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By email only

Dear Louise,

Application by Mona Offshore Wind Limited for Mona Offshore Wind Farm: The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) Issued on 13 September 2024

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) Safeguarding Team represents the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as a consultee in UK planning and energy consenting systems to ensure that development does not compromise or degrade the operation of defence sites such as aerodromes, explosives storage sites, air weapon ranges, and technical sites or training resources such as the Military Low Flying System.

This letter sets out the Ministry of Defence (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) response to questions set out in 'The Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) Issued on 13 September 2024'. The questions relevant to MOD interests are set out in section 1.3, the questions, and responses to them are set out below:

Q1.3.1 Effects on air traffic control radar at BAE Warton

The ExA notes that the parties are actively engaging to agree a mitigation solution for potential effects on air traffic control radar at BAE Warton [REP2-089]. Given that agreement with a number of other operational and proposed OWFs is contingent upon the outcome of those discussions, the ExA requests that any progress toward agreement with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation is reported to the Examination at the earliest opportunity.

The ExA request is noted, MOD will provide any updates to its position as soon as is possible.

Q1.3.2 Physical Obstruction to Aircraft

Can the Defence Infrastructure Organisation provide a plan showing the extent of Low Flying Area 17, as referred to in [REP1-054]?

A plan showing the extent of Low Flying Area 17 (LFA 17) including the layout of Low Flying Areas across the United Kingdom and its territorial waters can be found by following the link below at 10.2 Figure 3 Map of Day Low Flying Areas.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/the-pattern-of-military-low-flying-across-the-uk-20212022/the-pattern-of-military-low-flying-across-the-uk-20212022#low-flying-compensation-payments>

Q1.3.3 Aviation lighting scheme

Further to submissions in [REP1-054] and [REP2-089], is the Defence Infrastructure Organisation in agreement with the wording of Requirement 3 of the draft Development Consent Order [REP2-004], Schedule 2 ('Aviation safety') or are any amendments to the drafting sought?

The MOD is generally content that the wording of Requirement 3 (1) would address the necessity that the development is fitted with appropriate aviation safety lighting. The requirement makes clear that the undertaker would be required to consult the MOD (through DIO Safeguarding) to determine the standard of lighting, and that such lighting would be exhibited for the life of the development. In the interest of ensuring aviation safety is maintained, a requirement detailing the submission, approval, and implementation of an aviation lighting scheme that would be applied during the construction phase should also be included.

Requirement 3 (2) is also considered acceptable and would ensure that sufficient data is submitted to allow the development to be accurately charted.

If I can provide any additional information or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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