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The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Directorate
Temple Quay House, Temple Quay
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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 2. Please find below an overview of key documents within this submission.

Written Representations (WRs)

The Applicant has responded to the Written Representations submitted at Deadline 1 in S_D2_3 Response to Written Representations and its appendices S_D2_3.1 to S_D2_3.4. A number of representations included introductory paragraphs have not been responded to unless a specific response was deemed necessary.

The content of a small number of representations (listed below) was such that no response was required from the Applicant (these may have been, for instance, covering letters accompanying more detailed WRs). Those representations are from IGP Solar 21 Limited (see Book of Reference below), The Coal Authority (REP1-053), Public Health Wales (REP1-058), Burbo Extension Limited and Walney Extension Limited (REP1-063), Isle of Man Territorial Sea Committee (REP1-064), RSPB (REP1-074), North Wales Wildlife Trust (REP1-070) and the JNCC (REP1-065).

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) due at Deadline 2. The Applicant's response is included in the Response to Hearing Action Points document (S_D2_4) and the supporting Appendix (S_D2_4.1).

Hearing Summaries

Cefn Meiriadog Community Council (REP1-047 and REP1-048), Burbo Extension Limited and Walney Extension Limited (REP1-063) and Margaret Hussey (REP1-085) have submitted comments on the Hearing Summaries, the Applicant has not responded to these.

Book of Reference

The Book of Reference (D4 F04 - clean and tracked) and Book of Reference Schedule of Changes (S_D1_28 F02) have been updated and submitted at Deadline 2 at the request of the Examining Authority. The updated Book of Reference now includes reference to Island Green Power UK Limited (as the name given on the option plan provided) rather than IGP Solar 21 Limited (the name of the Interested Party). Due to the written representation from IGP Solar 21 Limited being submitted after Deadline 1 and accepted by the Examining Authority on Friday 16 August, a response to this representation will be made at Deadline 3.

Examination Progress Tracker

The Applicant has submitted the Examination Progress Tracker at Deadline 2. The Rule 8 letter issued by Examining Authority stated that this document should be submitted at Deadlines 1,3 and 7, however, given that the Applicant did not submit at Deadline 1 for reasons outlined in the Deadline 1 cover letter (REP1-001) the Applicant proposes the next iteration will be submitted at Deadline 4 and then Deadline 7.

As discussed with the Planning Inspectorate, due to the significant changes made to this document since its submission at the Procedural Deadline, a tracked change version has not been submitted. Tracked change versions will be submitted alongside future updates to the Examination Progress Tracker.

Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

Statements of Common Ground have been prepared, and submitted at this Deadline, between the Applicant and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Cymru (S_D2_8) and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (Ministry of Defence) (S_D2_9).

The Examining Authority's Rule 17 Letter

The Examining Authority issued a Rule 17 Letter to the Applicant, Natural Resources Wales (NRW(A)) and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) on 15 August 2024 requesting further information with respect to offshore ornithology and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) information provided as part of the development consent order application for the Mona Offshore Wind Project.

A detailed response to this letter is provided in the Applicant's Response to the Rule 17 Letter (S_D2_2). In summary, the Applicant confirms that the relevant application documents have been updated and submitted (as tracked and clean versions) at Deadline 2 to address errata presented in the Errata Sheet (REP1-044) and any further discrepancies identified in NRW's and the JNCC's written representations (REP1-056 and REP1-066/REP1-067, respectively). These documents are accompanied by a Schedule of Changes to the Offshore Ornithology EIA and HRA Documents (S_D2_7), which describes the changes made to the offshore ornithology EIA and HRA application materials, including a summary of the change, details of where the change has been made, the reason for the change and how it corresponds to the errata identified in the Errata Sheet (REP1-044) submitted at Deadline 1. The Applicant's Response to the Rule 17 Letter (S_D2_2) also sets out further information in respect of offshore ornithology that will be provided at Deadline 3 as requested by the Examining Authority.

The Applicant considers that the information provided at Deadlines 2 and 3 provides sufficient information on the potential impacts on habitat sites for the statutory nature conservation bodies to confirm their position with respect to the HRA conclusions for the Mona Offshore Wind Project and the Applicant confirms it will continue to engage with these bodies as needed to facilitate their understanding of the Project impacts.

Updated Management Plans

The Applicant has submitted a number of updated management plans at this Deadline. Updates have been made to address points raised in Deadline 1 submissions where applicable, updates to address points raised in Hearings, and updates to controls of onshore site preparation works in relevant plans. The Outline highways access management plan has not been submitted as an updated document at Deadline 2 as the Applicant is further considering the contents of the document in light of comments from Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council in their local impact report (REP1-049).

Scallop Mitigation Zone

In response to Written Representation by commercial fisheries stakeholders noting that the boundaries of the Scallop Mitigation Zone (SMZ) will not be finalised until the final design of the project is complete post-consent, and a concern that the SMZ could be reduced in size, the Applicant will commit to maintaining the SMZ at 57 km² and secure this commitment by its inclusion within an update to Table 1.2 of the Outline Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan (APP-199) and the Mitigation and Monitoring Schedule (J10 F02), both at Deadline 3.

Cumulative and In-combination Assessment

As identified in a number of Written Representations, new information is available for a number of projects within the Cumulative Effects Assessments / In-combination Assessments (e.g. an application for Development Consent, including Environmental Statement, is now available for Morgan Offshore Wind Project: Generation Assets and Morecambe Offshore Windfarm: Generation

Assets). The Applicant is currently reviewing this information and anticipates being able to provide an update for the Mona Offshore Wind Project at Deadline 3.

Yours faithfully,



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