

## **Planning Inspectorate Examination EN010137: Mona Offshore Wind**

### **Cefn Meiriadog Community Council MNOW-ISP002**

**Deadline 3, 30 September 2024**

### **Response of the Community Council to issues raised by Deadline 2 submissions**

Cefn Meiriadog Community Council (CMCC) notes the Applicant's *Response to Cefn Meiriadog Community Council's Local Impact Report* dated 27 August 2024.

It notes the good intentions expressed by the Applicant as regards the effects of the substation on the community of Cefn Meiriadog. However it reiterates its belief, expressed in its Deadline 2 submission and based on deep and extensive knowledge of its own community, that a 65,000 square metre construction of buildings 15 metres high, with a grid of twelve 30-metre high masts, in what is open farmland in a rural landscape, cannot but be a highly visible and detrimental intrusion into the landscape and its community. It is therefore unable to accept that the Applicant's repeated finding of no more than 'neutral', 'minor', etc., effects on every aspect of the community's life, culture and identity is anything other than the methodology and/or judgements employed being biased in favour of producing results favourable to the application.

It particularly regrets the inadequacy of the approach to infrastructure cumulative effects given the fact that the substation would be one of no less than five large substations in one small area. It finds that, both in relation to Mona's individual substation in its proposed location, and the cumulative effects on the community of the five projects taken as a whole, whether deliberate or unintentional, there is a 'failure to see the wood for the trees', i.e. the discussion is of details, mitigations, etc, while the complete inappropriateness of siting the substation in the proposed location

in the first place is overlooked.

In CMCC's view, common sense and community justice dictate that a more appropriate location be sought.

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