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The Applicant, Natural Resources Wales,
The Joint Nature Conservation
Committee

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010137

Date: 15 August 2024

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

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

Request for further information

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure)
Rules 2010 (as amended).

Natural Resources Wales (NRW(A)) and The Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) have both identified errors in calculations, lack of necessary detail, and different methods and parameters used to that preferred by The Statutory Nature Conservation Bodies (SNCB) in the Applicant's Environmental Statement (ES) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) documentation. Although the Applicant has provided responses to errors raised (and is documented in the Errata sheet [REP1-044]) the Examining Authority (ExA) requests the following information:

- The Applicant to provide updated EIA and HRA documentation as soon as possible but no later than **Deadline 3 (30 September 2024)** to address calculation errors and lack of detail identified by NRW(A) and JNCC.
- The Applicant to provide as soon as possible but no later than **Deadline 3 (30 September 2024)**, an additional submission consisting of an assessment of effects on ornithological features (for both the EIA and HRA) using the methods and parameters highlighted by NRW(A) and JNCC during pre-application consultation, and in their relevant representation [RR-011; RR-033] and written representations [REP1-056; REP1-066 and REP1-067]. This additional submission should include

an in-combination assessment using the SNCB's proposed methodology for gap-filling for historic projects.

- The Overarching National Policy Statement for energy (NPS EN-1) states that a derogation case should be provided by an Applicant as soon as is reasonably possible and before the close of the examination if a SNCB gives an indication in examination that the Proposed Development is likely to adversely impact the integrity of habitat sites. JNCC [RR-033][REP1-066] has previously stated it cannot agree with the Applicant's conclusions, particularly in respect of the Skomer, Skokholm and the Seas off Pembrokeshire/Sgomer, Sgogwm a Moroedd Penfro Special Protected Area (SPA). The ExA requests that NRW(A) and JNCC confirm their position by **Deadline 2 (27 August 2024)** whether an adverse effect beyond reasonable scientific doubt cannot be ruled out for any European site.

Other Interested Parties may also wish to respond to this request.

Yours faithfully

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

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