 and Land Plots 06-100 and 06-103.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	Abergele Road, adjacent to Oak Tree Farm.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 AM	-	Junction of Betws yn Rhos 41 footpath and minor Road West of Nant-Fawr, Location of Works No 12 and 12a.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 PM	-	Coast Path East of Llanddulas at Landfall area, heading east from The Beach Caravan Park. Location of Work no 6.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 PM	-	Traeth Pensarn SSSI and Abergele Beach, heading west from Castle Cove Caravan Park.	Overcast, visibility good
18 June 2024 PM	-	Traeth Pensarn SSSI, heading east from Castle Cove Caravan Park. Location of construction access (Work no 6).	Overcast, visibility good

Date	ES VP if applicable	Location	Weather
19 June 2024 AM	7 (APP-060)	Great Orme's Head, Llandudno. View towards location of Mona Offshore Wind Farm (OFW).	Overcast, visibility good
19 June 2024 AM	-	Gwrych Castle, Abergele. Views from across the castle site towards Mona OFW, including the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Entrance • Formal Gardens • Nant-Y-Bella Tower 	Light cloud, visibility good
19 June 2024 AM	-	Minor private road adjacent to Henblas Farm. Location of Works No 12, 12a, and 38.	Light cloud, visibility good
19 June 2024 PM	48 (APP-060)	Llandudno Promenade, Llandudno.	Light cloud, visibility good.
19 June 2024 PM	-	Llandudno Pier, Llandudno. Views towards location of Mona OFW.	Light cloud, visibility good.
19 June 2024 PM	-	Happy Valley Cable Car, Llandudno. Views towards location of Mona OFW.	Light cloud, visibility good.
20 June 2024 AM	-	Moel y Parc, Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. Section of Offa's Dyke Path looking towards Onshore Substation location.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 AM	19 (APP-069)	Offa's Dyke Path (public footpath 405/12), Prestatyn hillside, Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 AM	18 (APP-069) 10 (APP-060)	Graig Fawr summit, Clwydian Range and Dee Valley National Landscape. Views towards Onshore Substation location and towards Mona OFW site.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 PM	20 (APP-069)	Wales Coast Path at Pont y Ddraig footbridge over the River Clwyd, Kinmel Bay, Rhyl. Views towards Onshore Substation location.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 PM	9 (APP-060)	Rhyl beach. Views towards Mona OFW site.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 PM	-	St. Asaph High Street and Cathedral grounds.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 PM	-	Condover House (Villa Marina), Llandudno. Views towards Mona OFW site.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 PM	-	Church of St Tudno, Llandudno, including the church, cemetery, and chapel. Views towards Mona OFW site.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.
20 June 2024 PM	-	Happy Valley Botanical Gardens, Llandudno. Views towards Mona OFW site.	Clear blue sky, visibility very good.

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