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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
Temple Quay House, Temple Quay
Bristol, BS1 6PN

Dear Madam / Sir,

Planning Act 2008

The proposed Mona Offshore Wind Farm

PINS Reference: EN010137

Mona Offshore Wind Limited (the Applicant) encloses its submission for Deadline 1. Please find below an overview of key documents within this submission.

Application Guide

The Applicant has provided a track change version of the Mona DCO Application Guide from revision PDA-001 (F03), submitted at the Procedural Deadline, to F04, submitted at Deadline 1. A clean version (F04) is also submitted for Deadline 1. A new column has been added as requested by the Examining Authority to clearly identify where a document has superseded a previous one.

Examining Authority's Hearing Action Points

The Applicant has responded to the Examining Authority's Hearings Action Points raised following the Preliminary Meeting (PM), Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) and Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2). The Applicant's response is within the document Response to Hearing Action Points (S_D1_5) and supporting Appendices (S_D1_5.1 to S_D1_5.8).

Marine Licence Principles (S_D1_27)

The Applicant has submitted a comparison document to show the differences between the Marine Licence Principles (APP-195) document, submitted with the original application, and the version submitted at the Procedural Deadline (PDA-005). This Marine Licence Principles Document Comparison F01 to F02 is given the document reference number S_D1_27.

Hearing Summaries

The Applicant has submitted a Hearing Summary for ISH1 (Mona_Hearing Summary ISH1, S_D1_2) and ISH2 (Mona_Hearing Summary ISH2, S_D1_3). Hearing Summaries cross refer to the Hearing Action Points (S_D1_5) and supporting Appendices (S_D1_5.1 to S_D1_5.8) to clarify where agreed actions are responded to.

Environmental Statement figures submitted at Procedural Deadline

The Application Letter (APP-001) paragraph 12.1, stated that the Applicant anticipated that updates to some Environmental Statement and other relevant application document figures would be required to show the proposed operational access to the existing National Grid Substation from the proposed Mona Substation access road which was shown on the Works Plans – Onshore (AS-002) and assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment but not shown on all figures. This access was included on the figures submitted at Procedural Deadline (PDA-023 - PDA-035) as explained in the Applicant's response to Examining Authority Preliminary Meeting Action Point 1 (Appendix to Response to Hearing Action Point: Onshore figure update clarification, S_D1_5.1).

Mona Errata document (P_PD_1, F02)

Since the submission of the Mona Offshore Wind Project application in February 2024, a small number of discrepancies have been identified within the application documents. These discrepancies have been identified by the Applicant, by stakeholders in their submissions and by the Examining Authority in the section 51 advice and at Issue Specific Hearings.

The errata sheet (S_PD_1 F02) identifies these errors in application documents and the required corrections and sets out the Applicant's approach to errata throughout examination.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs) and Statement of Commonality

Statements of Common Ground have been prepared between the Applicant and other parties at the request of the Examining Authority in the Rule 6 letter. These have been prepared to set out the areas of agreement and disagreement with these parties in relation to the Development Consent Order application for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.

In addition, the Examining Authority has requested a statement of commonality. The Statement of Commonality (S_D1_7) is intended to act as a summary of the progress of the SoCGs and provides justification where a SoCG is not being progressed with a party for which a SoCG was requested in the Rule 6 letter. For example, Natural England have confirmed in their Written Submission at the Procedural Deadline (PDA-041) that they do not currently plan on participating in the Examination or engaging on a SoCG for the Mona Offshore Wind Project. As such, no SoCG has been progressed between the Applicant and Natural England.

Examination Progress Tracker

The Applicant has not provided an updated Examination Progress Tracker as requested by the Examining Authority in the Rule 8, at this deadline. The Applicant has been progressing the SoCGs for Deadline 1 and has been able to achieve this with many of the Interested Parties (as summarised in S_D1_7 Statement of Commonality). On reviewing the position with Interested Parties the Applicant considered it would be much more effective for the Examination Progress Tracker to be submitted at Deadline 2. This will allow for the Applicant to present positions on particular issues in light of both Statements of Common Ground and written representations. The Applicant also notes that some Interested Parties expressed a preference to defer detailed discussions of matters until after the written representations and local impact reports have been submitted to the Examination. The Examination Progress Tracker will therefore be provided at Deadline 2.

Mona Land Rights Tracker (S_PD_5, F03) and associated documents

The Applicant has been in dialogue with the Planning Inspectorate following the request in the Rule 6 letter for both the Land Rights Tracker (S_PD_5, F03) and Schedule of Negotiations to be submitted at Deadlines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. The Applicant understands from more recent discussions that the Land Rights Tracker to be submitted at the deadlines mentioned above is to supersede the Schedule of Negotiations as it includes the information anticipated to be contained within the Schedule and therefore, there is no requirement for the Applicant to submit both.

Mona Commercial Side Agreements Tracker (S_D1_24)

As requested by the Examining Authority in the Rule 6, the Applicant has produced a response to the request for a Planning Obligations and Commercial Side Agreements tracker. However, as no planning obligations are anticipated, the Applicant has renamed this document as a Commercial Side Agreements Tracker (S_D1_24).

Barn Owl Clarification Note (S_D1_26)

The Applicant has submitted this document in response to a question raised by the Examining Authority during Issue Specific Hearing 2. There was no specific hearing action, but the Applicant considered it would assist the Examining Authority to have some further information as a follow-up from discussions during Issue Specific Hearing 2. The purpose of the document is to clarify how the Applicant has considered potential impacts on barn owls.

Distances to other offshore wind farms from Mona representative viewpoints (S_D1_31)

The Applicant has prepared a document that sets out the distances from the Mona representative viewpoints to other offshore wind farms in the East Irish Sea. There was no specific hearing action, but the Applicant considered it would assist the Examining Authority to have some further information as a follow-up from discussions during Issue Specific Hearing 2.

Additional Points of Note:

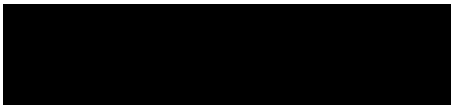
Updating Management Plans at Deadline 2

The Applicant will submit updated onshore outline management plans at Deadline 2 to include clarifications and respond to points raised by stakeholders in Relevant Representations, Written Representations and Local Impact Reports, and points raised by the Examining Authority during the Issue Specific Hearings.

Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)

It was agreed with the Examining Authority that all documents and Hearing Action Points pertaining to the dDCO and Explanatory Memorandum would be submitted at Deadline 2. The Applicant's document, Mona Response to Hearing Action Points (S_D1_5), details each action point and the Deadline for response submittal. As the Applicant has gone through the action points, a further action (ISH2_17) was identified as relating to the dDCO and will be submitted at Deadline 2.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Paul Carter.

Paul Carter
Mona Consents Lead