

**The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 13 and 16**

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

**Notification of Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection**

**Hearings**

| <b>Hearing</b>   | <b>Date and Time</b>  | <b>Location</b>   |
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| <b>Issue Specific Hearing 3: Environmental Matters</b> | <p><b>Wednesday<br/>16 October 2024</b></p> <p><b>Hearing starts at 9:30am</b></p> <p>Seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual Arrangements Conference from 9:00am</p>                        | <p><b>The St George’s Hotel,<br/>The Promenade,<br/>Llandudno, LL30 2LG</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>By virtual means using<br/>Microsoft Teams</b></p> |
| <b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)</b>         | <p><b>Thursday 17 October &amp;<br/>Friday 18 October 2024</b></p> <p><b>Hearing starts at 9:30am</b></p> <p>Seating available at venue from 9:00am and virtual Arrangements Conference from 9:00am</p> | <p><b>The St George’s Hotel,<br/>The Promenade,<br/>Llandudno, LL30 2LG</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>By virtual means using<br/>Microsoft Teams</b></p> |
| <b>Issue Specific Hearing 4: Offshore Matters</b>      | <p><b>Wednesday<br/>23 October 2024</b></p> <p><b>Hearing starts at 9:30am</b></p> <p>Virtual Arrangements Conference from 9:00am</p>   | <p><b>By virtual means using<br/>Microsoft Teams</b></p>  |

| Hearing  | Date and Time  | Location                                      |
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| <b>Issue Specific Hearing 5: draft Development Consent Order</b> | <b>Thursday<br/>24 October 2024</b><br><b>Hearing starts at 9:30am</b><br>Virtual Arrangements<br>Conference from 9:00am | <b>By virtual means using Microsoft Teams</b> |

### Participation in the Hearings

You must register by emailing the project mailbox by **Monday 7 October 2024**, if you intend to participate in the hearings. Any request to participate in the hearings must include the following information:

- name and unique reference number (found at the top your letter or email from the Planning Inspectorate);
- email address (if available) and contact telephone number;
- name and unique reference number of any person/ organisation that you are representing (if applicable);
- the issues on which you wish to speak and a list of the points you wish to make;
- confirmation of whether you will participate virtually or in-person (ISH3 and CAH1 only);
- the Examination Library reference number (with paragraph/ page number where appropriate) of any documents you wish to refer to; and
- any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access or hearing loop).

### Blended Hearings

ISH3 and CAH1 will be held as blended events. This means they will take place as virtual events using Microsoft Teams as well as 'in-person' events.

### Virtual Hearings

ISH4 and ISH5 will be held as virtual events using Microsoft Teams. Parties who have registered to attend the hearing will receive an email shortly before the hearing containing a joining link, telephone number and instructions to enable virtual participation. Please join the Arrangements Conference promptly. The Case Team will admit you from the virtual lobby and register your attendance. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and will enable the hearings to start promptly.

For those who wish to participate but who do not have access to Microsoft Teams, the Applicant will provide an alternative arrangement in order for you to join the hearing. Please contact the Case Team who will provide further information.

## **Observing the Hearings**

All events will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website](#) closer to the hearing date. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the hearing can therefore view and listen to the hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

Alternatively, you can attend the physical hearing at the venue (ISH3 and CAH1 only) to observe the proceedings; however, to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at the venue we request that you register your attendance to observe only by Monday 7 October 2024 by emailing the project mailbox.

## **Hearing Agendas**

The ExA will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the project website no later than Friday 4 October 2024. However, in order to be helpful to parties, the ExA has set out a broad outline of the matters it considers will be examined at ISH3 and ISH4. All hearings will include examination of submissions up to and including D3. Whilst comments on responses to the ExA's first written questions are expected in writing at D4 (4 November 2024), the ExA may ask parties to respond to D3 submissions at the hearing.

### **ISH3: Environmental Matters**

The main purpose of ISH3 is to undertake an examination of various environmental matters. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to:

- Effects, including cumulative effects, arising from the construction and operation of the proposed Onshore Substation
- Landscape, seascape and visual effects

### **ISH4: Offshore Matters**

The main purpose of ISH4 is to undertake an examination of various offshore environmental matters. In particular, to review environmental impact considerations, including matters arising from the application documentation and representations relating to:

- Shipping and navigation
- Other offshore infrastructure and activities
- Civil and military aviation and defence interests
- Offshore ecology
- Commercial fisheries

## General Information

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at hearings.

Participants may be legally represented if they wish, but the Examining Authority will conduct the hearings in such a way that legal representation will not be required. The Examining Authority will lead the questioning of parties making oral representations and probe, test and assess the evidence. There is usually no cross-examination of witnesses by other parties, though the Examining Authority does have the power to allow this under certain circumstances.

The hearings will finish when the Examining Authority considers that all matters have been covered and all participants have had an opportunity to make their representations. As a guide, the ExA aims to close hearings by approximately 5pm. If there are additional matters to be dealt with, it may be necessary to defer some matters to written questions.

The Examining Authority would recommend any parties who are new to the process and wish to learn more about the background and procedures in hearings to read the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.5, The Examination: hearings and site inspections.

## Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

| ASI                           | Date and Time                            | Location   |
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| Accompanied Site Inspection 1 | Tuesday 15 October<br>Start time: 9:00am | Meeting place: Tides Café<br>Bistro, Beach House<br>Road, Abergele, LL22 8EY |

Interested Parties who wish to attend the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) were asked to notify the Planning Inspectorate by Deadline 1.

Capacity on the minibus that will be used for the ASI is strictly limited. Priority attendance must be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate, the Applicant, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties. Any other Interested Parties who expressed a wish to attend the ASI for its duration will be contacted by the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team to discuss the option of meeting us at relevant locations in the itinerary. Further details for the ASI are included below.

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### **Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary – 15 October 2024**

The itinerary for the accompanied site inspection can be found below.

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

## **Joining the site visit**

The site inspection will commence at 09:00 at Tides Café Bistro, Beach House Road, Abergele, LL22 8EY. Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, attendees may wish to provide contact details for the day, notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance, and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements.

Please confirm attendance by emailing the Case Team at [monaoffshorewindproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:monaoffshorewindproject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or by phoning Jake Stephens (Case Manager) on 07884 925 827 by **Deadline 3, Monday 30 September 2024**.

## **Clothing**

Attendees are recommended to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing. The Applicant will provide hard hats, high visibility jackets, safety glasses and gloves, if required.

## **Sites on private land**

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

## **Refreshments**

Please note refreshments will not be provided.

## **Cancellations**

Please note that in the unlikely event that the Accompanied Site Inspection is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website which can be viewed here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/wales/mona-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=overview>

## Detailed itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection

| Location | Stopping Point   | Work No.                                 | Time  | Notes   |
|----------|--|--|-------|---|
| 1        | Tides Café Bistro, Beach House Road, Abergele, LL22 8EY  | N/A                                      | 09:00 | Attendees must arrive at the car park by 09:00am to receive a compulsory safety briefing by the Applicant and introductory remarks from the Planning Inspectorate and the Examining Authority.  |
| 2        | <b>Landfall Temporary Construction Compound and Transmission Joint Bay (TJB)</b><br><br>Abergele Road (A547) | Work No 10                               | 09:30 | Meet at the entrance to the field off the Abergele Road.<br><br>To view the TJB and landfall location.  |
| 3        | <b>Cable Corridor and Off Route Haul Road at Nant Fawr/ Nant Ganol</b><br><br>Nentydd Road                   | Work No 12 (part) and Work No 12a (part) | 10:00 | To view the haul road as requested by the ExA during Issue Specific Hearing 2.<br><br>Parking is available at the field gateway.<br><br>Any attendees are requested to take extra precautions when parking and traveling to this location due to dangerous road configuration in this area. |

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| 4 | <b>Temporary Construction Compound (TCC3)</b><br><br>A548                     | Work No 13 and<br>Work No 14 | 10:45 | Parking is available at the field entrance off the A548.<br><br>As requested by the landowner in their written submission (PDA -053).  |
| 5 | <b>Temporary Construction Compound (TCC4)</b><br><br>B5381 / Glascoed Road    | Work No 16                   | 11.30 | Meet at the field entrance 200m to the east of Sarn Rug, St George.<br><br>Parking is available at the layby along the B5381.<br><br>Any attendees are requested to take extra precautions when parking and traveling to this location due to dangerous road configuration in this area. |
| 6 | <b>Cable Corridor at Bryn Hen</b><br><br>Groesfford Marli, LL22 9ED           | Work No 20                   | 12:15 | Meet at Bryn Hen and walk to the cable corridor.<br><br>As requested by the Examining Authority.   |
| 7 | Lunch break<br>Costa Coffee/ SPAR, Rhuddlan Rd,<br>Bodelwyddan, Rhyl LL18 5WG | N/A                          | 13:00 | Costa Coffee/ SPAR, Rhuddlan Rd, Bodelwyddan, Rhyl LL18 5WG  |



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| 8  | <b>Onshore Substation Site</b><br>Land lying to the south of Glascoed Road, St Asaph | Work No 21<br>Work No 22<br>Work No 22a<br>Work No 23<br>Work No 24<br>Work No 31<br>Work No 32<br>Work No 33<br>Work No 34 and<br>Work No 35 | 14:00 | Meet on the farm track towards Tan-y-Bryn.<br><br>Parking is available along the concrete track opposite Tyn y Ffordd Fawr, Cefn.<br><br>To view the substation site location. |
| 9  | <b>Onshore Substation Site</b><br>Land lying to the south of Glascoed Road, St Asaph | Work No 27<br>Work No 28 and<br>Work No 30  | 15:30 | Parking at the National Grid Bodelwyddan Substation.<br><br>To view the permanent and temporary access.  |
| 10 | <b>National Grid Connection point</b><br>Land south of St Asaph business park        | Work No 25 and<br>Work No 26  | 16:15 | To view the location of the National Grid Connection point.  |
| 11 | <b>Tyddyn Meredydd</b><br>Cefn, St Asaph   | N/A   | 16:45 | A visit as requested by the property owners (RR-038).<br><br>Parking at the property.  |
| 12 | Conclusion of site inspection itinerary  | N/A   | 17:15 |  |

Yours faithfully

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**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

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