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Dear Sirs

Mona Offshore Wind Farm: Submission on Behalf of Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery

In general terms we have no objections to the proposed Mona offshore windfarm development or the majority of its proposed onshore route and works. Indeed we see this development as being a very positive contributor to the overall long term UK energy solution.

Notwithstanding the above, we do have specific concerns regarding the onshore works local to Moelfre. Those concerns, relate to the potential negative impact the cable route and construction works could have on the underground water routes that ultimately provide the fishery with both its spring and brook water feeds.

The choice of preferred route to the South of the B5183 over the alternative route to immediate North of the fishery grounds does give us real cause for concern.

The alternative cable route would have been at a lower altitude than the fishery as such we believe the likelihood of interference with our water supply sources would have been significantly reduced.

The preferred route appears to traverse Moelfre Mountain higher than where our above ground water source emerges, therefore it is unclear how the proposed permanent cable route, and also its construction works, may impact on the springs which ultimately supply the fishery.

To date we have had numerous site visits from Mona surveyors and other representatives. Until recently the focus of those site visits has been more closely connected with the flora and fauna present on or using the fishery grounds. That said, the most recent site visit on Monday 13th May 2024 was wholly focused on our concerns over the natural water supplies we rely on. That visit included the Mona representatives and our owner Martin Chambers exploring the course of the brook which feeds our lower three lakes. The other two lakes being fed off another underground spring the source and route of which are unknown to us.

In summary our concerns are as follows:

1. The potential for the construction works to cause the source of the brook and spring that feed the fishery being either interrupted or worse still permanently disrupted.
2. The potential for the water sources supplying the brook feeding the fishery to be permanently cut off / diverted elsewhere by the cable routes.
3. The potential for the underground spring(s) that feed the top lakes at the fishery to be disturbed or re-routed by either the construction activities or the permanent works.

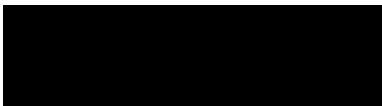
Therefore, given the uncertainty over the sources and underground routes of the various water supplies that we rely upon we would suggest that a number of further activities and/or undertakings must be put in place by Mona to protect the long term interests of the fishery, namely we would offer the following suggestions:

- a. A comprehensive set of detailed investigations and surveys of the underground formations and water course be specified and implemented. There should be a minimum of a full year's monitoring undertaken. This would assist in identifying any weaknesses or vulnerability in any identified water courses.
- b. An avoidance/mitigation strategy for the impact of both the permanent works and construction works across Moelfre Mountain should be put in place and suitable monitoring of compliance must accompany it.
- c. It may be that carrying out the construction works on Moelfre Mountain during the winter months would provide more obvious and potentially immediate indications of any interference with these water courses. Certainly our concerns would be exacerbated were those works to be carried out in the summer months, when the water course flows are at their weakest.
- d. In addition to the above we believe that the fishery should be provided with a suitable legal undertaking/indemnity such that if any water source/course supplying the fishery is adversely affected by or following the cabling works/routes then Mona will make suitable financial reparations to the fishery or alternatively purchase the fishery lands.

As we advised at the start of this submission we are very supportive of the great good that will be achieved by the construction of the Mona windfarm. As such we remain willing and keen to work with the Mona team to find a set of solutions to our concerns.

Should the inspectorate wish to carry out a site visit of the fishery grounds, we would be most pleased to accommodate its representatives.

Yours faithfully



Prof. Martin Chambers
For and on behalf of Tan-y-Mynydd Trout Fishery Ltd

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